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**Last Sunday after the Epiphany  February 26, 2017**

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship ……………. The Grantsburg High School Choir

Pastor: *Let us open our Worship Service this morning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s children said:*

**“AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD!**” *(Psalm 106:48)*

Opening Hymn…..**#3**……(Red Hymnal & on screen)……” Holy, Holy, Holy”

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*Pastor:* Let us take a few moments to silently talk to God from our hearts

*Pastor:* Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer

**We confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore we come to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in Your mercy, and asking Your forgiveness.**

*Pastor:* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10: 8-10)

*Congregation*: **Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise … **#372 (vs, 1 & 3  & on screen)** ………...…” Our God Reigns”

The Prayer of the Day

First Lesson…… (on screen)……...........................................… **Isaiah 40:9-11**

Second Lesson….(on screen.)…………………………….……...…... **Isaiah 52:7**

The Gospel.......... (on screen)….……..…...................................... **Luke 24:25-27**

**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**

Children's Choir…………………………………. Children of the Heavenly Father

Children’s Sermon

Pulpit Hymn …**#444 (vs. 1 &  on screen)** ………...” I Love to Tell the Story”

Message…………………………………………………… Jerusalem Wall of Life

Hymn of the Day……… **#526  (vs. 1,3,4 & on screen)**................... The Solid Rock

The Apostles’ Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism, Ambassador Publications, 2007)

**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, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall 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**

The Offertory *(presentation of our offering to the Lord)*

Response: **#88** Words below …..................................“More Precious Than Silver”

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,**

**Lord, You are more costly than gold.**

**Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,**

**And nothing I desire compares with You.** (x 2)

### Prayers of the Church (see insert, congregation may be seated)

After each petition the Pastor will pray: *“We ask this in Jesus Name.”*

Congregational Response: “**Thank you Lord Jesus.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn…..**#450  (vs. 1,2,5 & on screen)**..……” Lift High The Cross”

Closing Prayer

Pastor: *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*We are so blessed to have worshiped together today. We pray God’s blessings upon our members, friends, families and visitors. Visitors are invited to take a “Welcome Packet” and sign our guest book in the narthex. Visitors are also invited to join us for fellowship and coffee following the service.*

Thank you to **Kent Lahners** for reading our scripture lessons. Thanks also to all the other participants in our service today for being a blessing in our worship.

Thank you to **Patti Solveson** for sharing in our Worship Service today.  Patti will also be at our Adult Bible Study to tell us more about the **Jerusalem Wall of Life.**  A basket has been placed in the back of the sanctuary for those wishing to give an offering towards this ministry.

Checks can be made out to **ArtCry International.**

Thank you to**Director Linda Benge** and the**Grantsburg High School Choir**for their special music for us today. A copy of the DVD  "Emmaus Road" will be given to each choir member.

**Wednesday Lenten Services**

Our Lenten Services will begin with the Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, March 1, from 6:30 -7:15 p.m.  Choir practice will follow afterwards.

**TODAY** 9:30 am ……………….……......................................Worship Service

*Followed by coffee and fellowship*

11:00 to Noon…………………………………………Sunday School

11:15 to 11:45 am.................................................... Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm….......……Psalm 91 Bible Study-at the Blomberg Residence

**MON** 6:00 pm…………………..……………..……………… Divorcecare

**TUES.** 7:00 pm………………..…………… Biblical Covenants Bible Study

**WED.** 6:30am………….…………...……………………Men’s Bible Study

9:00 am……………………...……….………………………..Quilting

12:00……………………….…….… Biblical Covenants Bible Study

2:00 to 3:00 pm …………..…..….……. Congregational Prayer Time

After School 3:45 to 5:15 p.m…(at Calvary)……...……..Noah’s Park

6:30 pm……………………………………Mid-Week Lenten Service

7:15 pm……………………......….……….………..…..Choir Practice

**SAT**. 6:30 pm…………………….…………….Marriage Enrichment Class

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