

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,  
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob  
Vandever, Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick &  
Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

Church Cleaners: Ochsner/Boe School: Flesner

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz, Brad Kitzman, Rick Nelson, Keith Radichel,  
Bob Vandever, Bobby Vandever, Matt Vandever

Counting Team 3: Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Chad  
Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle  
Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: ??? School: NA

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Mar. 13:** 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 16:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

**Mar. 17-19:** CLC Grade School Basketball Tourney @ Eau Claire

**Sun., Mar. 20:** **PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 am – Choir Practice  
8:40 am – Sunday School Rehearsal with Choir  
9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Palm Sunday)  
11:15 am – Hospitality

**Thu., Mar. 24:** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Fri., Mar. 25:** **GOOD FRIDAY**

7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship  
**Sun., Mar. 27:** **EASTER** (No S.S., Bible Class, Hospitality)  
7:30 am – Easter Breakfast  
9:00 am – Easter Worship

**Thu., Apr. 7:** 7:00 pm – Student Fair (Geography/Olympics)

**Fri., Apr. 29:** Immanuel High School Visitors Day @ Eau Claire, WI

**Fri., May 13:** Field Day (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, by Berea in Inver Grove Hts.)

**Sun., May 22:** Confirmation Sunday

**July 25-29:** Vacation Bible School

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Lent 5

**Date:** March 13, 2016

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 157: There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood  
TLH 156: Not All the Blood of Beasts  
TLH 371: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness  
TLH 158: Glory Be to Jesus

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 73 (Projected)

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)  
Gloria: WS 779, st. 1

### Scripture Reading:

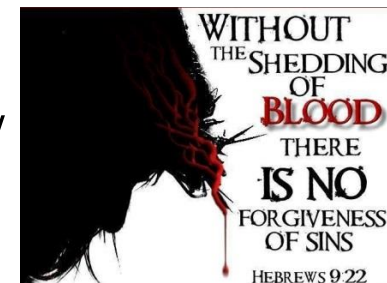
Isaiah 1:10-11, 16-20  
Hebrews 9:11-15

### Sermon: Matthew 27:22-25

<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" <sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## *HIS BLOOD BE ON US!*

1. A terrible curse for the Jews
2. A wonderful blessing for us



## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will conclude this Wednesday, 7 pm. Our theme is “Probing Questions of the Passion,” meditating on some of the challenging questions that were asked during our Savior’s Passion. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf. Everyone is also invited to the soup suppers which start an hour before the service, at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Children/Choir Rehearsal:** Next Sunday the Sunday School children are requested to come early, at 8:40 am, in order to rehearse with the choir.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** On March 25, at 7:00 pm, we will be holding our Good Friday service. The Lord’s Supper will also be celebrated. The Day our Savior died is very precious for us as redeemed sinners. Let’s honor it by pondering His profound love for us.
- ◆ **Easter Day:** Easter is on Sunday, March 27. We will be having the Easter breakfast at 7:30 am, followed by the Easter worship service at 9:00 am. What an opportunity we have to gather in worship on the day we commemorate our Lord’s glorious resurrection from the dead!
- ◆ **Easter Breakfast Signup:** Those men interested in helping with the Easter breakfast are asked to sign up for various duties. The list is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We appreciate those willing to help.
- ◆ **Easter Plants:** Anyone wishing to purchase an Easter lily or decorative plant for the altar, please sign up on the sheet by the guest book. If you have any questions, please speak with Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **CLC Tournament:** This week, march 17-19, will be the grade school basketball tournament in Eau Claire, WI, at the Immanuel campus. The following is the tournament website: [www.clclutheran.net/tourney](http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney). The full schedule is located at a complex link, so if you want it email Pastor. We have one player from Fridley combining with Inver Grove Hts. this year. Here is the combined team’s schedule:
  - March 17 – 9 am: Eau Claire B1 v. Inver Grove Hts. B (Grades 5-6)
  - March 17 – 11 am: Eau Claire A2 v. Inver Grove Hts. A (Grades 7-8)
  - March 18 – 1:30 pm: Markesan A v. Inver Grove Hts. A
  - March 18 – 3 pm: Eau Claire B3 v. Inver Grove Hts. B
  - March 19 – 10 am: Eau Claire B2 v. Inver Grove Hts. B
  - March 19 – 11 am: Eau Claire A1 v. Inver Grove Hts. A
- ◆ **Camp Koyquin 2016:** Just a quick reminder that registration for Camp Koyquin 2016 opens March 18, this Friday! Camp Koyquin takes place June 19-25 at the “Camp JIM” facilities in Pillager, MN. Camp Koyquin is for CLC members and friends entering grades 5-12 and is an opportunity for young people to study God’s Word, meet new role models and mentors, and enjoy the blessings of Christian fellowship and fun. Cost is \$175 per camper if registered by May 31. For more info about camp, FAQs, and to register, please go to [koyquin.clclutheran.net](http://koyquin.clclutheran.net). Please address any specific questions to one of the camp directors: Tom Naumann (920-266-5387 [thomasjnaumann@gmail.com](mailto:thomasjnaumann@gmail.com)) and Jessica Sydow (952-905-9981 [jessicasydow10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasydow10@gmail.com)).

