

Hymn 358 - Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 652 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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Announcements

- **Wednesday** — A midweek Lenten worship service will be held at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m., with refreshments to follow.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services (communion) begin at 9 a.m. Worship (communion) here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School is scheduled to precede next Sunday's worship service; Confirmation Class is scheduled to follow next Sunday's worship service.
- **Pastoral Call:** Pastor Mike Wilke, currently of Gethsemane-Saginaw MI, has been called to serve as the next pastor of Faith-New Ulm and Grace-Sleepy Eye. We pray for the Lord's blessings on Pastor Wilke's deliberations as he seeks the Lord's will in connection with this call.
- **Lutheran Spokesmans, Meditations Booklets Available:** As a reminder, monthly copies of the CLC Lutheran Spokesman and also Meditations daily devotion booklets are available to you on the table at the back of the church sanctuary and are free for the taking!
- **CLC News:** Mr. Philip Matzke has accepted the call to a full-time faculty position at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato MN. < Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls SD, has called the Rev. Todd Ohlmann, pastor of Faith Lutheran, Manchester MO.

Our Response of Faith — March 23, 2014

Attendance: 24

Unified Budget.....	\$475.50
Total.....	\$475.50

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...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- Matthew 20:28

MARCH 30, 2014 – 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 42 & 43, pg. 133; Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 352 - O Savior, Precious Savior

Pastor: The Invocation

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Hosea 5:15-6:3

I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." NKJ Hosea 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. 3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.*
(Psalm 130:3-4) Alleluia!

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Romans 8:1-10

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ,

he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 297 - The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

The Sermon – Matthew 20:17-28

Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." 23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." 24 And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- 28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

“Proper Motivation”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.