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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18, ESV

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.

Serving Today

Elder of the Week

Shari Stepanek

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Linda Melders

Organist

Nancy Brock

Altar Care

Karen Bishop

Kathy Perkins

Ushers

Shirley Lodes

Janie Hlinicky

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Doris Horn

As We Gather

On the flat and wide-open spaces of Western Texas looms a large steel cross that towers next to the interstate and can be seen from miles away. The original cross of Jesus Christ looms large in many ways also. It announces healing for the brokenness of our relationship with God. The cross looms large in proclaiming a new approach of man to God—no longer the drudgery of slavish prayers and fasting in order to gain His favor. Instead, the cross proclaims the arrival of salvation by Grace. Those who do not believe see the cross of Christ as foolishness. How could one man's death, and that by crucifixion, change anything? But the Apostle Paul tells us clearly that the same cross which the perishing find foolish, is God's power unto salvation for all who believe. The cross saves all who trust in Jesus. And that means that the cross of Christ is indeed the biggest thing in our lives.



Welcome

PREPARATION

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

sts. 1, 4-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. (a moment of silence is observed)
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You, Lord, all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for**

them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
8He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

- L** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
- C** **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”**
- L** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,
- C** **it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.**
- L** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
- C** **but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,**
- L** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
- C** **whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

He Is Exalted

1 He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

ref He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Greeting

The Wonderful Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride
- 2 See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown
- ref O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name
- 3 Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all; Refrain

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Sermon *“God’s Wise Response to Man’s Puny Wisdom: The Cross”*

Offering

(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)

Prayers of God's People

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with the company of the angels and of your saints we praise you for the wonderful cross of Christ.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Lord’s Prayer

- C** **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.**

Distribution Hymns

To God Be the Glory

- 1 To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in
- ref Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done
- 2 O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives; Refrain
- 3 Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see; Refrain

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The Old Rugged Cross

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain
- ref So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
- 2 O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary; Refrain
- 3 In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me; Refrain
- 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share; Refrain

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I'd Rather Have Jesus

- 1 I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be His than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
- ref Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today
- 2 I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
I'd rather be true to His holy name; Refrain

3 He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb
He's all that my hungering spirit needs
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead; Refrain

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Benediction

P May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

G Amen.

Oh How He Loves You and Me

1 Oh how He loves you and me
Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life
What more could He give
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

2 Jesus to Calv'ry did go
His love for sinners to show
What He did there
Brought hope from despair
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

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This Week's Calendar

January 29, 2023

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Monday	6:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	5:45 P.M.	Education Board Meeting
	6:30 P.M.	English Class
Wednesday	5:00 P.M.	Music Rehearsal
	5:50 P.M.	Dinner
Thursday	6:30 P.M.	Bible Study for All Ages
	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
	6:30 P.M.	Elders Meeting
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday	7:30 A.M.	Men's Ministry Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:00 A.M.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Serving Next Week

February 5, 2023

Elder on Duty	Ron Horn
Ushers	Greg & Tere Bond
Money Counters	Brad & Anna Bomhoff
Altar Care	Lynn Riley & Theresa Holsten

Attendance Last Week

Sunday's Worship Attendance	59
Bible Class Attendance	14



Treasurer's Report (January 22, 2022)

<i>(Needed Weekly for Gen. Fund \$4,322.35)</i>	
General Fund (Offerings)	\$2,948.00
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 88.00
Roof Loan	\$ 5.00
Total Received	\$3,041.00



“Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” 1 Corinthians 1:18

God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

2022 Contribution Statements are now available in the narthex. Be sure to pick yours up today.

Birthdays This Week:

Jan 30 Joseph Billetter
 Rex Rorabaugh
 Feb 1 Tere Bond
 Feb 2 Mike Riley
 Feb 3 Linda Pratt
 Feb 4 Patti Casey

Anniversaries This Week:

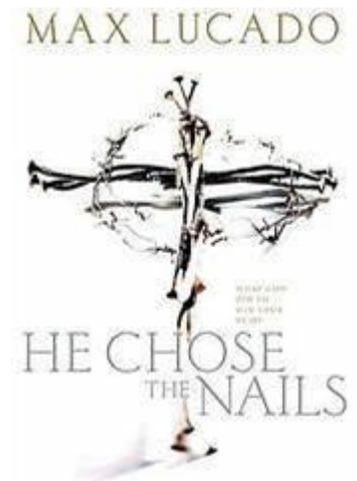
Feb 2 Rex & Opal Rorabaugh



He Chose the Nails

A special part of our Lenten observance this year will be to include Max Lucado’s series, “He Chose the Nails”. In this five-part series which we will take in on Sunday mornings, Lucado explores the great lengths God went to in order to win your heart. Our sermon message on those 5 Sundays will reflect the titles of each of the 5 messages.

- He Chose to Become One of Us
- He chose to Forgive Us
- He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence
- He Chose to Love Us Forever
- He Chose to Give Us Victory



So, please stay tuned for this special Lenten presentation starting in February, “He Chose the Nails.”



You are cordially invited to Pastor Henschel's retirement celebration on Sun. Jan. 29th with a special worship service at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. And a light reception following in the South Pod provided by the LWML ladies.

We will also have a recognition prayer for him at the morning services on the 29th.

In His Grip,

Rev. Mark R. Muenchow

**Rev. Mark R. Muenchow
Senior Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church and
School, OKC**

"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the fullest." John 10:10

Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering or In Need

Gloria Michael	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Chester Kyle	health and well being	<i>Member</i>
Rev. Barrie Henke	Stage 4 colon cancer	<i>Former District Pres. LCMS</i>
Irene Marshall	health and well being	<i>Mother of Kathy Warren</i>
Patti Casey	upcoming surgery	<i>Member</i>

Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound
Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership
Pray for our government officials and first responders
Prayers for Worldwide Church



Pray for Those Serving Their Country

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Pena	Joey Pena	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Cole Morris	Timothy Thomas



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