- ◆ **TVBS Looking for Trips:** As the TVBS Committee works through its summer schedule, we find that we have only three trips planned so far (Washington State; Red Wing, MN; and Appleton, WI). If your congregation is not running a VBS program and you would like to get one started, this would be a good year to do so. We have begun planning the trips that have been requested and would like to add more trips. So consider whether maybe this is the year to start VBS or maybe to restart VBS again. In either case, contact our committee at [ross.roehl@ilc.edu](mailto:ross.roehl@ilc.edu) as soon as you can. Information about the program as well as contacts and registration forms to participate is posted at [www.clctvbs.org](http://www.clctvbs.org).
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Paul Naumann of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to become professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Easter Hymn and Recitation

**Last Week’s Stats:** Mar. 6, 2016 Sun.: 110 S.S.: 10 B.Cl.: 43 Wed.: 50

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,312.55	CLC:	\$990.00	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$646.00	CLC:	\$50.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+658.55	CLC:	+40.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$32,118.20	CLC:	\$9,510.20	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	33,000.00	CLC:	10,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-881.80	CLC:	-489.80	
GLC Other:	452.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	75.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	230.00	Kinship:	0.00
ILC Student Aid:	20.00	ILC Bldg.	210.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	0.00
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Parking Lot:</i>	11,570.50	<i>Tuition Aid:</i>	874.12

Hebrews 9:11-15: <sup>11</sup> But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. <sup>12</sup> Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? <sup>15</sup> And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

*Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to speak with you!*

## 2016 ILC Tour Choir Itinerary



Sunday, March 13	<b>Millston, WI</b> Trinity Lutheran Church W6634 Railroad Street	10:00 am
Saturday, March 19	<b>Morris, MN</b> Bethel Lutheran Church 22 Brook Street	1:00 pm
Saturday, March 19	<b>Watertown, SD</b> Trinity Lutheran Church 1800 East Kemp Avenue	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 20	<b>Rapid City, SD</b> Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 4709 Apres Vous Court	7:00 pm
Monday, March 21	<b>Cheyenne, WY</b> Redeemer Lutheran Church 1906 Garrett Street	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 22	<b>Loveland, CO</b> Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Call for location.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 23	<b>Lakewood, CO</b> St. Paul Lutheran Church 2470 Wadsworth Boulevard	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 24	<b>Valentine, NE</b> Grace Lutheran Church 810 West 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	7:00 pm
Friday, March 25	<b>Okabena, MN</b> St. John's Lutheran Church 100 East Market Street	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 26	<b>Red Wing, MN</b> Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church 1534 West Avenue	6:30 pm
Sunday, March 27	<b>Inver Grove Heights, MN</b> Berea Lutheran Church 9308 Rich Valley Boulevard	9:00 am
Sunday, April 3	<b>Eau Claire, WI</b> Messiah Lutheran Church 2015 N. Hastings Way	6:30 pm

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## CHOICES

Every day of our life we are confronted with having to make choices in a myriad of circumstances. Many of the circumstances are quite mundane and are harmless. Then there are choices in our confessional and faith life. Finally, there are moral choices which can have a spiritual, physical, and even a legal consequence.

