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First Sunday in Lent



The Call to Sinners in Lent is a Serious Call to Struggle



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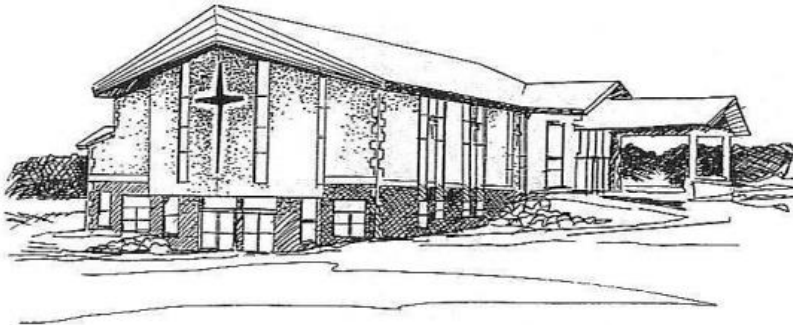
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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February 21, 2021

DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN (CW 358)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (v. 1-4)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 By you my prayers ac - cept - ance gain Al -
5 O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place, My nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed; Sa - tan ac - cus - es
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain For God calls me his child.
Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar—
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name
Refresh my soul in death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

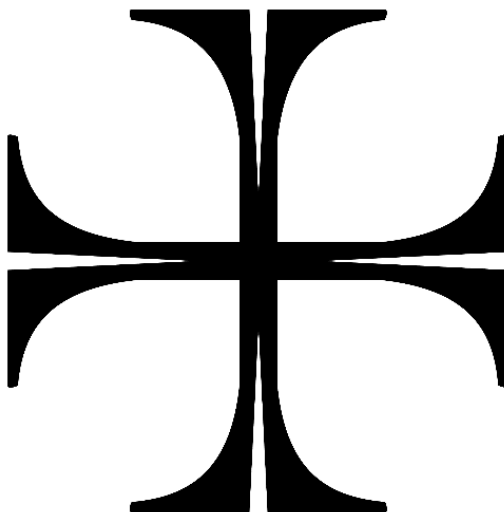
C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**



GLORY BE TO GOD

During Advent and Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here." ² God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you." ³ Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God

had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

⁵ Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. ⁷ Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father?” He said, “I am here, my son.” He said, “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them went on together.

⁹ They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹ The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” Abraham said, “I am here.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

¹³ Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ Abraham called the name of that place “The LORD Will Provide.” So it is said to this day, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” ¹⁵ The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. ¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³ Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life,

is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵ *What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?* ³⁶ *Just as it is written:*

*For your sake we are being put to death all day long.
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* ³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces,* ³⁹ *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

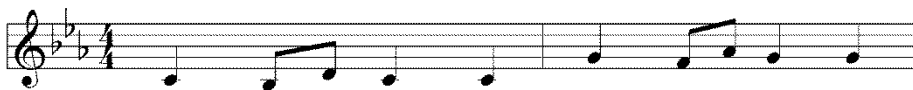
Mark 1:12-15

¹² *The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness.* ¹³ *He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him.*

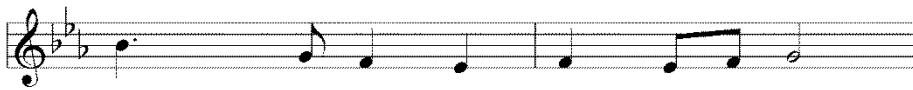
¹⁴ *After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.* ¹⁵ *"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

HYMN (CWS 726)

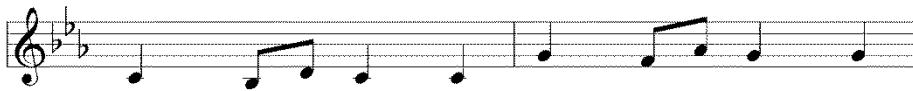
Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken (v. 1-4)



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle rag - es,
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,
 5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant
 6 Je - sus, send your an - gel le - gions



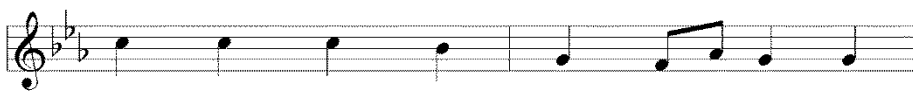
By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage,
 God - ly an - gels by his side;
 Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit
 Tram - pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;
 From his heav'n - ly perch on high,
 When the foe would us en - slave.



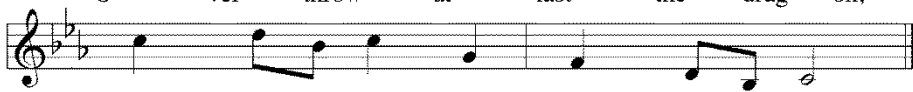
Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
 As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
 Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.
 On the wretch - ed tree he died.
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Come then, Lord, your peo - ple save.



Con - quers sin and death for - ev - er;
 Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;
 Then the curse of God was spok - en:
 Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;
 Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal
 O - ver - throw at last the drag - on;



Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 "You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
 By his life our life sup - plied.
 Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
 Send him to his fier - y grave.

