

Announcements

- **Today** — Confirmation Class is scheduled to follow this morning's worship service.
- **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.
- **CLC News:** The 11th Annual Tournament Band will be performing at the CLC Gradeschool Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 15. Any CLC band student in grades 5-8 is invited to play with us. Six songs are posted online—just select the music for your instrument and print. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. Rehearsal and performance will both happen on March 15. For music, go to <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> and click on "Band information" If you have any questions, contact Laurie Lau at music@thelaus.com



Our Response of Faith — January 26, 2014

Attendance: 12

Envelope Offerings.....	\$235.00
Total.....	\$235.00

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Abraham Offers Isaac Before God

FEBRUARY 2, 2014 – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 1, pg. 123

Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 394 — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

Hymn 760 — *Oh, Love, How Deep*

The Sermon – Genesis 22:1-18

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the

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.*

+ The Distribution +

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 428 — *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

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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 334 — *Let Me Be Thine Forever*

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.*

land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." 15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son -- 17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

“A ‘Do Anything’ Kind of Love”