

2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



GOD DEMONSTRATES
HIS OWN LOVE
TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE
WE WERE STILL
SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR US.

Romans 5:8

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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....Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your 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.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**
(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

SONG Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You; We turn to You;
Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You;

Pre-chorus

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence All our fears are
washed away, Washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna, Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You; We turn to You;
In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new,
You make us new; (Pre chorus, Chorus)

Bridge

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence All our fears are washed away.
'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence All our fears are
washed away, Washed away.

Ending

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O LORD,

All: **Our Maker, Redeemer and Comforter we are assembled
in Thy presence to hear Thy Holy Word. We pray Thee
so to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that through
the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent
of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and
to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for
Christ's sake. Amen** *The Lutheran Hymnary, 1913, p. 7*

LESSONS

Exodus 17:1 - 7

Romans 5:1 - 8

GOSPEL

John 4:5 - 26

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Thirst for Life in Christ!

HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to You

LBW 91

Verse 1

Savior, when in dust to You Low we bow in homage due;
When repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
Oh, by all Your pains and woe Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Your throne on high,
Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Verse 2

By Your helpless infant years, By Your life of want and tears,
by Your days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Verse 3

By Your hour of dire despair, By Your agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and tor-turing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Verse 4

By Your deep expiring groan, By the sad se-pul-chral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,
Oh, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, re-as-cend-ed Lord,
Bending from Your throne on high,
Hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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 INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION INSIDE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Chorus, Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

NEXT SUNDAY March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 42:14-21 Psalm 142 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

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March 5, 2023

Attendance 37

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TODAY Day Camp Planning Meeting

There will be a Day Camp planning meeting next Sunday March 12th following the worship services. Hope you can join us!

Saturday March 18th @ 4 PM Family Night at Faith in Christ,
Pizza, Homemade Donuts, Games and Movie too – all for
YOU!



2023 EASTER LILIES

all orders due by Sunday April 2nd

It is time to order Easter Lilies to help adorn the Altar & Chancel area on Resurrection Easter Sunday. The cost of a Lily is \$10.00 this year.

Please fill this form and return to the office with payment. Mark on the memo line of your check "Easter Lilies" Also write "Easter Lilies" on the envelope too.

Your Name: _____

Number of Lilies Ordered: _____

Total payment included with order : \$ _____

Please fill out the form of dedication you would like to have included in the Easter bulletin.

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