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Lent 5

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship: 8:00 and 10:45 A.M.

Choir: 9:10. Sunday school: 9:30. Adult Bible class: 9:45 A.M.

Today's Worship

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence" (Heb. 4:16).

Greeting and prayer:

Hymn 367 (red hymnal): Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Invocation:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.



Announcements

Thank you!

Special thanks to the activity committee, host families, and everyone else who helped with details for the ILC Tour Choir concert Friday. It was well worth the effort!

Seminar invitation

Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI is hosting a Christian apologetics seminar on Saturday, March 24, at 3 p.m. Guests are welcome. A meal will be served afterwards. Check the poster on the bulletin board for more information. RSVP to Pastor Bernthal at mbern@junco.com.

Two weeks until Easter

● **Brunch:** The men of the congregation are looking forward to preparing and serving Easter brunch again this year. Your help with supplying food is greatly appreciated. Check the lists posted on the cupboard doors.

● **Remembrance lilies:** We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ's resurrection and also in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord, and who will surely rise again in glory at Christ's return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know, and he will include the name in the Easter bulletin.

New nomination process for CLC offices

A new procedure will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members at this summer's CLC Convention. Any voter from a CLC congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of March 31. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, www.clclutheran.org (look for the link on the right-hand column marked "2018 CLC Officer Nominations.") There are also printed copies of nomination forms, with instructions, available in the tract rack.

From the treasurer

February offerings were \$6,330 over budgeted needs, and the balance of actual available funds increased by \$3,113. Offerings for the fiscal year are \$4,312 under budgeted needs and the balance of actual available funds has decreased by \$297.

CLC news:

Pastor David Schierenbeck of Inver Grove Heights, MN has announced his retirement from the public ministry effective at the end of June.

Camp time CLC Youth Camp registration is coming up! You will be able to register online March 25 at 3:00pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates.

Looking Ahead...

♣ **Tuesday:**
11:00 A.M: Brenwood service.
6:30 P.M: School parents' meeting.

♣ **Wednesday:**
7:00 P.M: Lenten service.

♣ **Thursday:**
7:00 A.M: School staff.
11:00 A.M: Arbor View Bible class.

♣ **Next Sunday:**
Palm Sunday.

♣ **March 29th:**

7:00 P.M: Maundy Thursday Communion service.

♣ **March 30th:**

8:00 P.M: Good Friday Tenebrae.

♣ **April 1st:**

8:30 A.M: Easter service followed by brunch.



Lenten Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Return From Exile:
From Eden to Heaven
Pastor Mark Bernthal

FINANCES:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,862.00	\$212,364.00
Sunday School:	\$12.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,314.00	\$202,453.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$1,452.00)	(\$4,122.00)
Missions:	\$225.00	\$2,190.00
MDF:	\$30.00	\$2,174.00
Kinship:	\$165.00	\$3,915.00
Mission Helper:	\$180.00	
Attendance last Sunday: 51,52. Lent: 39		

Daily Bible Readings:	
3/18	Deut 21:10-25:19
3/19	Deut 26:1-29:1
3/20	Deut 29:2-31:29
3/21	Deut 31:30-32:52 Ps 90
3/22	Deut 33:1-34:12 Josh 1:1-2:24
3/23	Josh 3:1-6:27
3/24	Josh 7:1 1 Chron 2:7 Josh 7:2-9:27

Church Cleaning: March 24-30.
Church: E. Nelson, J. Serba.
School: Gescheidle, Starr.
March Ushers: 1st: M. Whiting, E. Weaver.
2nd: T. Blue, B. Blue.
Lent (3/21): B. Nelson Jr., J. Albrecht.
Maundy Thursday (3/29): J. Serba, D. Starr.
Good Friday (3/30): T. Garvens, M. Garvens.
Easter: A. Mackensen, A. Boll

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Let us fix our eyes on JESUS



Giving Opportunities

Below is a list of the various funds and their purposes to which we can contribute and help support the proclamation of the gospel both locally and around the world.

CLC funds

General fund: Offerings to missions support the day-to-day operations of both the CLC mission program and Immanuel Lutheran College. Messiah has made missions contributions a part of our regular budget.

Mission Development Fund (MDF): This fund supports mission projects which are normally limited-term, such as buying Bibles and Catechisms, roofing foreign churches, and purchasing motorcycles and bicycles for pastors.

