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Lent 4 (Laetare – “Be Joyful”)

Today’s Focus:

GOD’S SUPPORT GIVES US JOY WHILE WE SERVE HIM!

HYMN 183 (Red Hymnal)

Jesus, Whelmed in Fears Unknown

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 2:4-10 (on back) *Paul’s epistle emphasizes that we are saved by God’s grace for service.*

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 27:7-14

The Psalmist speaks of the confidence God’s followers have because His MERCY delivers.

L: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

C: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

C: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

L: Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

C: Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

L: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

C: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

L: Wait for the LORD;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Amen!

John 13:14-21 (on back) *The Gospel is the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament Lesson, Jesus on the cross expresses God’s mercy for all who trust Him.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles’ Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 757 (Worship Supplement)

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

SERMON – NKJV Exodus 33:17-23 17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."



THEME: O LORD, SHOW US YOUR GLORY!

1. We cannot behold God's Glory in all its fullness in this world.
2. But we can behold His Glory through the Revelation of His Name and in His Son Jesus Christ.
3. And in heaven we will see God as He is in all His Glory.

Preaching today: Pastor Mark Gullerud (from our sister church of Eau Claire, WI - Messiah Lutheran)

SOLO (During Offering) "You are My Hiding Place"

By Michael Ledner

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 (Red Hymnal)

*Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.*

**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD’S PRAYER
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 359 (Red Hymnal)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-**TODAY:** We thank Pastor Gullerud for bringing the glory of God’s Word to us today. He will also be conducting Bible class on the topic of **New Testament Scripture on Stewardship**. Pastor Neal is in East Bay today filling in for Pastor Karp who is recovering from a medical procedure this past week. Pastor Neal will also be heading south today to meet with our members in LA for their monthly service there.

-**TUESDAY:** Bible class resumes at 10am with the study of the prophet Zephaniah.

-**NEXT SUNDAY:** Speak to Laurel Wright to hear more about going bowling in the afternoon.

-**CALL NEWS:** Living Word Lutheran, Liberty MO, has called Pastor David Fuerstenau from Ketchikan, AK.

-**APRIL 4th** (Saturday Church work day) – We need lots of help with tree trimming, painting, mowing, etc!

