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*Mission Statement of  
Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool  
of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

*As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of  
Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of  
God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will  
nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our  
community and throughout the world, all to His glory.*



## **STAND FIRM IN THE LORD**

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

*February 28, 2010*

#### **Prayer before Worship**

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer." Amen.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Service of the Word*

#### OPENING HYMN

#### **Take the World, But Give Me Jesus**

*(The soloist will introduce the hymn by signing the first verse. The congregation is invited to join in for the remaining verses.)*



1 Take the world, but give me Je- sus!  
2 Take the world, but give me Je- sus!  
3 Take the world, but give me Je- sus!



All its joys are but a name.  
Sweet-est com- fort of my soul.  
In his cross my trust shall be



But his love a- bides for- ev- er,  
With the Sav- ior watch- ing o'er me,  
Till with clear- er, bright- er vi- sion



Through e- ter- nal years the same.  
I can- ting though thun- ders roll.  
Face to face my Lord I see.



Oh, the height and depth of mer- cy; Oh, the length and breadth



of love! Oh, the full- ness of



re- demp- tion, Pledge of end- less life a-bove!

*please stand*

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven 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 God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written on four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -".

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**P:** Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*please be seated*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Jeremiah 26:8-15**

8 But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The

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LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. 13 Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. 15 Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

**SECOND LESSON**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

And now these three remain:  
**FAITH,.....**  
**& HOPE**  
*Love.*  
..... But the greatest  
of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

**THE SERMON ~ Luke 13:31-35 ~**

**JESUS NEVER LOOKED BACK**

- **When faced with opposition**
- **When knowing he would die**
- **Extending love and hope**

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

32 He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' 33 In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day — for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

*please stand*

**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.**

*please be seated*

**OFFERING**

*Guests and visitors, please do not feel that we expect an offering from you; but we thank you if you wish to assist us in our efforts to carry out our ministry of the gospel.*

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

*please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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.*

*please be seated*

**HYMN**

**The King of Glory Comes**  
(Hymn 363)

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**CLOSING HYMN AND BLESSING**

*(The congregation is invited to sing the first 3 verses, the organist will play a 4th verse while the pastor speaks the blessing. The congregation will sing the refrain after the blessing to close the service)*

1. Fa - ther, we love you; we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
 2. Je - sus, we love you; we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
 3. Spir - it, we love you; we wor - ship and a - dore you,

Glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

Glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,  
 Glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,  
 Glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_