

attend. If there are those from the congregation who would be interested in attending this year's visitors' day, please let Pastor Libby know before the registration deadline of Friday, April 20th.

- **Arise and Shine 20's and 30's Retreat:** This year's Arise and Shine 20's and 30's Retreat will be held June 7-10, 2012 at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN (Brainerd area). The theme for this year's retreat is "self", based on Matthew 16:21-26 (ESV): "...Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it..." and on John 3:30 (NKJ): "He must increase; but I must decrease." Information and registration can be found at [www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com](http://www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com). Costs are \$125 per adult (ages 7 and up), \$50 (ages 4 – 6), FREE (ages 0-3). Child Care is provided at no additional cost to families. Families attending the retreat are asked to register by May 18th to enable child care arrangements to be made. Questions can be directed to Pastor Luke Bernthal ([lbernthal@live.com](mailto:lbernthal@live.com); 402.389.2147) or Alana Ahrens ([alanaahrens@yahoo.com](mailto:alanaahrens@yahoo.com) 402.322.9064).
- **Other CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath will be installed as pastor of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ this Sunday, March 25. < > Messiah, Eau Claire member Orville Noeldner was taken home to be with the Lord late Sunday evening, March 18. His funeral was held at Messiah, Eau Claire on Friday, March 23. Among many others roles as a servant of the Lord, Orv was the first Treasurer of the CLC. Correspondence with the family can be directed to: Tim Noeldner, 4626 Talmage Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

## Our Response of Faith — March 18, 2012

Attendance: 24

Unified Budget .....	\$235.00
Total.....	\$235.00

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*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." - Psalm 122:1*

## MARCH 25, 2012 – 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 143, pg. 155

Organist: Laura Heinze

**Pastor:** Opening Prayer

**Hymn 370** — *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost.

**People:** *Amen.*

**Pastor:** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**People:** *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**People:** *Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Hallelujah!*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor:** God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

**People:** 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.

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

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

**Pastor:** Let us pray together:

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

**Pastor:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*[All Sing]: God, we praise You! God, we bless You!  
God, we name You sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne  
Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

**People:** *Amen.*

## Hymn 394 — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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## Announcements

- **Wednesday** — A midweek Lenten worship service will be held at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m., with refreshments to follow the service.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **April Church Council Meeting Moved One Week:** Due to Easter Sunday falling on the second Sunday in April, the Church Council meeting of Faith will be moved to the following Sunday, April 15.
- **Good Friday Service (Sign-up):** Due to a small number who were able to attend last year's Good Friday service here at Faith, the Church Council thought it good to ask for a count of those who believe they might be able to attend a 3 p.m. Good Friday service this year here at Faith.
- **Project Kinship Sponsorship:** Over the past few years, through the CLC's Project Kinship program, our congregation has been sponsoring a Nigerian seminary student, Anthony Isaiah, who has now graduated and is pastor at a Nigerian congregation affiliated with the CLC. A picture and some short details concerning Pastor Isaiah are available at the back of the church sanctuary.
- **Internet Video Service Problems:** We are currently experiencing problems uploading videos of worship services for viewing on Grace-Sleepy Eye's website. Until this problem is solved, no new service videos will be available for viewing.
- **ILC High School Visitors' Day:** Immanuel Lutheran High School of Eau Claire, WI will be hosting its annual high school visitors' day on Friday, April 27. Those 7th grade and older are invited to

**Hymn 220** — *Jesus, My Great High Priest* (Sung to the Tune of TLH #465)

## The Sermon – John 12:20-33

Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. 27 " Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

### ***“A Voice From Heaven”***

#### The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit  
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with  
Thy free spirit.*

**Hymn 352** — *O Savior, Precious Savior*

#### The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

*All: Amen, amen, amen!*

## 1st Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. ... *The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ...*  
(Exodus 34:6-7) Alleluia!

**Congregation:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## 2nd Scripture Reading – Hebrews 5:1-9

**People:** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. 3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. 4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." 6 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; 7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him ...

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

**People:** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12