

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Pastor: Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!
People: *And His mercy endureth forever!*

The Benediction

People: *Amen, amen, amen.*

Hymn 392 — *Blest Is the Man, Forever Blest*

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Announcements

- **Today** — Confirmation Class is scheduled to follow today's worship service.
- **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 begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow next Sunday's worship service.
- **Good Friday Service:** There will be a Good Friday service on Friday, April 18, at 3 p.m. Also, for any interested, there will be a Maundy Thursday service (communion) at Grace-Sleepy Eye on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.
- **CLC News:** The Rev. David Schaller, Dowagiac MI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY. < Arise and Shine 20's and 30's retreat is set for June 19-22 at Camp JIM in Pillager MN. Register at <http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com/> Registration fee is \$140 per person (includes a t-shirt – ages 11 and down, \$100 per person). Visit the website for more details.

Our Response of Faith — March 30, 2014

Attendance: 20

Unified Budget.....	\$216.50
Total.....	\$216.50

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But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. - Romans 8:11

APRIL 6, 2014 – 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 116, pg. 148; **Organist:** Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 151:1-3 — *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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.*

All: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy; and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

The Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, "Son of

man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' 5 'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' " 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. 9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' " 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12 "Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

Hymn 384 — *Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*

The Sermon – Romans 8:11-19

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors -- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

“Just Wait ...”

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.

Hymn 226:1-3, 8-9 — *Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit*

The Offering and Prayer

Communion Today -- Confessional Lutherans teach and believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement with your fellow-communicants concerning the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, before thinking of communing with us you will want to have an opportunity to compare the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. If you have questions or would like to consider communing with us in the future, please speak to the pastor to set up an appointment.

The Service of Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Pastor: The Prefaces

People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer

People: *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Pastor: The Words of Institution

All: *Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.*

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