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Lent 2

# THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Abraham called the name of that place "The Lord Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Genesis 22:14

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 121 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain***

LSB 435

## Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

### Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** We 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. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## First Reading

## *Genesis 12:1-8 (EHV)*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and proclaimed [or "called on"] the name of the Lord.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Soloist: "Canaan Bound"**

Sarah, take me by my arm. Tomorrow we are Canaan bound,  
Where westward sails the golden sun And Hebron's hills are amber crown'd.

So bid your toubled heart be still. The grass, they say, is soft and green.  
The trees are tall and honey filled. So Sarah come and walk with me.

Like the stars across the heavens flung, Like water in the desert sprung,  
Like the grains of sand our many sons. Oh, Sarah, fair and barren one,  
Come to Canaan, come.

I trembled at the voice of God, A voice of love and thunder deep.  
With love he means to save us all And love has chosen you and me.

Long after we are dead and gone, For a thousand years our tale be sung.  
How faith compelled and bore us on, How barren Sarah bore a son.  
So come to Canaan, come.

Where westward sails the golden sun And Hebron's hills are amber crown'd,  
Oh, Sarah take me by my arm. Tomorrow we are Canaan bound.

## **Second Reading**

## ***Galatians 3:5-16, 28-29 (EHV)***

**P** The second reading is from Galatians 3:5-16, 28-29.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> So then, does the one who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the law? Or does he do it by your believing what you hear—<sup>6</sup> in the same way as Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness"?

<sup>7</sup> Understand, then, that those who believe are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> Foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, Scripture proclaimed the gospel in advance to Abraham, saying, "In you, all nations will be blessed." <sup>9</sup> So then, those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

<sup>10</sup> In fact, those who rely on the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the book of the law." <sup>11</sup> Clearly no one is declared righteous before God by the law, because "The righteous will live by faith." <sup>12</sup> The law does not say "by faith." Instead it says, "The one who does these things will live by them."

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. As it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree." <sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that we would receive the promised Spirit through faith.

<sup>15</sup> Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. <sup>16</sup> The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "And to seeds," as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ.

...<sup>28</sup> There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. →

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the verse. The fourth staff is the final Alleluia chorus. Each staff begins with a 'C' in a square box, indicating a C-clef (soprano or alto clef).

**Nicene Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: 798 v. 1-5, 9 *The God of Abraham Praise***

*LSB 798 v. 1-5, 9*

**Sermon Text: Genesis 22:1-18 (EHV)**

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here."

<sup>2</sup> God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you."

<sup>3</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

<sup>5</sup> Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together.

<sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" He said, "I am here, my son." He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup> The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham said, "I am here."

<sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

<sup>15</sup> The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **Sermon Theme: Old Testament "People of the Passion" – Abraham & Isaac**

- † What are some of the "connections" to Jesus and His Passion (His suffering and death) in this account of Abraham and Isaac?

- † What was Abraham’s attitude throughout this “**test**” (v. 1) of his faith from God? (see **Hebrews 11:17-19**)

How about Isaac’s attitude during this “**test**” from God?

- † Where is the true “picture” of Jesus found in this account of Abraham and Isaac? (v. 13-14)

## Offertory

LSB 956



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

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## **Sermon Hymn: 550 Lamb of God**

LSB 550

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.  
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn, by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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 Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.*

## Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

*Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ, →



## The Distribution

- † For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

*Note to our Guests:* We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

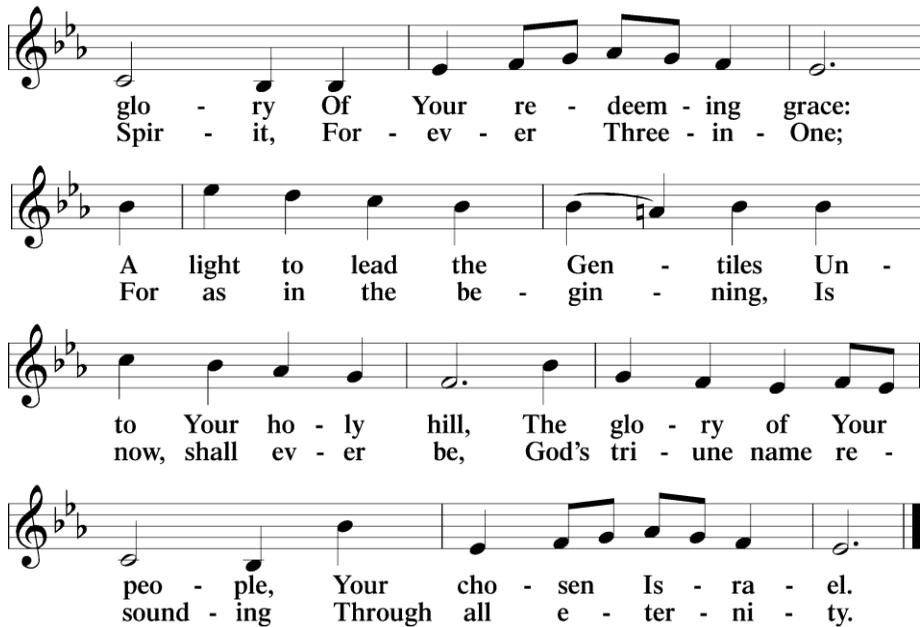
## Communion Hymns: 634 LSB; 438 LSB; 619 LSB