The Un-Fall into Sin

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*The recorded service of the Word for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

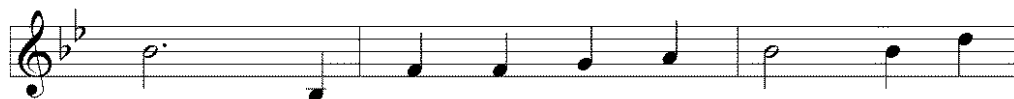
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Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

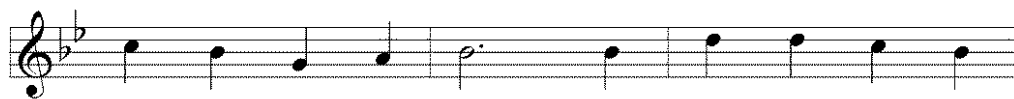
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



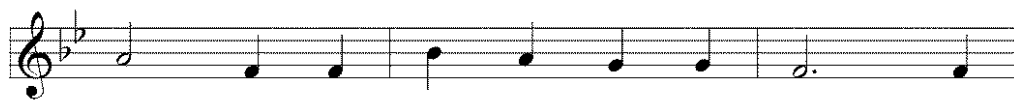
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



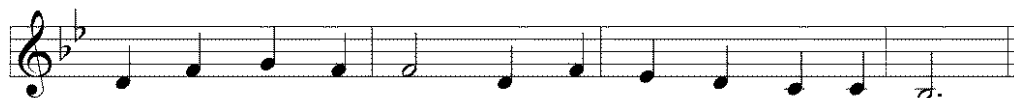
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



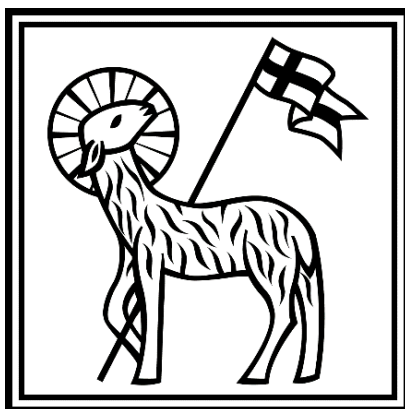
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CWS 121)

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

SONG OF SIMEON

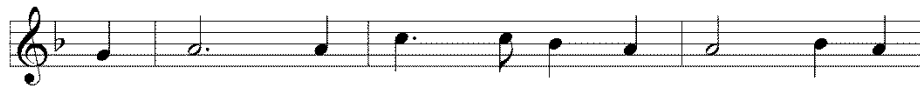
Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW #588)

Abide with Me (v. 5-7)

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy power can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday February 21: 1st Sunday in Lent

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am (*Please sign up prior.*)

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion (*Please sign up prior.*)

At-Home Sunday School #10: The Parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Jim Miller (9:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers: Aaron Oughton (9:00 am) & Chad Heath (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: S. Kaalberg/S. Pribbenow
- Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- **11:45 am:** Quarterly Congregational meeting continues. Sanctuary and online.

Wednesday February 24: Lent Worship - Services at 12:30 and 6:30 pm

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Jennifer Boll (6:30)
- Usher: Gene Freund (6:30)
- Recording: Jon Eckelberg

Sunday February 28: 2nd Sunday in Lent

The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am (*Please sign up prior.*)

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion (*Please sign up prior.*)

At-Home Sunday School #11: The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Matthew 18, 21-35.

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilmen/elder: Dave Olson (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers: Ben Olson (9:00 am) & Mark Heath (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: S. Kaalberg/S. Pribbenow
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Peter Leege (2/22) and Tammy Fischer (2/25) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Christine & Clinton Acker (2/27) who celebrate their anniversary on Saturday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson and Marge Ripp who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Quarterly Open Forum/Voter's Meeting continues *today* February 21

Information will be provided on the elevator/building project.

Sanctuary 11:45 am



All members of the congregation are encouraged to give input into the discussion of the proposed building project. At this meeting, we will be looking to have a motion and vote on signing a construction agreement with Advanced Building Corporation. Social distancing guidelines will be followed for the meeting.

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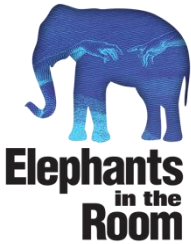
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New Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 am

We see it everywhere: every form of school science curricula, presentations in national and state parks, educational shows on PBS and National Geographic TV channels, children's books. The theories of evolution are set in front of us as irrefutable and unassailable fact.

It can seem overwhelming for Christians who want to still hold to their beliefs in a personal God and the Bible. So what's the "solution." A commonly held supposed compromise is what is referred to as "theistic evolution": accept all the tenets of evolutionary teaching and also hold that God merely "started it all."



The Bible study *Elephants in the Room* will help us see from Scripture how such a compromise leaves everything of evolution but leaves nothing of the gospel and God's plan of salvation through Christ. Join us this Tuesday at 9:00 am downstairs as we study God's Word and grow not only in Scripture's teaching about creation but God's entire plan of salvation for us.

This week . . .

At-Home Sunday School – February 21

Lesson #10: The Parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37

Student lessons and instructional videos are available for all children 4 years through 6th grade. Lesson materials are located at the back of church. Each Friday, video lessons become available for the following week at <https://online.nph.net/ss-at-home>.

Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00 am. Topic: Elephants in the Room

Theistic evolution verses the message of scripture. The group meets downstairs and social distancing guidelines are followed. The group is casual and discussion is encouraged. Coffee is served.

Friday Breakfast/Bible Study at 6:00 am. Topic: Acts

The group meets each Friday morning at the DeForest Family Restaurant. (505 W. North Street, DeForest) Breakfast is at 6:00 am with the study starting at approx. 6:50 am.

