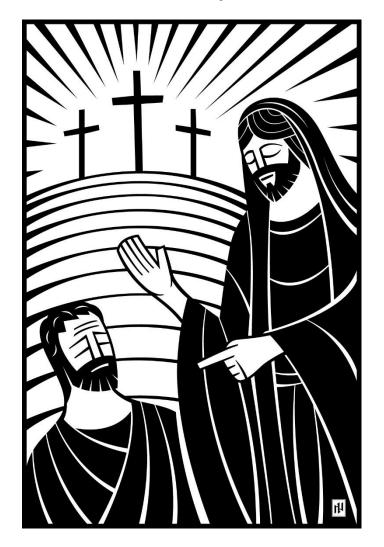


# **Second Sunday in Lent**



**Take Up Your Cross and Follow** 



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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. Children will be visible in the recording during the children's message.

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

## **February 25, 2024**

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT



Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

**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.



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.



**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.

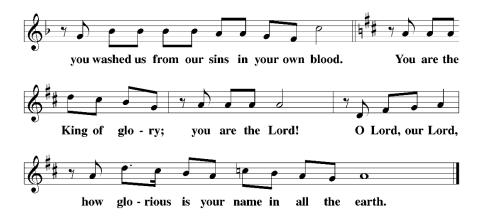


**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## **M:** Let us pray.

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



## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup> and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope will not put us to shame, because God's

love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. <sup>6</sup> For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup> But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**M:** Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

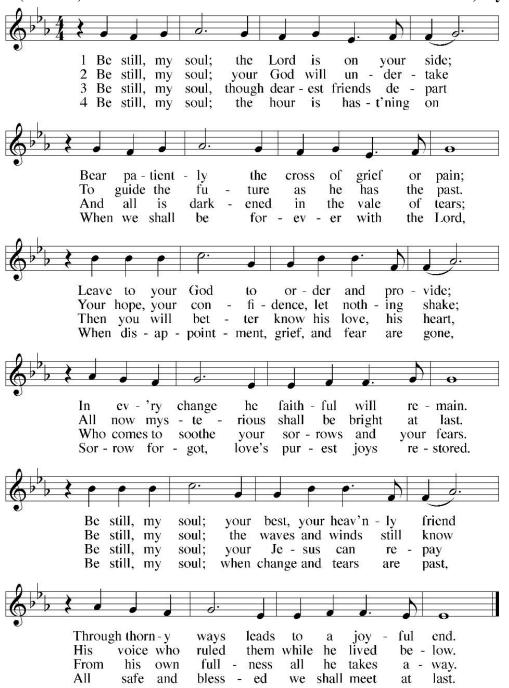
<sup>31</sup> Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward and have a seat on the chancel steps for a brief children's message.

**HYMN** (CW 415)

Be Still, My Soul



Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: FINLANDIA (10 10 10 10 10 10) Jean J. C. Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt. © Breitkopf & Härtel.
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**SERMON** Job 1:13-22

<sup>13</sup> One day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> when the Sabeans swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The Chaldeans  $^{[b]}$  formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. <sup>19</sup> Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup> Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. <sup>21</sup> Then he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed."

<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.

"He Can't Sing that Hymn Now!"

#### 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.

BE SEATED

#### GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For all Christians, that we deny our selves, take up our crosses and follow Christ through this troubled life into heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the Church, that all servants of the Church may fulfill the ministries committed to them, and that we may each boldly confess Christ before the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For faith and perseverance, that we neither shun our Lord's suffering nor our own, and that we might be delivered out of the hand of the wicked, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all families, that all mothers with child might be protected and all fathers equipped to lead their households in the fear and love of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

That the Lord, who reigns over all, would bless our president and those who govern to rule wisely and in accord with his will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord would deepen our hunger for his table through our afflictions, that we may eat and drink Christ's body and blood and be satisfied with Christ's saving life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

All these requests we offer up to you in the name of 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

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.

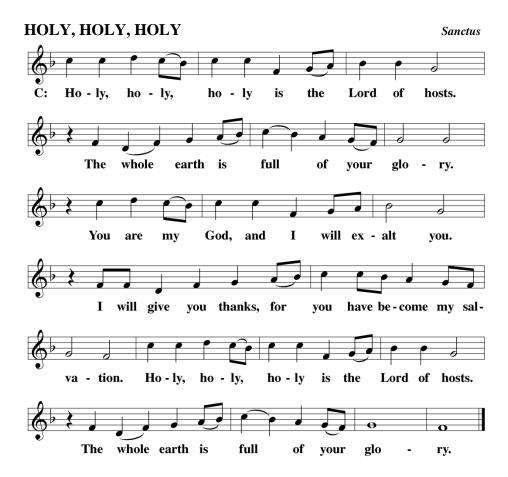


**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



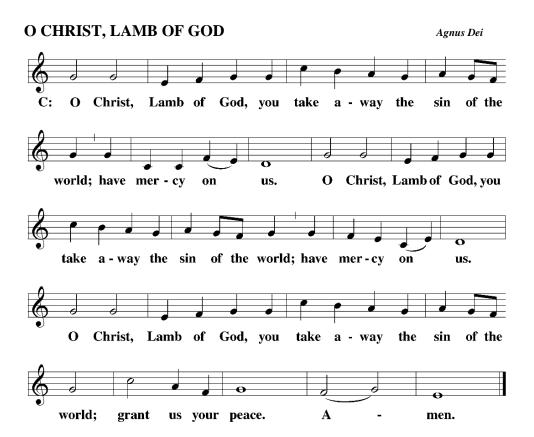
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

