

WALK BY  
Faith,  
NOT BY  
sight.

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☧ WELCOME ☧

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☧ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☧

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 30

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

THE KYRIE

(Hymn 453, vv. 1, 4: *Out of the Deep I Call*)

Out of the deep I call  
To Thee, O Lord to Thee.  
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;  
Be merciful to me.

Lord, there is mercy now,  
As ever was, with Thee.  
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;  
Be merciful to me.

## THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to his promise, is slow to anger and abounding in unwavering love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Hymn 36: All Glory Be to God Alone*)

<b>We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless;</b>	<b>Amen, this ever true shall be,</b>
<b>We worship Thee in humbleness;</b>	<b>As angels sing adoringly.</b>
<b>From day to day we glorify</b>	<b>By all creation, Far and wide,</b>
<b>Thee, everlasting God on high.</b>	<b>Thou, Lord, art ever glorified;</b>
<b>Of Thy great glory do we sing,</b>	<b>And Thee all Christendom doth praise</b>
<b>And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.</b>	<b>Now and through everlasting days.</b>

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, You have made us heirs of Your eternal and great promises: Increase in us daily the gifts of faith, hope, and love, that we may love all that You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

## READINGS — ILCW LECTIONARY (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

### *The Old Testament — Ezekiel 17: 22-24*

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green

tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

*The Epistle — II Corinthians 5: 1-10*

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

*The Holy Gospel — Mark 4: 26-34*

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

## THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46} Amen.

## HYMN 479

*When Earth with All Its Joys Defeats Me*

## THE SERMON

*Our Permanent Home*

II Corinthians 5: 1-10

## HYMN VERSE

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## 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.**

## THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## OFFERING

## HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## HYMN 478

*Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep*

## THE COLLECT

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

**C: [sing p. 58] Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN 580**

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death.  
Amen.

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Organist: Darek Hartwig

☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞

STEWARDSHIP Last Sunday 55 people, out of love for their Savior Jesus, offered \$1,538 of which \$50 was given in memory of Tom Phillips by Janet Nelson.

BIBLE CLASS A new Sunday morning Bible Class will begin today at 11:00 a.m. The title of the series of classes will be "Where They Walked", a series dealing with some of the important cities of the Holy Land. Today we will start looking at the city of Bethlehem. You all know that Jesus was born there...but what else do you know about what happened there? The class will start with a 5 minute video. You are invited to attend.

THANK YOU We want to thank all who were involved with the special meal last Sunday that was held in honor of the 12 years of service of Pastor Heyn and the Confirmation of Ryan Lamers. Your hard work and efforts were appreciated by all. Thank you again.

CONVENTION The Annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod will take place this Monday through Thursday in Mankato, MN. The word Synod means to "walk together". Pastors and lay delegates of the Synod will meet these days to be strengthened in the faith through devotions and doctrinal papers, and to plan the work of the Synod for the next year. Mr. Al Kroll will be our Congregational delegate. Keep this convention in your prayers.

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PARSONAGE The Church Council is asking that any interested people come to the parsonage this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The purpose is to try to determine what needs to be done to get the house ready for occupancy. Suggestions/ideas are welcome and wanted.

☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE ☞

Today	Coffee and refreshments	10:30 AM
	Bible Study	11:00 AM
Thursday	Central Circle	9:30 AM
Saturday	Gathering at parsonage	9:00 AM
Next	Divine Service w/Communion	9:30 AM
Sunday	Bible Study	11:00 AM



Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the pure word and sacraments, witnessing to the lost, and nurturing fellow believers so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This we do through worship, education, service, and fellowship.