Many choices do not revolve around right and wrong, good or evil. They may be choices that are dictated by the moment; or by what is good, better, or best, given the circumstances. On the other hand, some choices can have a far reaching effect on our welfare. As children of God who have been called, enlightened, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God through the Word, what choice we make when confronted with the choice to follow the Lord or the world is consequential.

As Christ-believers who confess that the Bible is the Word of God, but live in a world that has little respect for the Word, we are frequently called on to make choices concerning matters of faith. Will we follow the Lord or take the easy way and go with the world? The choices become even more wrenching when there are contentions within the church that force a decision. There was a time in Jesus' ministry when "many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more." He then said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" When confronted with the necessity to make a choice, will we answer with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:66-69).

Choice-making to serve the Lord is not an exclusive New Testament concept. In the Old Testament Joshua was not speaking to the world of heathen when he challenged Israel. He was speaking to the covenant people. In his farewell address to them he had reviewed the gracious love of God. Then he said: "Now therefore fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and truth ... And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ..." (Joshua 24:14-15). Upon their response that they would serve the Lord, he tested their resolve: "You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good." And the people responded, "No, but we will serve the Lord!" So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!" "Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem." Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance" (Joshua 24:19-29).

Bible students know how time, flesh, indifference, and the devil eventually eroded the resolve of the people. Israel (10 tribes of the north) was carried away into Assyrian captivity and was lost to history because it forsook the Lord. Judah also was taken to Babylon. Ultimately it was not heathen nations that brought their

demise and reaped judgment. *It was rot from the inside!* Let us take heed! A faithful remnant of Judah was spared that the promise of the Savior might be fulfilled through them. God kept His promise and brought them back to their land. May the God of grace be merciful to us.

It is not possible to foresee all choices that confront us in our moral life without forgetting some. We simply say, as we are the Lord's it is our responsibility that "whether [we] eat or drink or whatever [we] do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). To the accomplishment of that praise of God, we will consider our choices according to the apostolic word in Colossians. "If then you were raised with Christ, *seek those things which are above*, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth*. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him Who created him ..." (Colossians 3:1-10).

As Scripture is written and preserved to us for our learning in these latter days, choices are important. Each day we are confronted with following the Lord, or following the world. Let it suffice in this regard to be reminded, "Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways" (Psalm 128:1), "For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:6).

Whether choices are mundane, matters of faith, or moral choices, no child of God in the sanctified frame of mind chooses the world over the Lord, but rather joins in saying, "The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" Yet we know the reality clothed, as we are, in our mortal flesh, and surrounded by temptation from within and without. Therefore we join with Paul: "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice ... O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord" ... (Romans 7:18-19, 24-25)!

Scripture tells us, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Therefore I pray: "Heavenly Father, I thank you for having made me your dear child and for counting me precious in your sight by the merit of the Lord Jesus. You know my weaknesses and my sins. Forgive me my sins for Jesus' sake. For the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of His love for me, help me always to make choices in my life that serve you, glorify Your name, and serve to my eternal welfare."

When all is said and done, the question is, "Will we as children of God serve the Lord, or will we serve self and the world?" It is a matter of seeking first the kingdom of God. It is a matter of the sanctified heart saying, "What pleases God, that pleases me!" When confronted by our flesh, the world, and Satan, God help us to say with conviction, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey" (Joshua 24:24)!