

First Sunday in Lent



Saves Us from the Tempter's Might



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 18, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE



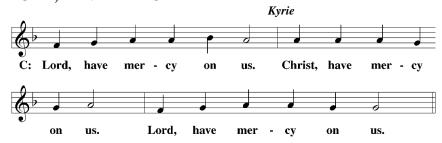
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 22:1-18

ALL: 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.

PASTOR: 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?"

WOMEN: 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.

MEN: 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."

ALL: 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."

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."

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.

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.

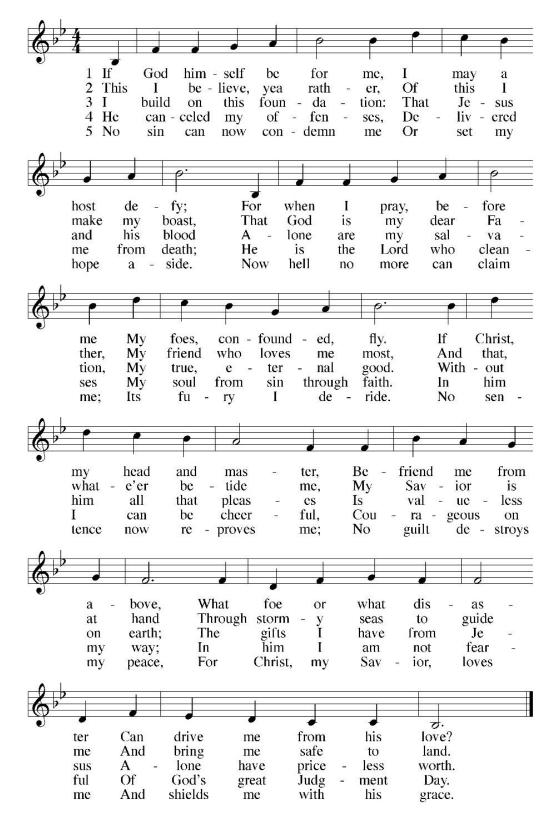
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 419:1-5)

If God Himself Be for Me



SERMON Romans 8:31-39

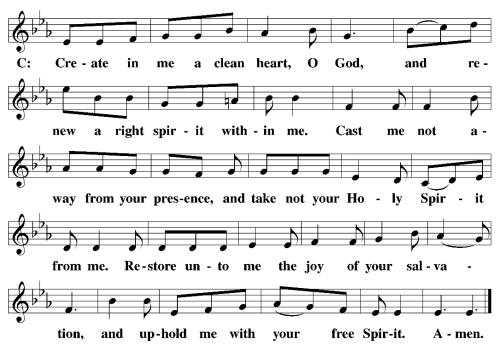
³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? ³³ Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! 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.

God is FOR US!

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, you placed the wood of the cross on the back of your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham he might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, his Church and all those called to preach and teach within her. Give them certainty that hell cannot prevail against them, and so embolden them in faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and his Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes down to us from above, keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse your gifts. Help us use them rightly in service to you and our neighbor. Bless our president and all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and those to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most High God, our refuge in	n every trouble, you have promised to hear when we call to
you. Command your angels t	o guard our brothers and sisters and all who suffer in our
midst [especially	
mind or soul. Lord, in your n	nercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, the time is fulfilled and your kingdom is at hand as your beloved Son comes to us here at the altar. By your Spirit, grant that we receive him in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed in his body given and his blood shed for us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore you for the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

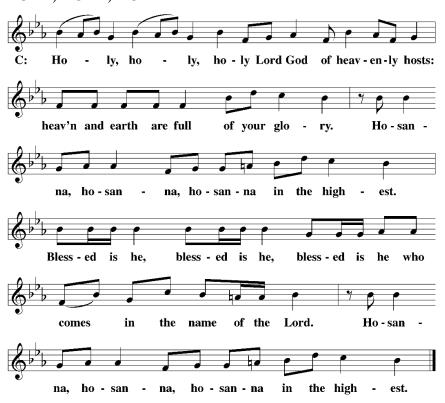


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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



