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Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 118 (Hymnal page 148)

Behold, Your Humble King!

Opening Prayer:

Invocation: Let us worship Christ our King with all our heart in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong:



C: A - men.

Opening Hymn: 160 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,

And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews
With psalms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

4. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
To Thee, before Thy Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Palm Sunday Praise (From the Gospels)

P: Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Cong: Hosanna in the Highest!

P: Blessed is the kingdom of our Father David that comes in the name
of the Lord!

Cong: Hosanna in the Highest!

P: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Cong: We praise You, Christ our King and Saviour.

Cong. Sing:

Mel. 341

**Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

~ Confession of Sins and Absolution ~

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.” (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we do not have clean hands and a pure heart, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? We seek Your Grace. Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus’ sake, so that we may worship you with clean hands and pure hearts and sing Your praises.

C: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus’ blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so

**that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice,
acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.**

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. By the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Sing Crown Him the Lord of Love
 Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
 No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bends his wondering eye At mysteries so bright!**

Responsive Dialog: From Revelation 5

P: In Heaven the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb saying:

**Cong: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for
You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out
of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made
us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.**

P: Then all the hosts of Heaven joined in giving praise to Christ the Lamb who was slain for us, saying with a loud voice:

**Cong: Worthy is the Christ the Lamb who was slain to receive
power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory
and blessing! Amen.**

P: To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,

Cong: to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Cong. Sing:

Mel. 341

**Crown Him the Lord of Life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,**

Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- The Worship Prayer -

P: Let us pray - O Almighty and everlasting God, Your Son rode into Jerusalem like a King, yet He did not come to rule an earthly kingdom, He came in all lowliness to die on the cross so that He may rule over us as King of Your Heavenly Kingdom. Mercifully grant that we may receive His great humility to confess our sins and humbly serve others the way Christ has served us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: C: A - men.

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10

9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C: Sing

**Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns
For He is King of all. Amen**

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-44

28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany,
at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples,
30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will
find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.
31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say
to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent
went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they
were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you
loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."
35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on
the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread
their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the
descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples
began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty
works they had seen, saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And
some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke
Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if
these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." 41 Now
as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you
had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make
for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days
will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment
around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level
you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave
in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of
your visitation."

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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: 162 Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching Sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain.
Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.

Sermon: Mark 11:12-26

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS!

Mark 11:12-14 & 20-22:

“12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, ‘Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.’ And His disciples heard it.”

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

Are You

A Fruitful Tree Or Nothing but Leaves?

Mark 11:15-19

15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. 19 When evening had come, He went out of the city.

Mark 11:22-26

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Hymn: 799 This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God? (Refrain)

2 Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

3 Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation. (Refrain)

4 Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

5 For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

Psalm 117:

P: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!

C: Laud Him, all you peoples!

P: For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

C: And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Prayers:

The 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.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn: 339 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the Fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
4. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,

Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6. Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

“7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

Holy Week

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30 am

Thursday - Shut-in-visit with George at 1:30

Catechism Class at 4:00

Good Friday Service at 10:00 am.

We commemorate Christ's death on our behalf in this Good Friday communion service. Following our Lenten theme of the **The Deepest Stroke that Pierced Him was the Stroke that Justice Gave!** we will Ponder the amazing turn of events, as **Before the Father, Jesus was Executed.**

Easter Sunday

The most important day of the church year, the day when our salvation was complete; also the most joyful day, the day when Christ Rose from the Dead and won the Victory once and for all. This is the Day that gives meaning and purpose to every day of our lives. Truly "This is the Day the Lord has made, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. Jesus has given everything to us, the best we can give is our Worship and Praise. Don't miss it - 10:00 am next Sunday.

Sunday May 4th

Your Pastor will be in Eau Claire for Board of Doctrine meetings from April 28-30. Then he has been asked to preach for the Mission Festival in Loveland, Colorado on May 4th. Since the People Place is not available for our services that weekend, we might want to consider having everyone worship in their homes online.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA.

Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI.