Immanuel Improvement Fund (IIF): Money in this fund is used for major campus maintenance projects, as well as other needs which are not part of the regular operating budget.

ILC Student Aid: This fund provides loans and grants to students in both the high school and college departments. The fund is available to all ILC students synod-wide, not just those from Messiah.

ILC Building Fund: The fund was established for the construction of an academic center. There is a continuing need for contributions to pay the mortgage.

Kinship: This fund supports orphans and seminary students in both Africa and India.

Messiah funds

General offerings: Offerings to the general fund support the majority of our programs, as well as maintain our buildings and property. Our CLC missions contributions also come from the general fund.

Messiah Student Aid Fund (MSAF): This fund directly assists families who are members of Messiah by offering tuition aid for children attending Immanuel Lutheran High School or College. Once a year the available funds are applied to the accounts of Messiah members at ILC.

Christian Day School Improvement Fund (CDSIF): Money received into this fund is used to purchase items useful to the school which are not covered by the regular budget.

Benevolence Fund: Funds are used to help with the material needs of others, and are distributed at the discretion of the pastor and elders.

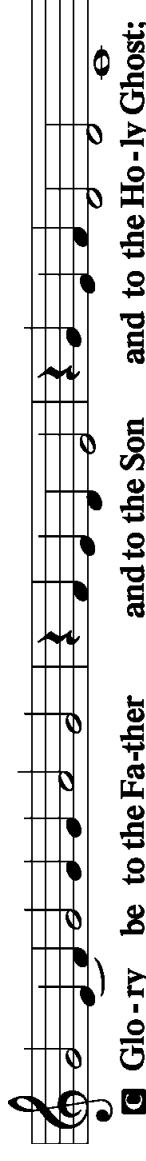
Mission Helper Fund: A number of Messiah members have been accepted for the CLC Mission Helper Team which will travel to Africa this summer. Contributions to this fund will help with trip costs.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

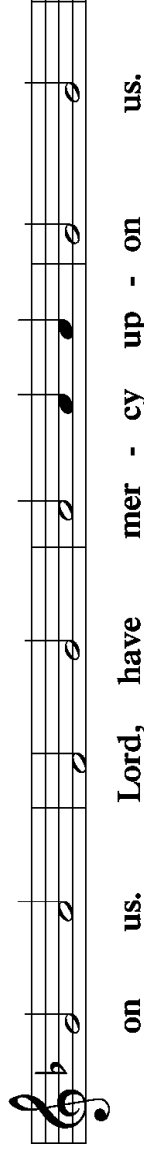
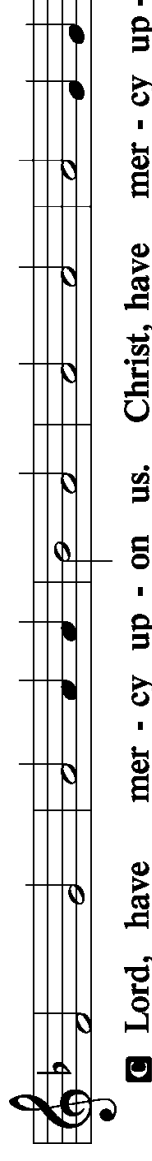
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Gloria Patri



Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

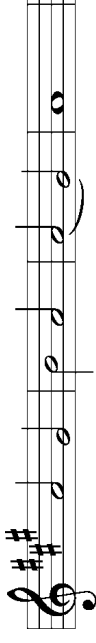
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

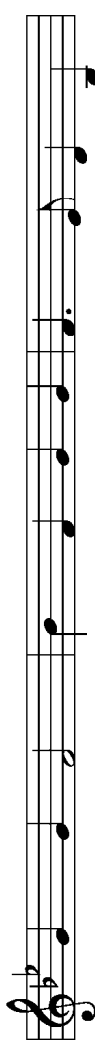


C A - men, a - men.

