

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

At the Crossroads:
A Series Of Services For Lent

DECLARATION



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Thomas R. Boeck, Associate Pastor

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WEBSITE: www.marcolutheran.org

We “Live stream” a worship service every Sunday. Find it on our website.

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION: www.mlclegacy.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. ▪ Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays thru March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. ▪ Splash for Kids, Sundays: 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Men's Bible Class: 8:30 a.m. ▪ Wednesday Women of the Word: 10:00 a.m.

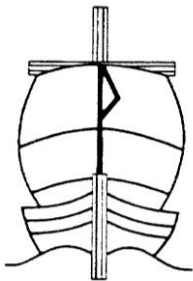
Thursday Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH



For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ☩ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven.

Before Worship ~ Speak to God (*Meditate*)

After Worship ~ Speak to Friends (*Socialize*)

As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship in a place and with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

A special welcome to our guests today. May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



FRIENDSHIP PADS are located in each row. Please fill one out, pass it down the row and back again, then returning to the center. This will help you to learn the names of those worshipping with you.

HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should “examine ourselves” ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † **Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?**
- † **Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?**
- † **Am I trusting in Jesus’ promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?**
- † **Finally, with the Lord’s help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?**

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see the Pastor or Lay minister prior to the worship service. For those who prefer, white grape juice is in the center of the tray. There are also gluten free wafers by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have difficulty coming to the front, please inform an usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS depict in design an upward motion and the blue-green colors are inviting to experience God’s mystery. Light and water are the most precious elements we need to live. They are essential, as is God. Through the waters of Baptism we are invited into God’s grace and through Jesus we see His way and truth.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

John Davis

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427, LW 101 ; v. 1-3



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,

People: Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Pastor: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

People: And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Pastor: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

People: Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus sent us as his witnesses, to proclaim his Gospel in all that we do and say.

People: Lord, we confess that we are often tongue-tied and silent when we should speak, we are often bound up in ourselves when we should act in your name. Forgive us, Lord, for our reluctance to proclaim the Good News that we treasure. Forgive our selfish clinging to what we need for ourselves and our unwillingness to offer your gifts freely to those around us. Forgive our empty promises, our silent passing by, our blindness to others, Lord. Equip and empower us. Send us mightily into your world. Fill us so full of your gracious love and forgiveness in Jesus that we cannot but shout his name and overflow with his gifts of grace.

Pastor: I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free—free to share the steadfast love of God with all. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Hark, the voice of Jesus calling” LSB 827 LW 318; v. 1-3



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.

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✠ WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of

the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:22-28

Reader: “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BELIEVE VERSE

I Believe, You Believe, We Believe in the Lord our God (repeat)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:54-62

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down

among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him."

But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(When the cross returns to its place, you may be seated)

HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

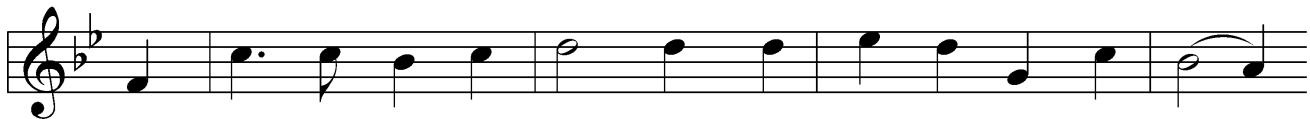
LSB 660, LW 305; v. 1 & 2



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.

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A TIME OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus” LSB 660, LW xxx; v. 3 & 4



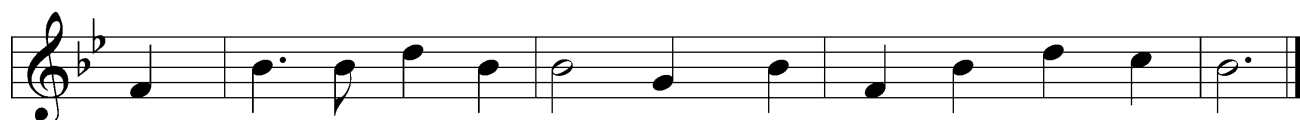
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us bring our prayers and petitions to God, who hears and answers the pleas of our hearts. We pray for this world and for our own nation. Lord, send your Spirit into our nation and this pain-filled world. Be with those who are suffering because of violence, terrorism, war and hunger. Strengthen those in need and give them courage to face the evil that surrounds them. Make us agents of healing in this hurting world. In your mercy,

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: We pray for your church in this place and throughout the world. Send faithful pastors, teachers and leaders, so that they might clearly proclaim your Word and shepherd your people. In your mercy,

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Be with us we pray, by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with your presence so that we might be about the task that Jesus sent us to accomplish, that we might proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God's salvation in Jesus. Help us to go into all the world teaching all nations what Jesus has taught us. Make us more confident of his promise to be with us to the end of the age. In your mercy,

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: We also pray for the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the lonely, especially those we name in our hearts. We commit them to your loving care. Heal, help and comfort them according to your will. In your mercy,

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: These and all other petitions and requests we bring before you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DISCIPLES 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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the perfect and perfecting grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the overflowing love of God, and the power of the Spirit that equips, empowers and sends us out to be God's proclaimers, be with us now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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POSTLUDE

John Davis

Helpful servants. Thank you!

LAY MINISTER	PAUL SULLIVAN	WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR TOM
READER	PASTOR TOM	DIALOGUE	PASTOR KEVIN
TRANSPORTERS	JAN MAY COLLYN PETERSON	USHERS	MARV THOR NORMA THOR KAY HUNTER STEVE NOLAS
		WELCOME CENTER	MARLENE WALTER

LAST WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE

March 21 at 7:00 p.m.: a dialog with John

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, March 25 at 8 & 11 a.m.: a dialog with Simon the Zealot

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29 at 7 p.m.: a dialog with Marie and Tom

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 at 7 p.m.: a dialog with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

EASTER, April 1 at 8 & 11 a.m.: a dialog with Mary Magdalene

