

# WELCOME

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

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#### Organist:

#### Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

#### Psalm 85

#### Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

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# SERVICE OF THE WORD

### #140:1-4 Jesus I Will Ponder Now

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



- p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we con-fess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against

You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.







p Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is to always have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your word ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



## THE WORD

Ezekiel 33:7-20 <sup>7</sup> "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.<sup>8</sup> "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup> "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"' " "Say to them: As I live,' says the Lord GOD,'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?' 12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people:'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the

day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of *his righteousness* in the day that he sins.' <sup>13</sup> "When I say to the righteous *that* he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. 14 "Again, when I say to the wicked,'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, <sup>15</sup> "*if* the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup> "None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup> "Yet the children of your people say,'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! <sup>18</sup> "When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. <sup>19</sup> "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. 20 "Yet you say,'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

I Corinthians 10:1-13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play<sup>1</sup>." <sup>8</sup> Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; <sup>9</sup> nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; <sup>10</sup> nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now all<sup>1</sup> these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will

also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



# THE 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.

### #410 Jesus Lead Thou On

## SERMON

Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? <sup>3</sup> "I tell you, no; but unless you re-

pent you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup> He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it.* <sup>9</sup> 'And if it bears fruit, *well.* But if not, after that<sup>1</sup> you can cut it down.'"

### Repent: Let Go And Cling To Jesus

Repentance means letting go of our belief in ourselves and clinging only to Jesus.





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### Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then , the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

# PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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 BENEDICTION

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makeHis face shine upon you and be gracious to you.The Lord lift up His countenance upon you andgive you peace.



### #54 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

#### SUNDAY MARCH 23

9am Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Bible Class

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 26

3:45pm Confirmation Class 7pm Lent Service

#### SUNDAY MARCH 30

9am Communion Service 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Bible Class

#### FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$1837 Missions - \$ 105 Sunday Service – 62 Wednesday – 18 No SC / BS

#### **USHERS FOR MARCH**

Greg Jones, Russ Brown, Drew Muehlenhaupt, Kade Muehlenhaupt

#### COUNTERS

This Week Team # 4 Lynn Dumke, Randy Strelow Next Week Team # 5 John Bobek, Keith Dickerson

#### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

7am Sunrise Service 8am Brunch 8am Easter Egg Hunt 9am Communion Service

#### EASTER LILIES

Signup sheet on the bulletin board. \$15 per Lily. Deadline April 6.

#### PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

8am – 11am on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 Call/Text Alison Brown for RSVP or questions.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 12:1–6 Psalm 32 2 Cor. 5:16–21 Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

#### CALL NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew whose call will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) have accepted their respective calls to Berea Lutheran School of Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.



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