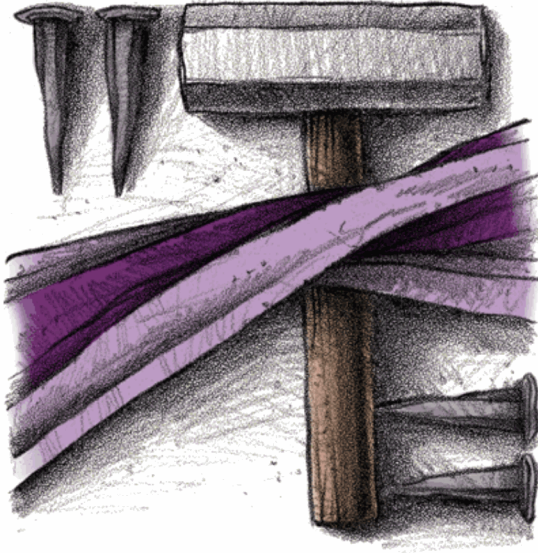


He was wounded for our transgressions.



He was bruised for our iniquities.

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March 14, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 394 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide. Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)

THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

(p.190 f)

## THE APOSTLES CREED

### **HYMN 144 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing**

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil tho't within,  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me ere its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Prove too strong for flesh and blood,  
Let me think upon Thy Passion,  
And the breach is soon made good.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the Tempter flee confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices  
On the broad and easy road  
With its mirth and luring vices  
Let me think upon the load  
Thou didst carry and endure  
That I flee all tho'ts impure,  
Banishing each wild emotion,  
Calm and blest in my devotion.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me,  
By Thy stripes, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my Rock and Tower,  
Grant that in Thy death I trust,  
Knowing Death has lost his power  
Since Thou trodd'st him in the dust.  
Savior, let Thine agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my Protection,  
Light and Life and Resurrection.

**THE SERMON:** Numbers 21:4-9

Theme: Looking to the Cross for Salvation

- I. Sin's Devious Ways
- II. Turning to the LORD for Deliverance
- III. The Lord Directs Sinners to the Cross

**SERMON TEXT:** Numbers 21:4-9

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." <sup>6</sup>So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that harm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION;

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn 173:1** Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee

1. Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee  
That Thou hast died to set us free;  
Made righteous thro' Thy precious blood,  
We now are reconciled to God.

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

Midweek Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. This Lenten season our meditation series is entitled “**It’s All About Redemption**” reflecting Luther’s explanation to the second article of the Apostle’s Creed. Our second meditation will be “**He Rescued Me from the Devil’s Power.**” Text Genesis 3:15.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy communion at 9:30. Church Council is scheduled to follow the service. No Adult Bible class next Sunday. Please register for communion with a text message to the Pastor or by phone call. Next Sunday’s sermon text: John 12:20-33.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 7 worship – 14 Wednesday 3/10 - 13

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1380.00	Prop. Impr. Fund	\$140.00
Needed for Year:	\$12,855.00	Memorial: Samantha Barthels	
Received for Year:	\$11,710.00	ILC Imprv. Fund	\$100.00

March Church Cleaning – Hellickson

**CARD SHOWER:** The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a wedding card shower for Amy Odmark Busse, to express our joy and good wishes for her married life. Cards will be collected through March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## CLC Financial Report - February

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Months	Balance 2/28/2021
<b>General Fund</b>	0	653,738	691,011	731,600	-37,273
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	948,810	851,668	918,760	97,142
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	17,371	124,243		94,576
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	2,089,388	1,069,423		1,034,507
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	164,227	120,844		127,437
Kinship	86,093	132,141	80,116		138,118
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,838,601	427,809		3,325,163
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	89,854	88,607		85,527
Reserve Fund	294,092	27,721	0		321,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,678,880</b>	<b>\$4,359,303</b>	<b>\$1,911,042</b>		<b>\$5,127,141</b>

**General Fund** – February offerings of \$65,295 vs disbursements of \$75,327, resulted in a net shortfall for the month of \$10,031, and increased the General Fund deficit to –\$37,273. Offerings to date are falling short of our CBP estimated revenue needs by \$77,862, but General Fund disbursements are \$40,589 less than estimated expenses, partly due to our boards' efforts to hold down expenses. We share the confidence of David: *"I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread."* (Ps 37:25) The Lord always provides for His people!

**ILC Operations** – February revenue of \$112,933 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements of \$111,105; 8 months through the fiscal year, disbursements are \$67,000 below YTD estimated needs.

**ILC Building Projects** – February offerings of \$435 vs disbursements of \$567 for the Building Planning Committee expenses. Earnings (dividends/interest) for 8 months are \$52,548. The Committee is preparing a recommendation for the June 24 CLC Convention for a new gym and repurposing ILC's 50-year-old gym for ILC/CLC gatherings: Musicals, Graduation, Conventions, etc.

**CEF** – February revenue of \$24,331 (congregation monthly loan payments) vs disbursements of \$251,500 (\$96,850 for 5 individual CEF Notes paid off, \$21,900 semi-annual Note interest paid, and \$132,750 for Grace, Sleepy Eye CEF loan to purchase a teacherage. Two other congregations plan to submit loan applications soon. The Trustees 20-year mortgage (\$131,300) on the Claymore Lane professorage was paid off in February.

**MDF** – February offerings of \$18,399 vs disbursements of \$11,622, which includes the 9th \$10,000 construction grant (of 12 planned) for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom building and quarters.

**SAF** – Feb receipts of \$9,771 vs disbursals of \$8,933 for student loans & grants. The SAF Endowment Account earnings (Div & Int) for 8 mo YTD are \$27,045 on an endowment portfolio of \$1,438,942.

**ILC PMPG** – Public Ministry Prep Grants: YTD receipts of \$38,836 vs a grant of \$32,400 to 9 teacher & 6 pastor students this school year, preparing to be CLC teachers & pastors. The PMP



Endowment investments of \$1.7 million has provided earnings of \$33,244 to the PMPG for FY21 year to date.

**Kinship** – Congregation offerings of \$22,353 vs disbursements of \$599 (Admin, Students, Widows).

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