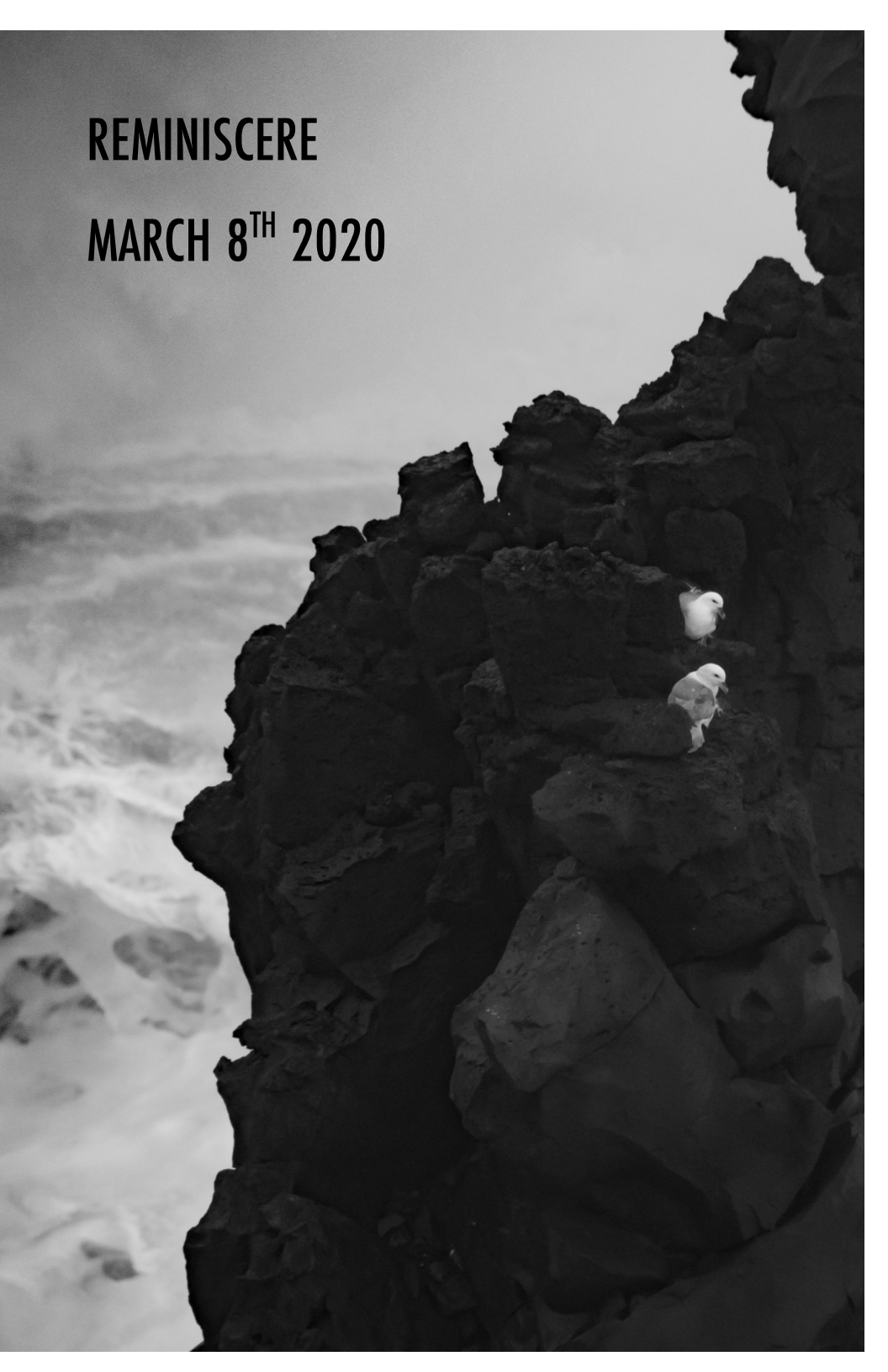


REMINISCERE

MARCH 8TH 2020



WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

MARCH 8TH, 2020 - REMINISCERE

Remember, O Lord, Your Mercy

Liturgy: Common Service

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Organist: Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Luther's Small Catechism

I. What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is the special power Christ gave to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners and to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20: “[Jesus] breathed on [His disciples] and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (John 20:22,23).