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: 565** *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* (please stand for last verse) LSB 565

## Announcements



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

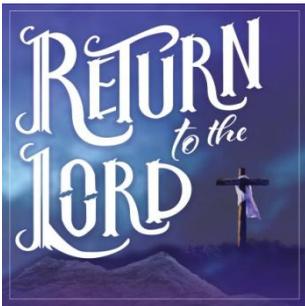
Today: **Choir Practice – 8am**  
3/1/26 **Worship w/Communion – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

This week: Tuesday – **Board of Education Meeting – 5:30pm**  
Wednesday – **Wednesday Lent Worship #3 – 6:30pm**  
Preaching: **Pastor Mike Gurath** - Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI  
Theme: "Return from Betrayal"  
Thursday – **Board of Property Meeting – 5:30pm**  
Church Cleaning: Team #9 (2/28-3/6); Team #10 (3/7-3/13)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**  
3/8/26 **Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

**In Your Mailbox** – Messiah Church Calendar - *March*

### **Wednesday Lent Worship Services / Preaching Schedule (2/18 – 3/25) @ 6:30pm**



Please make plans to join us for our **Wednesday Lent** worship services **at 6:30pm**. The theme of our Wednesday Lent series this year is **"Return to the Lord."** The theme comes from Joel 2:13 "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider this theme "Return to the Lord," and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. We pray that by studying the events and people of various parts of Jesus' Passion this helps us to see how we too have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

- ✠ **March 4<sup>th</sup> – "Return from Betrayal" – Pastor Mike Gurath** (Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI)
- ✠ **March 11<sup>th</sup> – "Return to Prayer" – Pastor Terrel Kesterson** (Ascension, Batavia, IL)
- ✠ **March 18<sup>th</sup> – "Return from False Witness" – Pastor Andy Schaller** (Luther Mem., Fond du Lac, WI)
- ✠ **March 25<sup>th</sup> – "Return to the Kingdom of God" – Pastor Luke Bernthal**

**Call for CLC Nominations** - The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 25-28, 2026. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices: ● CLC President ● CLC Vice-President ● CLC Moderator ● CLC Secretary ● Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education ● Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education. An online nomination form and accompanying information is available at [clclutheran.net/nominations](http://clclutheran.net/nominations).

**CLC News** – Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has **received** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. Pastor Tom Naumann has **also received** the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN. <> Teacher Karen Swyter has **resigned** her call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has **received** the two-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Debra Mayhew has **accepted** the full-time call to teach grades 1-2 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting has **accepted** a one-year part-time call to teach religion at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

### **CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament Band** –

Come and join the 22nd CLC Tourney Band at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 14! Register band players (grades 5-8) at [clctourneyband.weebly.com](http://clctourneyband.weebly.com) Music is available on the website. Basketball players and non-basketball players are welcome! **Our one practice will be during that Saturday morning (time TBA) with a performance around noon. Please send questions to Laurie Lau: [music@thelaus.com](mailto:music@thelaus.com)**

## Bible Readings:

3/1	1 Sam. 31 Psalm 60 1 Thess. 2:1-16
3/2	2 Sam. 1:1-16 Psalm 61 1 Thess. 2:17-3:5
3/3	2 Sam. 1:17-2:7 Psalm 62 1 Thess. 3:6-13
3/4	2 Sam. 2:8-32 Psalm 63 1 Thess. 4
3/5	2 Sam. 3:1-25 Psalm 64 1 Thess. 5
3/6	2 Sam. 3:26-39 Psalm 65 2 Thess. 1
3/7	2 Sam. 4 Psalm 66 2 Thess. 2:1-12



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## March Ushers

Caleb Gerbitz  
Fred Goodrie  
Tony Blue

**March Slideshow**  
Austin Williams

## Cleaning Team 3/7-3/13

Team 10  
D/C Albrecht  
M/M Weibue  
B. Weibye  
E/E Weaver  
R. Busse

## Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$9,865.94	\$252,376.08
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$293,920.10
Over (Under) Budget:	\$1,223.29	(\$41,544.02)
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$750.00
MDF:	\$60.00	\$865.00
Kinship:	\$100.00	\$2,646.43
Piano Fund:	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

**Attendance Last Week (2/22): 112**

**Wed. Lent #2 (2/25): 64**

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