



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent



God is Serious about All of His Word



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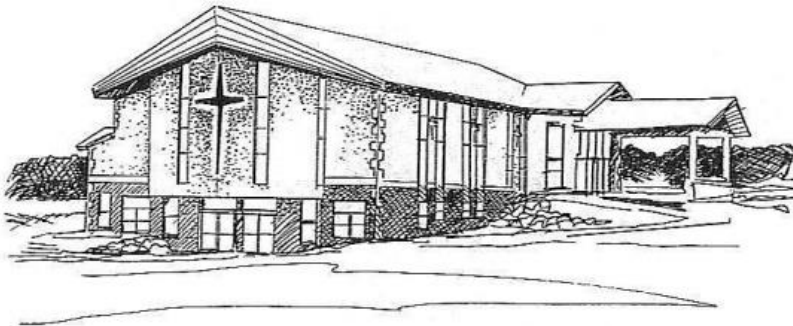
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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March 7, 2021

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 226)

To Your Temple I Draw Near



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
I through Christ be - come your child.
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
God of love, to mine at - tend.
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
That my joy - ful soul may bless
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
In your courts to seek your face.
Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through your voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

STAND

M: 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

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

3 You shall have no other gods beside me. 4 You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. 5 Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. 6 But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

8 Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. 9 Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, 10 but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, 11 for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

12 Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

13 You shall not commit murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ *You shall not steal.*

¹⁶ *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

¹⁷ *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.*

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

²² *Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom,* ²³ *but we preach Christ crucified— which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks,* ²⁴ *but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.* ²⁵ *We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

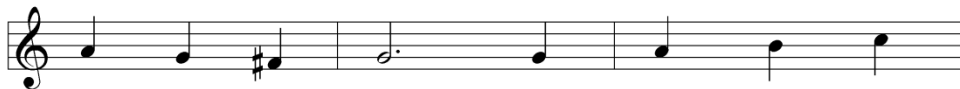
M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14, 15)

HYMN (CW 401)

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal -
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

¹³ *The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*

¹⁴ *In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵ He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those selling doves he said, “Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a place of business!”*

¹⁷ *His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”*

¹⁸ *So the Jews responded, “What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?”*

¹⁹ *Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.”*

²⁰ *The Jews said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.*

The Zealous Savior

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,

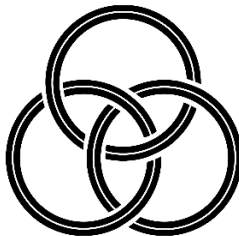
**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

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: O Lord, our jealous God, save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from your punishment by filling us with your Son's zeal for your house in these Lenten days, that we may cast out every idol from our hearts and love only you and your commandments. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, our God, you have brought us out of slavery to sin through Christ Jesus, whom you have made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Bless all those whom you send to preach Christ crucified to us, that we may ever know and live in the truth of your power in His cross. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord of the perfect Law, you have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it might go well with us in our land. Bless our elected officials and law-enforcement officers and all those who watch over and govern us in your stead. Make them wise in your ways, that your justice may be upheld among us, and help us to serve and obey them in accord with your will. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O God, whose steadfast love in Christ is good, turn in your abundant mercy to all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them from sinking into the mire and deep waters, and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, you bless this day and make it holy with your Word and the gifts of your altar. Grant us to come before you in humble repentance to eat your Son's body and blood, that we may not boast in ourselves in your presence but in Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, as three days after the temple of your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men he raised it up again, grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in your presence may share in the glory of his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

To limit the proximity of our members and reduce the possibility of transmitting disease, we are asking our communicants to approach the chancel steps by families. If your family is seated closer to the center aisle, you may come to the table closer to the Baptismal font. If your family is seated closer to a side aisle, you may come to the table farther from the font. Please wait until the family ahead of you has communed and returned to their seats before approaching.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 402)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 470)

Praise to You and Adoration



1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing



Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I
Be with me through - out my life. Give me great - er



nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,
love for you, And my faith and hope re - new



But with zeal, and joy ex - ceed - ing
In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,



Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1643–1703; tr. composite.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



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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.

Lent and Holy Week

Wednesday Lent Worship

March 10, 17 & 24

12:30 and 6:30 pm

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Maundy Thursday Worship - April 1

6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship - April 2

1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Easter Family Walk – April 3

10:00 – 12:00 noon



Easter - April 4

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am

Worship 9:00 and 10:30 am

Sign up on our website or contact the church office.

Easter Family Walk

Although having the Easter Egg Hunt as we have in the past will not be possible this year - we are planning a family event for the community and members. We are planning an outdoor only (rain or shine) Easter Family Walk.

There will be 10 to 12 stations that families can walk through and stop at as a family unit that focus on the Easter message and some fun activities. There will be take away items for kids and their families to do at home and a chance to discover the true Easter message. The event will be **Saturday April 3 from 10:00 am till noon**. We are still finalizing some of the ideas and times and how to implement them within the Dane County guidelines.

What we are looking for is 12 -15 pop up tents to borrow (10 x 10 - 12 x 12) - if you have one that we could use that weekend please let the church office know. We will also be looking for volunteers to monitor the stations (in a non-contact way).

Please watch for more info on this event in the next week.

Activity sheets are resuming

Starting today, the weekly activity sheet will be available at the back of church to pick up. This sheet highlights activities occurring at Lord of Love and is a great way to stay up to date on things at church.

The activity sheet also includes monthly financial information which our members voiced they wanted easier access to. We encourage each family to take one home.

It will be available in the fellowship area each Sunday.

Elevator / Building Update

This week we planning to sign the contract with Advanced Building Corporation.



Sunday March 7: 3rd 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 #12: Jesus and the Ten Men with Leprosy. Luke 17:11-19.

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilmen: Mike Wilson (9:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers: Roger LaGrange (9:00 am) & Greg Zeman (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- A/V & Recording: Jon Eckelberg

Wednesday March 10: Lent Worship - Worship services at 12:30 and 6:30 pm

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund (6:30)
- Usher: Bob Degnan (6:30)
- Recording: *TBA*

Sunday March 14: 4th 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 #13: Mary and Martha. Luke 10:38-42

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Jim Miller (9:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger (9:00 am) & Joshua Hodkiewicz (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Andy Huebner (3/7), Mary Lamp (3/8), Dave Olson (3/8), Sheryl Wedel-Lange (3/9), Blake Sellmeyer (3/10), Luke Beyer (3/11) and Elizabeth Zick (3/13) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

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).