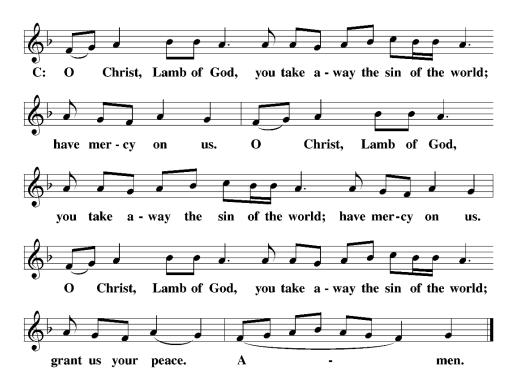
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 541)

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too. So hear us, Lord, and keep us true, Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord, And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

Text: Geistliche Psalmen, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite. Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 445)

Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

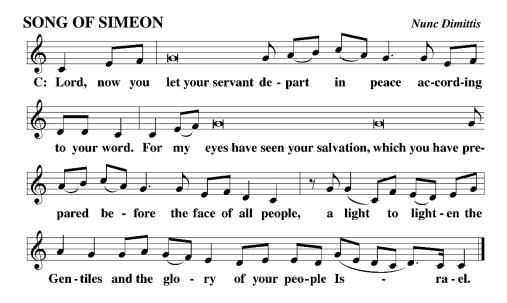


Text: Simon Dach, 1605-59, abr.; tr. composite.

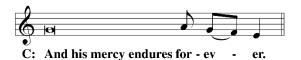
Tune: ICH DANK DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) Musika Teutsch, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 419:6-7)

If God Himself Be for Me

No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,

 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.

 Though earth should break assunder,
 You are my Savior true;

 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
And can no more be sad.
'Tis full of joy and singing,
Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, 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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Baptism, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume after Easter.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Lent services each Wednesday:

12:30 & 6:30 pm

February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm



February 21

Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion Ev. Lutheran, Leeds

February 28

Pastor Joel Jenswold

March 6

Pastor Jacob Scott – Zion Ev. Lutheran, Leeds

March 13

Pastor David Horton - Eastside Ev. Lutheran, Madsion

March 20

Pastor Nathan Berg - Eastside Ev. Lutheran, Madison

NPH Book Fair March 3 – **17:** We are hosting an in-person book fair and virtual book fair in early March. There will be books on display to look through as well as materials you can order online that qualify for the book fair discount. Any books purchased or ordered 3/3 - 3/17 that use the promo code V157C122334, will receive 20% off. Mark your calendars.

Sunday February 18: First Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Gene and Sharon Freund

Wednesday February 21: Lent Worship Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck dinner

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Potluck coordinators: Elaine & Mike Wilson

Sunday February 25: Second Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Dave Olson, 10:30 Ryan Jaeger
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and *volunteer*
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: Lanna LaGrange and family

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Erika Sauer (2/18), Andy Holzman (2/19), William Crary (2/20), Aaron Oughton (2/20) and Pete Leege (2/22) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

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

Looking ahead:

- Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20: Lent Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30
- March 8 10: Play at Luther Prep: *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, 7 pm. 1300 Western Ave, Watertown, WI
- March 10: Luther Prep Sacred Spring Concert, 2:00 pm. 1300 Western Ave, Watertown, WI.
- March 20: Chili Cook-off/potluck, 5:30 pm
- March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 pm (Fill Easter eggs after.)
- March 29: Good Friday Worship 1:00 & 6:30 pm.
- March 30: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am
- March 31: Easter Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 am. Easter breakfast 9:15 am
- April 1: Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- April 20: WELS Coulee Women's Retreat, Onalaska, WI, 9:00 4:00 pm (registration begins at 8:00)
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 5:00 pm
- July 20: Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI (https://www.discipleshipwwd.org/2024-sunday-school-conference) 8:30 2:00 pm (Refreshments start at 8:00.)