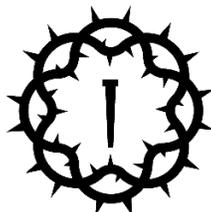


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First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Lora Sweeney

(* indicates standing - 'LBW' refers to the Green Hymnal Book & "WOV" refers to the Blue Hymnal Book)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

LBW pg. 77

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God
who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a
called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the
entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LBW #499

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



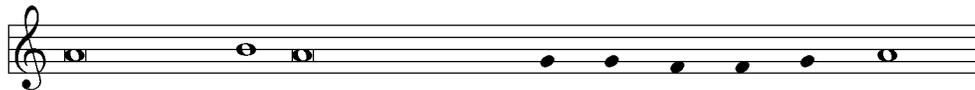
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray (*brief prayerful pause*)

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that, by your power, we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(*Please be seated.*)

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 32:1-7 (*sung responsively*)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

⁶**I said, “I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD.”*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Lenten Sentence

LBW pg. 83

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Mark

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LBW #439

*THE APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, using the Words of the Apostles Creed:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.
(Prayerful silence)

L: Heavenly Father, we know that you discipline those you love and guide sinners in doing what is right. Take away our selfish will so that we might live according to your divine will. Open our ears to hear you speaking to us, so that we would repent from seeking our own ways, and turn to you for forgiveness and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty God, as we travel this Lenten journey to the cross, we are mindful of our desperate need for your mercy and grace. Through your Spirit inspire us to hunger for your word of life and teach us to show forth in our lives what we confess with our lips. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy Spirit, open our hearts and enter in, that we may see those in need, and care about them in that need; that we may gather ourselves to reach out in friendship and in prayer, to give as we have received. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of compassion, we wait upon your mercy, trusting that you never forget us. Give hope to all who wait in patience and faith in the midst of troubled times especially **Sarah, Leona, Mona, George, Harold, Wayne, Julie, Maryanne, Steve, Marion, McKinnon, Colleen, Pastor Elliott, Kevin, Theresa, Dianne, Steve, Cindy, Janet, Mike, Brian, Randy, Anita, and Ed.** Be with them in their time of need, and remind them of your promise, that neither height or depth, death or life, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy Lord, you are Lord over all people, including those elected to serve the nations of the world. May they govern in peace. Keep them accountable to your holy will. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Hear now, O Lord, the prayers we offer silently or aloud. *Individuals may offer prayers silently or aloud from where you are standing. After your petition please say, "Lord, in your mercy".*

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LBW Pg. 95

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

LBW Pg. 88

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW pg. 88

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW pg. 89

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

C. Amen.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

LBW pg. 91

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

LBW pg. 92

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated and await the Ushers invitation to Holy Communion)

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is under both forms – bread and wine or grape juice. At the direction of the usher, come to the Altar rail. You will receive from the Pastor the Body of Christ in the form of a wafer. The assisting minister will follow with prefilled cups of either wine or grape juice. Take either the wine (red) or grape juice (white) and drink. Place the empty cup in the tray carried by the acolyte. After the pastoral blessing, return to your seat.

***AFTER COMMUNION**

LBW pg. 92

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW pg. 94

L: Heavenly Father, you sent the one who knew no sin to be sin for our sake. Nourish us with the bread and wine of this meal, and build us up through Christ’s body and blood, that we may live and serve in your holy name. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

C: Amen

***BLESSING**

LBW Pg. 94

P: Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LBW #259

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God’s presence and love among us today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and sign the Guestbook downstairs. If you have **CHILDREN**, Children’s Worship Bags are available from the Usher. And, of course, we hope to see you again!

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL

Tuesday, February 28 – Bible Study at 10:00 am in social hall

Wednesday, March 1 – Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 – Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

– Worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. and via *Live Streaming*

– Farewell luncheon in the social hall after worship

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CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL meets each Sunday in the first level of the church.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday 9:00 am in the Social Hall. Current topic – ***The Sunday Worship Scripture Readings***

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON for Allan and Dianne Hermanson will be held next Sunday, March 5th immediately following worship.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY encourages the use of Church Envelopes for all Offerings to assist in proper financial record keeping as well as careful recording for Active Voting Membership. An optional method to “give of record” is to use checks rather than loose cash for offerings. Members are also welcome to sign up on our website for online giving. Simply go to www.emanuelelmer.church and click on the give now icon to sign up.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN There will be a meeting of LCW on Sunday, March 12, immediately after worship in the social hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship and a little business. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This is an opportunity for all women to join us – no membership requirement!

PRAYER CONCERNS – please update any prayer concerns you may have requested. Let us know if you want individual prayer requests included on the Weekly Prayer List or just prayers with the prayer chain. Names on this list will be removed at the end of each month unless Pastor, Patsy or the office is notified otherwise.

Sarah Romig	Leona Knerr	Mona Hess	George Moore	Harold Tyson
Wayne Wright	Julie Sapp	Maryanne Gallagher	Marion Moore	Steve Hastings
McKinnon Galloway	Colleen Davidson	Kevin Uhland	Theresa Shimp	Dianne Federitch
Steve Eisenhardt	Cindy Plummer	Janet Hopp	Pastor Elliott	Randy Holmes
Anita Wiker	Ed Kuebler			

BIBLE STUDY Bible study on the Apostles' Creed continues this week, in person on Tuesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the social hall and on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE We are in need of individuals to serve on this committee. If you are interested, please see Pastor Mark or Wayne Knerr.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The NALC offers devotions for your use during the Lenten season. Click on this link to gain access to them:
<https://thenalc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/NALC-Lenten-Devotional-2023-BW.pdf>

CHURCH SECRETARY If you are interested in serving in this paid position or know of someone who may be, please speak to a council member.

LIVE-STREAM ASSISTANCE We are looking for two individuals to learn how to operate the live-streaming of our worship services. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please speak to Amy Werner.

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS

The Common Thread

There is sin in the world because one person sinned. That original sin has been passed on to all, and thus, all are sinners. The consequence of this natural condition of humanity is death. Thus, all sinners will die. Yet as the one trespass brought the condemnation of death, the one free gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ brings life to all who believe. Those who have faith in Christ and his payment for their sin, are justified to God and made righteous for Christ's sake.

Lessons for Next Week:

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17