

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 297 — *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 358 — *Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee*

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Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **With the Lord:** Earlier this past week, retired CLC pastor, and father Sarah Schmidt, Robert Mackensen, was taken from the world to be at home with the Lord in Heaven. We praise God for this blessing of soul granted to Pastor Mackensen while also remembering Sarah and her family in our prayers during this time of earthly loss.
- **April Women of Faith Meeting:** A Women of Faith meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, at 2:15 at the apartment of Myra Geslin.
- **CLC Project KINSHIP Update:** A new April 2012 CLC Project KINSHIP update is available on the table at the back of the church sanctuary.
- **CLC News:** Miss Ann Sprengeler, Markesan WI, has returned the call to Holy Trinity Lutheran school, W. Columbia SC. <> Through the Assignment Committee, Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, SD has called Sherman Carstensen to teach grades K thru 8th. <> The Board of Missions has called the Rev. Bruce Naumann, Eau Claire WI, as missionary to India.

Our Response of Faith — April 15, 2012

Attendance: 21

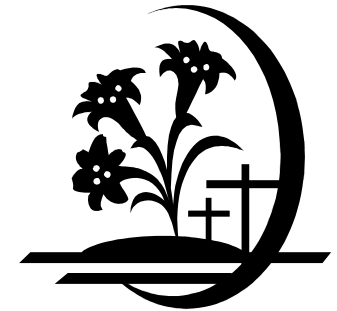
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APRIL 22, 2012 – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 118, pg. 148

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 188 — *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

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.*

1st Scripture Reading – 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life -- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us -- 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But 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. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. *He has delivered us ... into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 24:36-49

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

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." 37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." 40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate in their presence. 44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 "And you are witnesses of these things. 49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

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

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 732 — *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

The Sermon – Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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