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# ት Worship Information ት

#### <u>Hymns</u>:

TLH 343:1-3,6-7: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star
WS 717: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
TLH 132: O God of God, O Light of Light
Communion: TLH 315
TLH 103:3-4: To Shepherds as They Watched

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

#### Sermon: John 5:31-39

<sup>31</sup> "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. <sup>32</sup> "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true. <sup>33</sup> "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. <sup>36</sup> "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. <sup>37</sup> "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup> "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. <sup>39</sup> "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. (*NKJV*<sup>TM</sup>)

# WHO IS THE JESUS WHO DIES ON CALVARY?

Jesus provides witnesses who identify Him as true God

- 1. John the Baptist
- 2. The works done by Jesus
- 3. God the Father
- 4. The Word of God

## Worship Prep:

Psalm 19, TLH p. 126 Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion) Gloria: TLH 131:5

#### Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

# ት The Announcements ተ

- Thanks to Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, for shining the light of the Word upon our hearts so that the Light of Christ shines brightly in our lives. He is also conducting a Bible Class on the timely topic of death, a three-part class for today, and Feb. 12 and 19. Please join us for some interesting study at 9 am on Sundays. Pastor's wife, Eileen serves as a teacher at Messiah's Christian Day School. May the Lord bless their ministries!
- Among Us: Fred Dauer continues to rehab at The Estates at Fridley, room #120. We pray that Jesus will continue to care of him.
- Care Packages: The Dorcas Guild will be preparing care packages for the ILC dorm students and supervisors, as well as military member Karie Davis. If you would like to contribute funds or items to this endeavor, contact Jackie Radichel or treasurer Heidi Nelson. The bags will be assembled in early February.
- CLC Tourney Band: The CLC Tourney Band will again assemble and perform at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 11. Register band players (grades 5-8) at clctourneyband.weebly.com Music is available on the website. Basketball players and non-basketball players are welcome! Our one practice will be during that morning (time TBA) with a performance at noon. Please send questions to: music@thelaus.com.
- Arts Camp 2023: Registration opens Mon., Feb. 6. Camp will run March 24-26 and is an opportunity for fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Register at: www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/. Registration ends Mar. 13. Email artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with any questions.
- → Have You Considered ILC? Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, phone (715) 836-6636.

- ➡ Invitation: Zion Lutheran of Ipswich, SD, will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, July 16, 4 pm at the Leonard Gramm funeral home with a potluck meal to follow at the 4H building in town. More details will be announced later. The congregation is planning to put together both a picture scrapbook and memory journal as a way to reflect upon Zion's history. Anyone who has memories of Zion to share, either in writing or by photograph, please send them by June 7 to John Rohrbach (email: jcrohrbach@yahoo.com/address: 603 Chestnut Ave, Ipswich, SD, 57451).
- CLC News: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. + Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the dual parish call of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran in Lynwood, WA. + Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND, has been appointed as the CLC Vice President. After prayerful consideration, Del has accepted the appointment, and is eager to serve the Lord in this capacity.
- Sunday School Memory Work: #14 First Article, Part 1.

Martin Luther on Death: When the hour comes in which our doing and work must cease, when we are to stay here no longer and begin to ask: Where now find a bridge or path that is reliable, on which I may safely get into yonder life? – when it comes to that, I say, then do not look about for any way called human and for our own good, holy life or work; but let the Lord's Prayer cover all these things and say: "Forgive us our trespasses," and hold to Him alone who says: "I am the Way." See to it that this word is deeply impressed upon your heart so that you seem to hear Christ now say to you, as He here says to Thomas: Why do you look and gape at other ways? Here, to Me, you must look; here you must stay, nor let any other thought of how you may get to heaven alarm you. Rather clear the way, remove all else from your heart, and think of nothing but what I tell you: I am the Way. Only see to it that you take your stand on Me, that is, cling to Me with a firm faith and with all the confidence of your heart. I will be the Bridge and carry you over so that out of death and the anguish of hell you will pass into yonder life in one moment. For I am He who has paved this way and route Himself; I Myself have gone and traveled over it that I might bring you across and all who cling to Me. Only rely on Me, and confidently and cheerfully pass on and die in My name.

**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 visit with you!

### ት Today at Grace ቱ

Organist: Jan Davis

<u>Ushers</u>: Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

<u>Counting Team 2</u>: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandeveer; Clint Welker

<u>Hospitality Team 4</u>: Bonnie Baker; Kevin & Sandy Hulke; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

<u>Church Cleaners</u>: Hulke

<u>School</u>: Jankowski

Elder: Dale Enns

# ት Next Week at Grace ት

<u>Ushers</u>: Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter

<u>Counting Team 3</u>: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Hulke

School: Kelley

## ት OUR SCHEDULE ተ

- Sun., Feb. 5: 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5) 11:00 am – Hospitality
- Wed., Feb. 8: 4:00-5:45 pm Catechism for Public School Students
- Sun., Feb. 12: 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6) 12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Fri., Feb. 17: Grace School Valentine's Day Party

Mon., Feb. 20: Grace School – No School

Wed., Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Starts

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 29, 2023 Sun.: 84 S.S.: 10 B.Cl.: 40 Sun. Offerina: Grace: \$2.196 CLC: \$435 Weekly Need: Grace: 4,500 CLC: 1.080 -Under / +Over: Grace: -2,304 CLC: -645 Year-to-Date Offering: Grace: \$17,133 CLC: \$3,615 5.400 Year-to-Date Need: Grace: 22,500 CLC: Year-to-Date (+/-) Grace: -5,367 CLC: -1.785 GLC Other: 1.423 Living Faith: 50 Tuition Aid: 50 SAF Endowment: 0 MDF: 50 Kinship: 160 EduK8: 500 ILC Bldg. CEF: ILC Student Aid: IIF: 0 0 0 0 \$3.693 Current Balances: Tuition Aid:

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