I. What is Confession?

There are two parts to confession. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from our pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven in this way before our heavenly Father.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 5 - Lord Open Thou My Heart To Hear

INVOCATION

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



c A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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 Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is


evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



The musical notation consists of two staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -". The second staff continues with "cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

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.



The musical notation consists of a single staff in a single system. It begins with a treble clef. The melody for the word "Amen" is written with a long, sweeping line that spans across the staff, indicating a long note or a specific melisma. The lyrics "A - - - men." are placed below the staff.

c A - - - men.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

c
Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men,
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory
O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



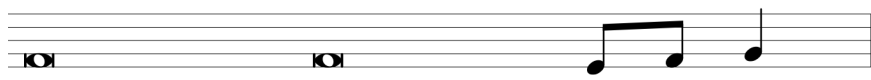
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you only are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

p The Lord be with you.



c And also with you.

p Let us pray . . . O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



THE WORD

Romans 4:1-8,13-17 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as

David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed *are those* whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed *is the* man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin." . . . ¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵ because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law *there is* no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations ") in the presence of Him whom he believed -- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

John 3:1-17 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² "If I have told you earthly things and you do not

believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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



c Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

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.

Hymn 652 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus

SERMON

Psalm 32 <A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.> Blessed is *he whose* transgression is forgiven, *Whose sin is covered.* ² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. ⁷ You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. ¹⁰ Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he

who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

HIDE FROM GOD OR HIDE IN GOD

We cannot hide our own sin, but Jesus is the lamb of God who carries away the sin of the world.

It is easy to find excuses but having confessed our sins the weight is gone.

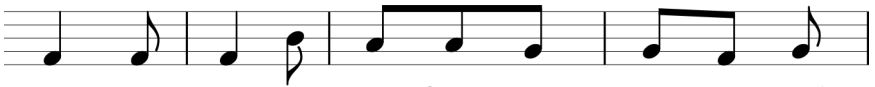
The sinner is surrounded by sorrow, but the one who trusts God is surrounded by God's mercy.



c 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 341- Crown Him With Many Crowns

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 441 VS. 1-2



c 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
stewardstrue re - cieve And glad-ly, as thou



Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless-est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

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

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 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Hymn 360:1,4-7 - Oh For A thousand Tongues

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/8

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice
10:15am Farewell to the Hansens

Tuesday 3/10

7pm Elders' Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 3/11

4pm Confirmation Class
7pm Lent Services

Friday 3/13

Grade School Tournament
(Eau Claire)

Sunday 3/15

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

Farwell party for Martin and Shawn Hansen following the service today.

UPCOMING

March 13 – 15 Eau Claire Basketball Tournaments
April 4th 2pm Easter Caroling
April 12th Easter

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS

Wednesday 3/11, Luke 23:6-12
(Pastor Michael Eichstadt)

Sunday 3/15, Psalm 38

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance - 85
General: \$ 4334.50
Missions: \$ 360.00

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team # 2
Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

Next Week: Team # 3
Lynn Dumke, Roy Draheim

MARCH USHERS - SUNDAYS

John Bobek, Russell Brown,
Bruce Braaksma, Gary Ward

LENT WEDNESDAYS

Robert McElroy, Kent Quade,
Jim Hanneman, Jim Kok

2020 EASTER SCHEDULE

April 12th
7am Early Service
8am Easter Brunch
9am Late Service
10am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER LILIES

Sign up for Easter Lilies on bulletin board. \$15 a piece.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We're planning an Easter egg hunt for the children following the second Easter Service. Talk to Lisa Reyes for more information.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

You are invited to participate in the Evangelism Workshop at Messiah, Eau Claire on Sunday, April 26. This year's theme is "Introducing the REAL Jesus."



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