

Because he himself
was tested by what
he suffered, he is able
to help those
who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18, NRSV



PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 25: 1-10

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. 9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Services are streamed live to the
TV in the kitchen (channel 4).

Hymn 416 — Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways


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.


C 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.

C  Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy 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.


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 worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory, O Lord God,

heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A-men.

THE WORD

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 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.”

James 1:12-18 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

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

C  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All 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.

Children's Hymn "Who Am I"

Hymn 413 — I Walk In Danger All the Way

SERMON

Mark 1:9-15 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him. 14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Although Satan is the one doing all the tempting, not God, nevertheless God allowed it and even lead Jesus to the place. This was done so that Jesus could pass the test that we never could. The victory is ours in Christ. Nevertheless knowing our own weakness we pray that God would keep such temptation from us.

C 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.

Hymn LSB 861 — Christ Be My Leader

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Irish Folk Tune



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in
 3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in



day, Safe through the dark-ness, for he is the
 youth, Drift - ing or doubt-ing, for he is the
 strife; Death can - not hold me, for he is the



way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 truth. Grant me to trust him, through
 life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt - ing nor




fu - ture his care; Dark - ness is
 shift - ing as sand. Doubt can - not
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal -



day - light when Je - sus is there.
 daunt me in Je - sus I stand!
 va - tion with Je - sus I reign!

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OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 442:2

C  Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly,
freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy
goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our
cold and selfish natures, warmed by Thee, at length
believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to
give than to receive

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 LSB 727 — On Eagles' Wings

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev-er capture you, And
 3 You neednot fear the ter-ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gelsHe's giv-en a command To
 bid e in his shad-ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
 fam-ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
 ar - row that flies__ by day; Though thousands fall a -
 guardyou in all of your ways; Up - on their hands theywill
 ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bout you, Near you it shall not come.
 9 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.
 And he will raise you up on ea - gles'wings,
 12 Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the
 15 sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Calendar:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 2/18

9am Sunday Service
10am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class
5pm Faith Alive Potluck and Meeting

Tuesday 2/20

Women of Faith meeting
5pm Basketball Practice

Wednesday 2/21

4pm Confirmation Class
7pm Wednesday Lent Service

Thursday 2/22

10:30am Bible Class
5pm Basketball Practice

Friday 2/23

School Valentine's Day Party at Oshkosh
YMCA

Saturday 2/24

Round Robin Basketball Tournament

Sunday 2/25

9am Sunday Service
10am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class
2pm Bucks Game in Milwaukee

UPCOMING DATES:

March 24 - Ronald McDonald Meal
March 25 - Easter Caroling at 2pm

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #1:
Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

Next Week: Team #2:
Russ Denson, Dan Dumke

FEBRUARY USHERS

Paul Eserhut, Russ Brown, Gary Quade,
Archie Quade

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance:	1/42
Bible Class/Sunday School:	15/6
General Fund:	\$3253
Missions Fund:	\$1350
School Fund:	\$20

\$40 School fund in memory of
Sharon Jahunke and Eldon Dallman

\$50 Stain Glass fund in memory
of Virginia Laper

\$20 Stain Glass fund in memory
of Janette Dillie

Announcements:

GUEST AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us
today. Please sign the guest register in the
entry as you leave the church today.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

The flower arrangement in front of
church this Sunday February 18 is in
memory Eric Brown.

FROM NEIL BERNTHAL

Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church and School,

I have received the call extended to me to teach Christ's little lambs the saving gospel message at Faith Lutheran Lutheran School. I recognize this is a divine call through the Holy Spirit to carry out Christ's command to "go into all nations teaching them to observe all that I have commanded..." I pray for the Lord's direction and guidance as I try to determine where the Lord best wants me to serve Him. I ask for your prayers in this matter as I will also keep you in my prayers. The Lord's will be done.

Yours in Christ, Neil Bernthal

FROM PASTOR KRAUSE AND FAMILY

Dear Members of Faith,

Your kindness in reaching out to us with the beautiful pine lifted our hurting hearts. We are so blessed with the reassurance of Heaven as we search Scripture and that our fellow Christians share with us. Thank you for holding us up.

Nathaniel confirmed his baptismal promise at Faith's altar. Thank you for allowing the Word to flow to him to strengthen him in his walk. May God bless all of you as you continue to grow in our Lord. In Christ,

Pastor Paul and Collette Krause and family

PASTOR PICTURES

Thank you to the Women of Faith for

updating the Pastors' pictures and plaques in the hallway.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Discussed various maintenance and building tasks that need to get done.

Discussed possibility of projecting service information to the front of the church.

Discussed what needs to be done to replace the church sign.

Stain glass window volunteers will meet the evening of Sunday, February 18 in connection with the Faith Alive Meeting.

Gluten free wafers will be offered at the first table at communion. We will look into a separate container for the gluten free wafers.

Lawn mowing signup sheet will be put up after Easter.

The need for a church secretary was brought up and discussed again.

The need for a nursing room was discussed. The old kitchen was suggested as a good spot to set up a nursing area for mothers with young children during service.

The ILC tour choir will be coming to Markesan 9am, March 18th.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Asked to get a quote for installing buzzer and camera at school door.

List of children and children's offering numbers needs to be updated. Every child should have a number.

Graduation June 3rd

CONFIRMATION MAY 20TH

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!"

Registration is open 2/1/18 - 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net.

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will also be many outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, caving, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The dates are Friday evening July 13th through Tuesday morning July 17th. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Even if you aren't sure if you can make it you can still sign up as interested.

FAITH ALIVE

There will be Easter caroling March 25th (Palm Sunday) at 2pm. We will be providing a Meal for the Ronald McDonald House in Madison March 24th. There will be a basket in the back of the church if you would like to donate to this event. All the money raised will purchase ingredients needed to make the meal. There will be a Movie Night/Lock-In April 6th for 6th grade through high

school students; there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. There is also a signup sheet for College Age Students and Adults that would like to chaperone.

STREAMING SERVICES

I'm going to try streaming our services live. They will be streamed on youtube.com. You can search on youtube for "faith lutheran markesan wi live" or you can click the "Live Video" link on our website.

OUR MISSION HELPERS

Adam and Lucas Brown have volunteered to be part of the upcoming CLC Mission Trip to central Africa. We certainly want to do our best to support Adam, Lucas and the other Mission Helpers with encouragement and prayers. Adam will also need our financial support. The cost of the trip is approximately \$3,000 - \$3500. \$2000 of this is due before March 5th. If you like to help out there should be a basket in the back of church.

CALL NEWS

Teacher Andrew Roehl, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call of teacher/principal from Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA.



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