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HYMNS: 358; 142:1-4; 163:1-6; 151:1

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-15

We see Jesus who was humbled for us, and made a little lower than the angels, that He might suffer death for everyone. Following His death He was also exalted. He was raised from the dead and all things were put in subjection under Him. In this way the sufferings and humiliation of Jesus not only completed His earthly mission of redeeming us, but also has made Him perfect, or complete as our mediator who makes intercession for us, and assures our salvation.

THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: Gethsemane

In this reading we hear of Jesus' anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane. He encouraged the disciples to watch and pray, and for the inner circle to watch with Him one hour. Jesus then prayed fervently for the Father to take this cup of suffering from Him. Jesus ended His petition to the Father in willing submission, "Your will be done," that He might complete His mission of salvation.

<u>THE SERMON</u>: Isaiah 52:7-12 Theme: How Jesus' Suffering Is Good News I. It Has a Joyous Message for Us to Hear II. It Brings Us blessed Benefits III. It Brings Us Security

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal intimate assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council will follow the service.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. (soup and sandwich supper precedes the service with serving beginning at 6:00.) The Theme for this year's Lenten meditations is: "*Remarkable Incidents in Jesus' Passion*." This Wednesday our text is Mark 15:6-15, Theme Incident: *Choosing Between Jesus or Barabbas*.

THURSDAY: Catechism class in Lake Mills at 4:30.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship with Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. Sermon text: Hebrews 5:1-10.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>March 28-30</u>: **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** at the Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona, MN, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels <u>Ushers:</u> Norm Schwartz, Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Randy Berg <u>Cleaning:</u> Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 9 Worship – 27, Sunday school - 5. Bible Class – 10. March 12, Midweek Lenten attendance – 15 March 15, choir concert - 32

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings / Memorials	
Offerings Received	1,163.50	Missions	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	10,800.00		
Received for Year:	8,363.00		

SPECIAL CHOIR OFFERING: The expenses of the Immanuel College tour choir are met by the gifts and offerings received from the congregations where they present their concerts. Offerings for the choir were received at the concert, but if there are others who could not be present and are willing to help the choir, designated offerings for the choir may also be included in today's offering.

REPORT FROM ILC TOUR CHOIR CONCERT: It was indeed a special event, with an edifying and exhilarating concert being presented by the young people from Immanuel College. We had 32 in attendance with 2 visitors from town and other CLC visitors. Special thanks to the Ladies Aid for providing the lunch for the choir. And also thanks to all who brought bars and cookies for the fellowship afterwards.

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor David Schaller of Sister Lakes, MI has received the call of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cheyenne, WY.

<u>Camp Koyquin 2014</u>: June 22 – 28, 2014! Camp JIM facilities, Pillager, MN. Camp tuition is \$150 per camper if registered by May 31st. Registration opens **March 15, 2014**! Register soon – the camp fills up fast! **Register online: www.clclutheran.net/koyquin.** For more details, check out the website! Or contact one of the directors: Tom Naumann (thomasjnaumann@gmail.com 920-266-5387) or Jess Ohlmann (jessicaohlmann3@yahoo.com 402-322-1027).