Rising Persecution in India

Yesterday afternoon CLCI president Jyothi and pastor Kishore were returning from his church when they were stopped and dragged from his

motorcycle by 6 masked men and beaten. Kishore saved Jyothi's life; he was able to slip into the ditch and only suffered a few scratches and broken teeth. Kishore, however, was beaten severely with wooden sticks. They stole his motorcycle while telling them to stop evangelizing. Jyothi and Kishore went to the hospital where Kishore had to have surgery on his nose and for his three front broken teeth. Jyothi had to have root canals. They filed a police report but since the men were masked and there were no witness the police are unable to do much. They have yet to recover to motorcycle.

A pastor not in our fellowship was recently killed 50 miles from this area, probably by the same group that attacked our men.

On March 19th a CLCI preaching station was attacked by a group of Hindu extremists who stopped the service and demanded to see a worship permit. The pastor and members went to the police who told the pastor to stop leading the church and ordered him to meet with the police superintendent. I have often been to this area and it was in this town that both Todd and I were (separately) investigated by the police. It is most likely that our visas were cancelled because of our visits to this area.

Recently 50 people stopped another CLCI Sunday worship service in a different area and ordered the pastor and believers to stop the service or move to another village.

Please pray for our CLCI brothers and sisters as they are facing more and more persecution in a supposedly secular and free country. While these attacks are illegal, it is difficult to get justice from a predominantly Hindu police force.

Pastor Hein Update

Janelle Hein gives the latest report.

John started his new chemo treatment on Monday which is comprised of two drugs - docetaxel and ramucirumab. Dr. King said that this combo is harder than the previous chemo, but not as bad as the very first treatment that he had back in 2022. (I'm not sure that is true!) Even though we knew it would be tough, it sure doesn't make it any easier.

The fatigue and general sick feeling that John is experiencing is very overwhelming right now. And the even tougher thing to know is that he'll start to feel better one of these days and then it'll start all over with the next cycle.

John was ok yet on Tuesday and then it hit hard. He did not get out of bed at all yesterday and didn't eat anything either. Today is not much better, although I was able to get him into the clinic for IV fluids, so hopefully that will help perk him up a bit. He will have a scan mid-June to see if the drugs are doing anything helpful.

CLC Mission Prayer List

Ongoing Needs of God's Servants—Due to poverty and a lack of opportunities in many developing nations where the CLC is privileged to work, seminary students and most pastors we work with struggle to support their families. This is true of most of the members as well. Because funding for pastoral training, Bibles, Christian literature, and direct Gospel outreach is the priority for CLC, we trust the Lord to provide for other local needs. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who love and serve the Lord, asking our gracious Savior to provide all that is needed for His servants and for the spread of the Good News!

DR Congo (Central Africa) – The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been embroiled in war for many years. In recent months the violence has intensified with rebel militias advancing and capturing the major city of Goma. The level of brutality and suffering is almost unimaginable. The violence has caused massive displacement, with hundreds of thousands of people forced to flee their homes. Many live in makeshift camps with limited access to food, clean water, and healthcare. Because of the violence, sexual assault, child abductions, suffering, and death that has taken place, citizens of the DRC have staged protests, some violent, against the centralized government, the UN, and western governments for not doing enough to end the violence. Many of the violent protests have taken place in the capital city of Kinshasa, where Pastor Lumiangu lives and ministers to the members of the Confessional Lutheran Church of the Family of Saints. Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that while protests have only

happened in Lubumbashi, threats and rumours of rebel activities in the southeast part of the country keep everyone on edge. Much of the violence and fighting is taking place around the borders of Burundi and Rwanda, where CLC and CCLC contacts are located. Pray for peace and protection for all those who are suffering.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – The BLCM building project is expected to begin soon as they need to complete the site work, foundation piles, and ground floor slab before the monsoon season begins in late April. They had hoped to begin sooner, but because Bangladesh is 95% Muslim, construction will be delayed until the end of Ramadan. The Board of Missions has sent the first installment of an MDF grant to help support this project. Plans are to send funds in five installments over the next six months to help complete this project. Additional offerings to the MDF will be needed to complete funding on schedule. This multipurpose building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work so that the project can stay on schedule.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF-grant and local offerings, the Nigeria- CLC has begun construction on a new multipurpose building for the seminary. The building will include two large classrooms, library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Recent pictures show great progress. With an increase in enrolment and expectations for even larger enrolment next year, this new building will be put to good use. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit the NCLC in mid-March. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members.