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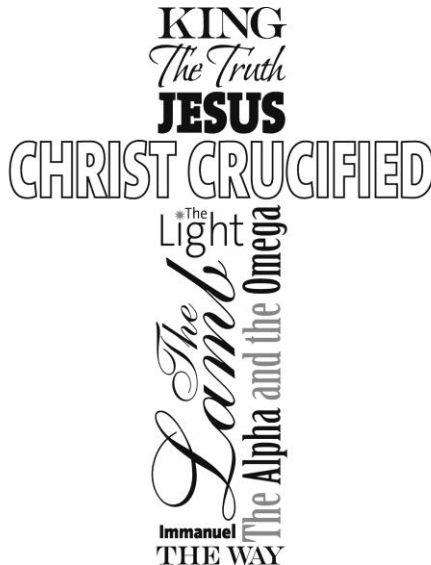
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Third Sunday in Lent – March 12th, 2023



Names of Wondrous Love

Opening Hymn: 535 *How Wide the Love of Christ!*

LSB 535



P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13

♪ Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13

**♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:
Lord God, Ruler of heaven and earth, cleanse our lives and purify our hearts so that Your Son, the King of glory, may come in and lead us rejoicing to Your heavenly city, where with the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

But the Jews were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes stood there and vehemently accused Him.

Then Herod with his men of war treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for before that they had been at enmity with each other.

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, "You have brought this Man to me as one who misleads the people; and, indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him. No, neither did Herod; for I sent you back to him, and, indeed, nothing worthy of death has been done by Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him and release Him.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished, whomever they requested. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow-insurrectionists. He had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder. And the multitude cried aloud and began to ask Pilate to do just as he had always done for them. For it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast.

Therefore, when they had gathered together, the governor, Pilate, answered them, saying, "You have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Whom do you want me to release to You? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? Do you, therefore, want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man; for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

But the chief priests and elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

Then they all cried out at once, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas. Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

Pilate therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. He said to them, "What, then, do you want me to do with Jesus, who is called Christ, Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

And they all shouted, "Let Him be crucified!" They cried out again, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Then the governor said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go."

But they were insistent. They cried out more exceedingly, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. "Let Him be crucified! Crucify Him!" And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

And wanting to gratify the crowd, Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. And he released Barabbas to them.

❏ Here ends our Passion History reading.

❏ **All we like sheep have gone astray,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
By his wounds we are healed.**

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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❏ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

(Creed continues on next page ->)

**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.**

Hymn of the Day: 453 *Upon the Cross Extended*

LSB 425

1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils

Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
sore a - bus - ed You And caused You all Your woe?
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.

The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is

giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

**5. *Your soul in griefs unbounded, Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me. The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.***

***6. Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever,
I am no longer mine. To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render And all I have to You resign.***

***7. Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.***

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
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Sermon Text: John 18:33-37 (EHV)

³³ Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ “You are a king then?” Pilate asked. Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Sermon Theme: “Names of Wondrous Love” – KING

1. The King They Wanted


- ✝ What kind of king did the religious leaders and many of the people of Jesus’ day want the Messiah to be?

- ✝ What kind of king do we often want Jesus to be?

2. The King We Need

- ✝ What kind of king is Jesus? (**v. 36-37**)


- ✝ Why is Jesus without a doubt the King we need?

 **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*
(† *If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway.* †)

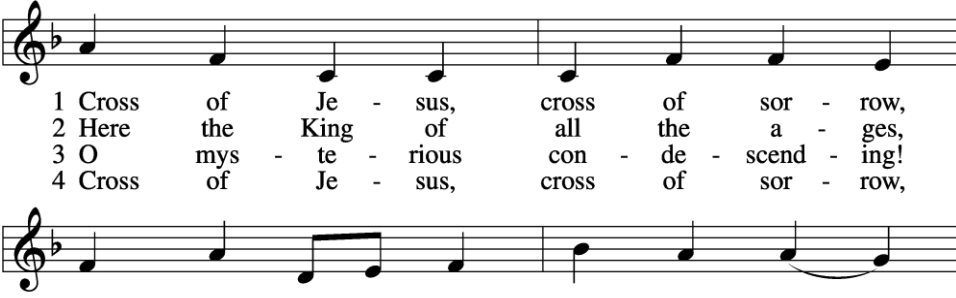
Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

 **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.**

Sermon Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
Where the blood of Christ was shed,




Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

Text: William J. Sparrow Simpson, 1860–1952
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful (please stand for the last verse) LSB 554



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
Worship – 10am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm**
Bible Class – 2pm

Monday – **No School at SSLS**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
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May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent. Please continue to join us as we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sins in our Sunday worship services.

In Your Mailboxes and in the Church Entry – St. Stephen Church Calendar – *March*
- St. Stephen & CLC Financial Reports

New 2023 Church Directories UPDATES Needed – Due by March 15th – We plan to print and distribute new church directories by next Sunday (3/19). Please check your contact information in the directory on the table in the church entryway to make sure everything is correct. Please write in the necessary changes. If everything is correct please put a check mark by your family's entry. **Please let me know of any changes by March 15th.**

Thank you! – Pastor Luke

Pastor's Call Announcement –

Dear Members and Friends of our St. Stephen Congregations,

Last Sunday evening I received a call from Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI to serve as their 3rd pastor (Messiah is the largest congregation in our church body, the CLC, with over 870 members, which is the reason they have 3 full-time pastors).

What this means is that over the next few weeks I will be prayerfully and thoughtfully considering where the Lord would have me serve best in His Kingdom: Either continue to serve our congregations here in California, or at Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

Please pray that the Lord would give me clarity as I consider this call. Your prayers for me and Jewels during this time are greatly appreciated, as well as any thoughts or advice you'd like to share. My prayers are with our congregations and school as well, as a call can be a difficult time for both pastor and congregation. We can be confident that the Lord will guide and direct us, that His good and perfect will will be done, and that it will be for our ultimate good!

In Christ, the Lord of the Church,

Pastor Luke

CLC News – Missionary Commissioning –

This weekend, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC Missionary to Tanzania. The commissioning will take place during the 9:00am worship service this morning (3/12) at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. You can watch the service and commissioning on Messiah's website (<https://eauclairemessiah.com/>) or on their YouTube page. On Messiah's YouTube page you will find a Bible Class presentation by Pastor Naumann about the work he will be doing in Tanzania, and another by Missionary Todd Ohlmann from this weekend. Pastor Naumann will be leaving for Tanzania at the end of this month and his wife Paula will be joining him there this summer. Please remember Pastor Naumann and Paula in your prayers as they begin this important work for our Savior and His kingdom abroad! – Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, CLC Board of Missions