



ROMANS 5:3

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As We Gather

Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

354 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.
C It is a journey marked with tribulation,
P but tribulation produces perseverance
C and perseverance, character
P and character, hope
C and hope in Christ does not disappoint.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness.
P Heavenly Father,
C we have not rejoiced in tribulation but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.

- P** At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠


Introit

Psalm 115:11-13, 18

- P** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
- C** He is their help and their shield.
- P** The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us;
- C** He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.
- P** He will bless those who fear the LORD,
- C** Both small and great.
- P** We will bless the LORD From this time forth and forevermore.
- C** Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.


Gloria Patri

 GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev-er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin-ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex-tend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴ “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22:23-31

- P** You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
- C** **And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!**
- P** For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
- C** **But when He cried to Him, He heard.**
- P** My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
- C** **I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.**
- P** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
- C** **Let your heart live forever!**
- P** All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- C** **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**
- P** For the kingdom is the LORD's,
- C** **And He rules over the nations.**
- P** All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;
- C** **All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.**
- P** A posterity shall serve Him.
- C** **It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,**
- P** They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
- C** **That He has done this.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?” ²⁸ So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. ³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” ³⁴ When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Response

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

518 (1-3, 7) – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



Sermon

Rejoice in Suffering



Offertory



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

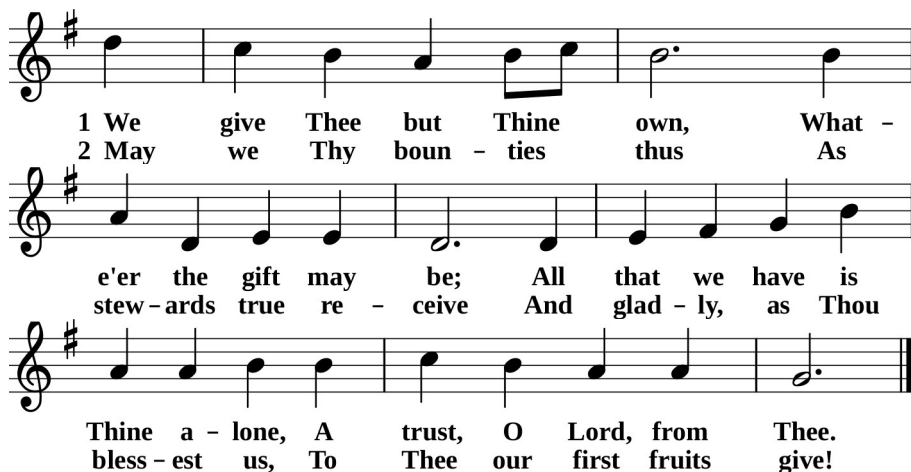
Hymn

723 - What Wondrous Love Is This

Offering

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

370 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

February 25	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
February 28	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Church Council/Board of Elders/Ladies
March 6	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **March 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council/Ladies
- **April 7** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Midweek Lenten Worship: We will have midweek worship services throughout the Lenten season on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. These services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. We do so through the eyes of the Holy Evangelist, Saint John, as we hear, in John 18–19, of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest, Jesus facing Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus delivered, Jesus crucified, and Jesus’ death and burial. Look for this Lenten season to provide a deeper understanding of your Baptism into the passion and death of Christ, with the result as Paul describes it: we are “always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” (2 Corinthians 4:10).

ILC Tour Choir Concert: The ILC Tour Choir is scheduled to be here for a concert on Tuesday, March 12th @ 7:00 pm.

Philippine Church Body in Fellowship with the CLC: After almost three years of correspondence, and several visits by our CLC missionary which included a representative of the CLC Board of Missions and a representative of the CLC Board of Doctrine, Pastor Jordan Palangyos of the “Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines” (LAMP) has successfully completed a colloquy and demonstrated unity with our confession. Based on this, CLC President Michael Wilke made the following announcement: “as President of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, it is my blessed privilege to declare that the Church of the Lutheran Confession is in fellowship with Pastor Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines (LAMP). Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1” “LAMP” consists of 2 congregations and 1 preaching station with about 60 souls, served by Pastor Palangyos along with four lay men who assist. May the LORD bless our joint church work together in spreading the Kingdom of Christ!

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, has received the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. — Teacher Levi has also received the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call from Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Kendra Rodebaugh of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA, has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN is still considering the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia has received the call to teach at Gethsemane Saginaw MI.

Fruits of Faith		February 18, 2024		Attendance: WH – 42	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>			
<i>General Budget</i>				<i>General Budget</i>	
\$647.25	General Budget	\$0.00			CLC General Budget
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	-\$57.69			Weekly Need
-\$775.75	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69			-Under / +Over
\$11,775.25	Year to Date Offerings	\$70.00			Year to Date Offerings
\$9,961.00	Year to Date Need	\$403.83			Year to Date Need
+\$1,814.25	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$333.83			Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>				<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
	Building Fund				ILC Student Aid Fund
	Property Improvement				ILC Building Fund
	ILC Scholarship Fund				ILC Improvement Fund
	Tuition Grant				Mission Development (MDF)
	Benevolence Fund				Project Kinship
	Sign Fund				ILC Tour Choir

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

February 26 – March 2

Monday: John 8:21-30 – Jesus knows the kind of death which lies before Him at their hands (verse 28 – when you lift up the Son of Man), but continues to call on the Jews to put their trust in Him for forgiveness.

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:10-15 – It was fitting for the Son of God to share in our humanity, that through suffering and dying He might destroy the Devil and free us from our slavery to the fear of death.

Wednesday: Exodus 14:13-21 – The Lord saved His people from the hand of their enemies, not with human weapons of war, but with His power over clouds, wind, and waves. So in His own way He will also protect His children today, and bring them to their heavenly home.

Thursday: Isaiah 52:7-10 – Isaiah pictures the joyous news coming ahead of God’s people returning from the Babylonian captivity. How much greater the joy that accompanies God’s people going to their heavenly home.

Friday: Isaiah 52:11-12 – Unlike the release from Egypt, when the Israelites were urged to carry with them the riches of the land, from Babylon they were to take nothing. So also from this world we take no worldly wealth when our journey turns heaven-ward.

Saturday: Isaiah 52:13-15 – The Lord’s servant will succeed! Of that we can be assured even when we recoil at His disfigured form. As great as His humiliation will be, His exaltation will be even greater, and “kings will shut their mouths because of him” (verse 15).