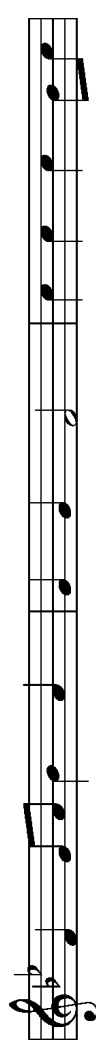
Closing hymn: *Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus*



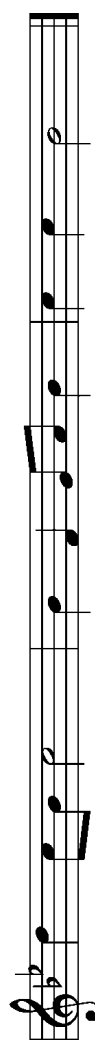
1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High
Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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Offering hymn: 158:1



*Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!*

Responsive prayer of the church

Pastor: plain type.

Cong: boldface, underlined type.

Dear Lord God: You created an absolutely perfect world in wonderful harmony with Your will. You made man and woman to glorify You in perfect love for You and one another. **But now perfection has been lost and all people by nature are separated from You and destined for eternal death.**

Yet Your grace is greater than our sin. **In perfect love You sent Your holy Son to be sin for us.** Jesus learned obedience in order to cover our disobedience with His righteousness. He endured whipping, spitting, nails, and even the punishment of hell, **so that all who believe might have complete forgiveness and perfect peace with You once again.**

We can never praise You enough for calling us to the obedience of faith in Jesus.

Preserve and increase our faith through Word and Sacrament. May Jesus' tears in Gethsemane and His suffering and death on the cross always be in our minds and on our hearts. **May they move us to willingly obey Your commands and be Your light to the world around us.**

Protect and bless our leaders in the family, church, and government. **Through them work peace in our homes, communities, nation, and congregations.** Receive our offerings and use them for the preaching and teaching of Your saving Word. Cover any selfishness and hesitancy in giving with the cleansing blood of Jesus. **Instill in us a cheerful attitude toward serving You with our time and gifts.**

Use us this week as Your workmanship to bless others with Jesus' love and care. **In His name we pray. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 721 (Worship Supplement): *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, it was Your will that Your Son drink the cup of suffering and death on our behalf. Grant us repentance and faith that we might receive the benefits of Christ's suffering for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.



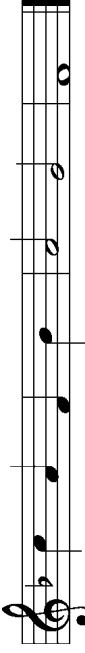
Old Testament lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jesus fulfilled the old covenant for us in order to establish the new covenant by which we are saved.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Amen.

Epistle lesson:


P The Gospel lesson is recorded in John 12:20-33.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus' death would produce an incredible harvest.

P This is the Word of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 157: *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

Sermon: Hebrews 5:7-9

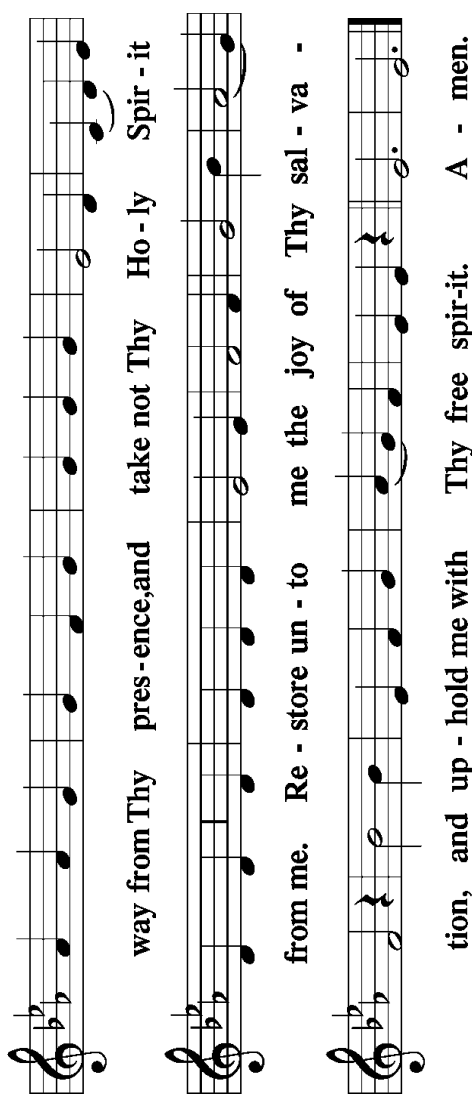
The Perfect Savior For You

- I. He was perfectly obedient for you.
- II. He is the source of perfect life for you.



Offertory

C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering