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As We Gather: Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

Invocation/Exhortation

LSB 184

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

Absolution

LSB 185

Hymn ‘Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness’

LSB 849

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:1–13

1The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I send you to Jesse from Bethlehem, for I see from his sons a king to me.” 2But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer from the cattle in your hand and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ 3And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make known to you, that which you are to do, and you shall anoint to me the one which I say to you.” 4Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city trembled, and met him saying, “Do you come peace-ing?” 5And he said, “Peace-ing; to sacrifice to the Lord I have come. Set aside yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he set aside Jesse and his sons and he called them to the sacrifice.

6It was as they came [Samuel] saw Eliab and said, “Surely before me here is the Lord’s anointed one.” 7But the Lord said to Samuel, “Look not to the appearance of his high heights, for I reject him, for Man [Adam] does not see, because Man [Adam] sees to the eyes, but the Lord sees to the heart.” 8Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Also, of this one, the Lord does not choose.” 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Also, of this one, the Lord does not choose.” 10And Jesse made seven of his sons go before the face of Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” 11Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Does this complete your boys?” And he said, “There remains yet the smallest one, but behold, he is shepherding the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and take him, for not will we turn until he comes here." 12And he sent and brought him, and he was ruddy, with fair eyes and was of good appearance. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed in power upon David from that very day. Then Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b–3

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

**For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

**For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

1If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

31Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” 34But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” 38And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” 42And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”

43And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sermon Hymn ‘O Perfect Love’ TLH 623

Sermon “Faith, Hope, and Love” *1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

Offertory LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

‘O Lord, We Praise Thee’ LSB 617

‘Word of God, Come Down on Earth’ LSB 545

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation LSB 201

Benedicamus LSB 202

Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn ‘Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good’ LSB 819

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Stewardship: Luke 18:34 – “This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.” Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift — the disciples can't understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand Him. By nature, they are deaf to the Word. So, everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity and kindness.

Sunday School: Today, we will study “Consuming Fire.” Elijah challenges the people to stop “limping” between Baal and the true God. Gathering the 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah proposes a test to determine the truth: each side will butcher a bull for sacrifice and call on their god to send down fire. The prophets of Baal call upon their god, even cutting themselves to appease it, but nothing happens. Elijah drenches his offering with water, completely filling the trench around it. Then Elijah offers a simple prayer to the true God, who sends down fire from heaven to consume the offering, the wood, and even the water in the trench.

A sign-up sheet for Lent mid-week meals is on the entryway table. Ash Wednesday meal will be provided by the Evangelism Board and LWML.

Building Healthy Families for Feb. 11th: Did you know there's a national day to celebrate one of the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5? Though not an event on the Christian calendar, this coming Saturday (February 17th) is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. On that day (or any day this week) how might you give witness to the faith that lives in you by doing something "unusually kind," in Jesus' name? Shovel your neighbor's snow, pay for the order of the car behind you in the drive through, send flowers with a love note to someone who lives alone, stop to visit someone living in a care center...be creative, be kind, involve your family members, and have fun! ~ **www.LutheranFamilyService.org**.

Life Quote for Feb. 11th: "We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God's Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God's grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good." Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for Feb. 11th: "[T]he Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance" (1 Samuel 16:7). Age, shape, and ability do not establish or inhibit human worth. "[T]he Lord looks on the heart" and sees the life and spirit hidden within. Every human pulse beats with the Creator's own love – patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), enduring (1 Corinthians 13:7), making perfect (1 Corinthians 13:10) what was wrecked (Luke 18:42). Dear Jesus, give us Your love that looks past appearances. Amen.

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb. 18th: Hear "Redeeming DIY" based on Mark 1:12-13 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

February Calendars and Newsletters are on the entryway table.

Lent Devotions are available on the entryway table.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/11--2/17 is **Mergen**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/18--2/24 is **Mintle**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Join us via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 9am for a Young Women's Bible Study! While these Bible Studies will be focused toward teens and young adults, we welcome all to participate! Some weeks we will dive into a CPH Bible Studies while others will be a special topic session led by a pastor within the Iowa East. Email hmraebel@gmail.com for more information and join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month!

Loose Giving Envelopes are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

General Fund & Mission Giving: When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

We encourage members to consider electronic giving. It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

Two bus trips June 10-14 and December 2-6 to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter are planned for 2024. Two trips are basically the same. However, the December trip also includes a Christmas dinner in the cafeteria and the spectacular Christmas lights.

Currently, there are still seats available. A \$100 deposit per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. A deposit can be mailed to Roger Bauer, 806 Juhl Avenue, Waverly, Iowa, 50677.

The 56 passenger Windstar bus leaves from the Waverly Walmart parking lot at 6:00am Monday morning. We make pickup stops in Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa City on the way. The bus ride is edu-tainment to help you understand what you will be seeing. Monday is a travel day, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Creation Museum, Thursday at the Ark, and Friday we travel home. Check out their websites at creationmuseum.org or arkencounter.com For additional information: 319-610-2623 or bauerr@mchsi.com

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

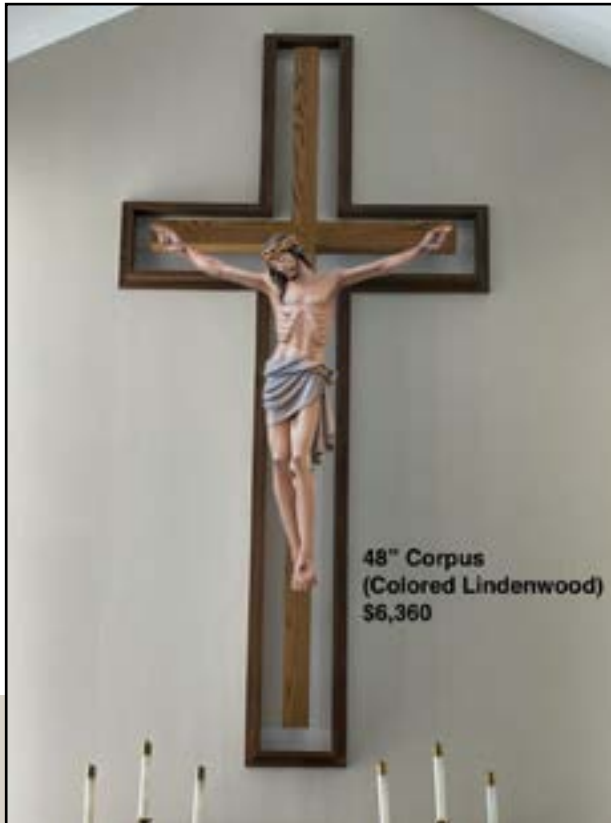
For Feb. 4, 2024

Attendance	43
Communion	32
General Fund	\$4375.00
Missions	\$175.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Quinquagesima
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Kadera
		Usher: Ben L.
		Servers: Marrina K./Tammy S.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Finn
		Elder: Darlo K.
Monday	9:00am	Winkle: Pastor in Melcher Dallas
Wednesday	4-5pm	5th/6th Grades Confirmation
	5-6pm	7th/8th Grades Confirmation
	5:00pm	Meal
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		Usher: Lucas Bayer
		Elder: Darlo Kelting
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Friday	10-11:30am	Pastor in class
Next Sunday	9:00am	Invocavit (1st Sunday of Lent)
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
		Greeter: Kaloupek
		Usher: Joel R. Koepf
		Servers: Lindsey W./Miriam S.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Elizabeth
		Elder: Joel M.

Proposed Corpus Project



Proposal

One of our younger congregational members has presented a proposal to turn our main cross into a crucifix by adding the Corpus of Christ onto our pre-existing cross.

Why: A cross can represent anything nowadays. Many people wear it just as something to match their outfit without really knowing what it is meant to represent.

By putting the Corpus on our church's cross, we could better represent our shared belief in Jesus's crucifixion, sacrifice and fulfillment of the covenant.

- ▶ Has been approved by Board of Elders
- ▶ Has been approved by Church Council
- ▶ Is under discussion by Church Voters
- ▶ Needs congregational consideration and approval
- ▶ Will be reviewed and voted upon by Church Voters at the next quarterly meeting in April 2024

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp or a church elder.