THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

▼ PREPARATION **▼**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN "I Bind unto Myself Today"

{LSB 604 - 5 stanzas}

I bind unto myself today By invocation of the same,

I bind this day to me forever, His Baptism in the Jordan River, His bursting from the spicèd tomb, His coming at the day of doom,

I bind unto myself today His eye to watch, His might to stay, The wisdom of my God to teach, The Word of God to give me speech, The strong name of the Trinity
The Three in One and One in Three.

By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation, His cross of death for my salvation, His riding up the heav'nly way, I bind unto myself today.

The pow'r of God to hold and lead, His ear to hearken to my need, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, His heav'nly host to be my guard. Against the demon snares of sin, The natural lusts that war within, Or few or many, far or nigh, Against their fierce hostility, The vice that gives temptation force, The hostile foes that mar my course; In ev'ry place and in all hours, I bind to me those holy pow'rs.

(please stand)

I bind unto myself the name, By invocation of the same, Of whom all nature has creation, Praise to the Lord of my salvation;

The strong name of the Trinity
The Three in One and One in Three,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: What a priest we have in Jesus!

People: He is our source of eternal salvation.

Pastor: He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

People: He offers prayers and supplications for us.

Pastor: He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

People: What a priest we have in Jesus!

CONFESSION

Pastor: Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though

our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence

to ask for forgiveness. Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served.

We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for

the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all

your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.

₩ WORD **₩**

INTROIT Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

People: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Pastor: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

People: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest. Teach us to follow Your

example of service and sacrifice for others, so that more people may know of the forgiveness that can only be found in You; for You live and reign with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. (please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (God's new covenant)

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrew 5:1-10 (Jesus is our great High Priest.)

1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10: (32-34) 35-45 (please stand)

(The Son of Man came to serve and give His life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34 And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us

to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life & of the world to come. Amen. (please be seated)

HYMN "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

 $\{LSB 529 - 4 stanzas\}$

Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus, Bears the name above all names, Reigning Son of God, surpassing Other titles, pow'rs and claims - Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, Let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered,
Who like us was tried and tempted,
Unlike us, without a stain Since He shared our lowly place,
Let us boldly seek His grace.

Sacrifice and suff'ring over,

Crowned with praise, no more an outcast,

Such a great High Priest we have,

Now He sits at God's right hand,
His preeminence long-planned;
Strong to help, supreme to save.

Love's example, hope's attraction, Faith's beginning and its end, Pioneer of our salvation, Mighty advocate and friend; Jesus, high in glory raised, Our ascended Lord be praised!

MESSAGE: "Jesus, Our Perfect High Priest"

Hebrews 5:1-10

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to

their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen. (please be seated)

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful

stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

{LSB 781 vv. 1-2}

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

▼ SACRAMENT ▼

PREFACE (please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 and great High Priest, who suffered for us in order to make us perfect. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud

and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, our great High Priest, we beg You, O Lord, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who came to serve and give His life for us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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 \maltese blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the sin of the world away; And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

{CCLI #3350395 – 4 stanzas}

HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found This Cornerstone this solid Ground What heights of love what depths of peace My Comforter my All in All

In Christ alone who took on flesh This gift of love and righteousness Till on that cross as Jesus died For every sin on Him was laid

There in the ground His body lay Then bursting forth in glorious Day And as He stands in victory For I am His and He is mine

No guilt in life no fear in death From life's first cry to final breath No power of hell no scheme of man Till He returns or calls me home He is my light my strength my song Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

When fears are stilled when strivings cease

Fullness of God in helpless babe Scorned by the ones He came to save The wrath of God was satisfied Here in the death of Christ Llive

Here in the love of Christ I stand

Light of the world by darkness slain Up from the grave He rose again Sin's curse has lost its grip on me Bought with the precious blood of Christ

This is the power of Christ in me Jesus commands my destiny Can ever pluck me from His hand Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

HYMN: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

 $\{LSB 637 - 3 stanzas\}$

Draw near and take the body of the Lord, Offered was He for greatest and for least,

He who His saints in this world rules and shields, With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

To all believers life eternal yields; Gives living waters to the thirsting soul. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow And take the pledges of salvation here. As in this feast of love You bless us now.

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

 $\{LSB 770 - 3 stanzas\}$

What a friend we have in Jesus, What a privilege to carry Oh, what peace we often forfeit; All because we do not carry All our sins and griefs to bear! Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what needless pain we bear -Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? We should never be discouraged -Can we find a friend so faithful Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - Is there trouble anywhere?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Who will all our sorrows share?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Precious Savior, still our refuge -Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Cumbered with a load of care? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Take it to the Lord in prayer. Thou wilt find a solace there.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor:

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. We ask that You would strengthen us as we journey toward Holy Week, trusting in Jesus, the source of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People:

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be

gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♥ give you peace.

People: Amen. (please be seated)

HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

{LSB 435- 4 stanzas}

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Here a pure and healing fountain In a full, perpetual tide,

Come in poverty and meanness, From infection and uncleanness, Wash your robes and make them white;

Come in sorrow and contrition, Here the guilty, free remission, Health this fountain will restore;

They that drink shall live forever; God is faithful; God will never Signed when our Redeemer died, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Flows for you, for me, for all, Opened when our Savior died.

Come defiled, without, within; From the leprosy of sin, Ye shall walk with God in light.

Wounded, impotent, and blind; Here the troubled, peace may find. They that drink shall thirst no more.