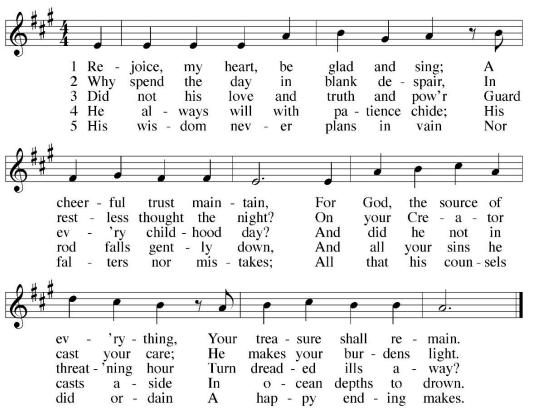
### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 465)

## Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 443)

## Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



6 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust his guiding love; Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.

Tune: ICH SINGE DIR (CM) Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.



#### **THANKSGIVING**

STAND

#### THANK THE LORD



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







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.



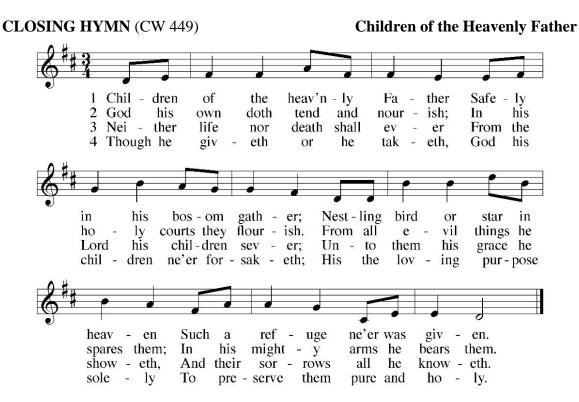
**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.





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Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (LM Trochaic) Swedish folk tune, 19th century.

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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 each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

# **Weekly Bible Studies**

Sunday 9:15 am: New Topic, sanctuary

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

Wednesday study resumes after Easter.

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



# Wednesday Lent Worship

February 28, March 6, 13, & 20

12:30 & 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30

# NPH in person Book Fair February 25 – March 17. Online Book Fair March 3 – 17.

Lord of Love is hosting a book fair. Books that are on display in our fellowship area are discounted 20%, whether purchased in person or online. Take some time to browse through the variety of books over the next few weeks. Order blanks can be picked up at the display in the upstairs fellowship area.

Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran. Completed orders and payments should be placed in the marked envelope in the church office. Items ordered online will be mailed directly to your home address. Items that are displayed at church will also receive the 20% discount if ordered online. These items must be ordered 3/3 - 3/17 and use the promo code V157C122334 to receive 20% off.

## 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

# Wednesday February 28: Lent Worship Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck dinner

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Potluck coordinator: RaeLyn Parker

## Sunday March 3: Third 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
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00 Mitch Myhre, 10:30 TBD
- Ushers 8:00: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30: Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Lanna LaGrange (2/26), Violet Kuecker (2/28) and Leona LaGrange (3/2) 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, John Schueman 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).

## **Patchwork Sewn Blankets Fellowship Opportunity:**

A new fellowship opportunity is being offered at Lord of Love Lutheran Church for a sewing group to make patchwork sewn blankets. It is anticipated that the group would meet on a weekday afternoon from 12:30-3:30 from September through May (except the month of December). If there is enough interest and availability for the sewing group to meet on a weeknight, we may be able to divide the sewing group meetings between weekdays and weeknights.

At this time, we are checking to see how many would be interested in participating on a regular basis.

- You do not need to come every week;
- You do not need to stay for the entire time;
- You do not need to have sewing skills.
- There will be several tasks for all skill levels.

The blankets will be made and given to Lutheran World Missions, or more locally to homeless shelters, women's shelters, the fire department, and other groups as we learn of them.

There is a sign-up sheet in the entry to help us gauge how many are interested in gathering for some fellowship time and helping to fill a need in our community and possibly around the world. If there are enough members interested and available to help, a future informational meeting will be held to share more details about the how-to aspect of this sewing group.

## Looking ahead:

- Feb. 28, March 6, 13 & 20: Lent Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30
- March 8 10: Play at Luther Prep in Watertown: *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, 7:00 pm
- March 10: Luther Prep Sacred Spring Concert, 2:00 pm. 1300 Western Ave, Watertown, WI.
- March 20: Chili Cook-off/potluck at church, 5:30 pm
- March 25: Spring cleaning/workday at church, 8:00 am
- 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 at church, 12:00 5:00 pm
- July 20: Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI (<a href="https://www.discipleshipwwd.org/2024-sunday-school-conference">https://www.discipleshipwwd.org/2024-sunday-school-conference</a>) 8:30 2 pm (Refreshments start at 8.)
- Oct. 14 17: WELS Convention for Seniors, Omaha, NE