'Tis a soul-renewing flood. Break His covenant of blood, Sealed when He was glorified.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

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Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Prayers for **Kim Pfaff** recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery

Karen Brosien requests prayers for her Father, Carl Landinger, dealing with a kidney tumor, for daughter Amelia's fighting infection following knee surgery, and prayers for brothers in Northeast Texas.

Prayers for Chris Carter & wife Penny as he undergoes chemo and radiation.

Brad & Laura Sanders requests prayers for daughter **Naomi** whose baby is due this week and continued prayers for her Father, **Jack**

Hal & Lindy Eschenko request prayers for God's blessing for Grandson – Jesse and fiancé Alice as they will be married this Saturday, March 16th

Prayers for Karla Marchell recovering from surgery & husband Kirk caring for her

Prayers for Sue Knott recovering from knee replacement & Rory as he cares for her

Prayers for John Soper for healing and pain relief as his leg surgery has been postponed

Prayers for Gloria Bloecher & her medical team as she remains in their care

Debra Beard requests prayers for her Brother, Tod Dunlevy in Wisconsin, as he recovers.

Prayers for Gus Addington for continued healing following reconstructive surgery

Prayers for Jim Minica recovering from strokes

Evonn Hughes requests prayers for Elaine Long in hospice care

Rutledge Family requests prayers for Sister-in-Law Heather Mulledy battling breast cancer

Mario & Eve Betancourt requests prayers for Reese Richeson, fighting cancer

Parker's and Theis' request prayer for Robert Patterson undergoing cancer treatment

Kathy Giardinelli requests prayers for the Mission Aviation Fellowship and especially the Wolf Family as they begin training to serve the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Prayers for Mark Giardinelli who will be going to Ysleta El Paso Lutheran Mission in June Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world – for all suffering from Texas Panhandle wildfires For family discord, reconciliation, & healing; for rescue for those in abusive relationships Prayers for those with physical & emotional needs & those who are lost may they find Jesus

Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar 3rd - Vonda Petmecky - in memory of Fred's birthday
Mar 10th - Linda Dicke - Thanking God for His many blessings
Mar 17th - Marilyn Mazurek - celebrating Ernie's birthday
Mar 24th - Rolf & Linda Schulz - celebrating 60th wedding anniversary
Mar 31st - Joe & Verna Sorensen - Thanking God for His many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

<u>WELCOME</u>... Whoever you are... Wherever you have come from... we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

Messiah Lutheran Church celebrates the Lord's Supper as a visible expression of our unity in the faith and a confession of our Lord's death until He returns (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

Those who desire to commune with us must:

- 1) be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
- 2) believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- 3) believe that they receive, with the bread and the wine, the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (1 Cor. 10:16);
- 4) sincerely desire to amend their sinful way of life.

Please announce your intention to receive the Lord's Supper to the pastor or one of our elders before communing.

Pastor's Bible Study in the BEGIN Book - Pastor will continue with The Gospel According to John.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study will resume Easter in April.

<u>Palm Sunday</u> – please bring your children and grandchildren and their friends to church on Palm Sunday as they will be able to attend **Children's Church** during the Worship Service followed by a Palm Processional. After Worship Service join us for a Multigenerational Easter Celebration which includes - Easter Egg Hunt – Pizza – Cookie Decorating – Craft & a Bunny Petting Station.

<u>Issues, Etc.</u> - Galatians Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Galatians.

Upcoming Events -

March 19th - Tuesday Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study at Reyna's at 8:30 am (every Tuesday)

March 20th - Lent Services at 6:30 pm

March 23rd – Lutheran High School Texas Homecoming Gala from 5:00 to 9:00 on

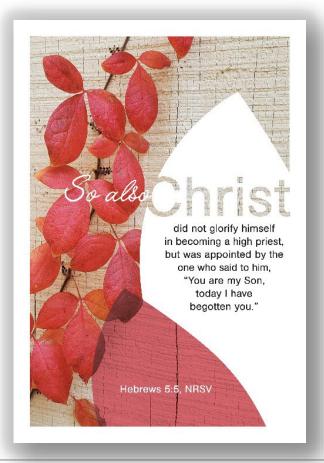
Mar. 23^{rd} – Messiah Supper Out Together at Fish City Grill in San Antonio at 5:00 pm

Mar. 24th - Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am — Children's Church with Mario & Eve Betancourt during the Service followed by a Palm Processional. Multi-generational Easter Celebration after church with Pizza, Cookie Decorating, Craft & Bunny Petting Station.

March 28th - Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm

March 29th - Good Friday at 6:30 pm

March 31st - Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at 7:30 am and Festival Service at 10:30 am



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Serving us Communion Sunday - March 17, 2024

Elders: Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann

Coffee: Shirley Moore
Breakfast: Shirley Moore
Tellers: Anthony Sansone

Chancel Care: Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren

Musician: Bob Shoaf

AV: David & Lorrie Wendeborn

Reader: Alana Kemmy

Ushers: Snookie & Shirley Moore – Tom Bibb – Joe Sorensen

Greeter: Sue Theis – David Sattler

Serving us Wednesday - March 20, 2024

Elders: | Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann

Lenten Meal: Hal & Shirley Eschenko

Tellers: Anthony Sansone

Chancel Care: Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren

Musician: Bob Shoaf

AV: Rutledge Family

Reader: Artie Dolt Ushers: OPEN

Greeter: Kathy Giardinelli

Our Response to God Last Week Worship Attendance – Sunday: 86 - Sunday School: 27 - Midweek: 40

February 2024 Contributions			
General Fund	\$53,967.30	Building Fund	\$1,045.00
Renovation Fund	\$0.00	FLC Rental	\$5,225.00