

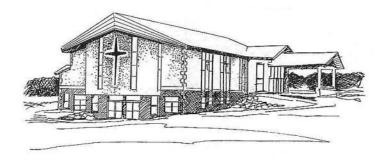
# Third Sunday in Lent



The Lord is Serious about His Word



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

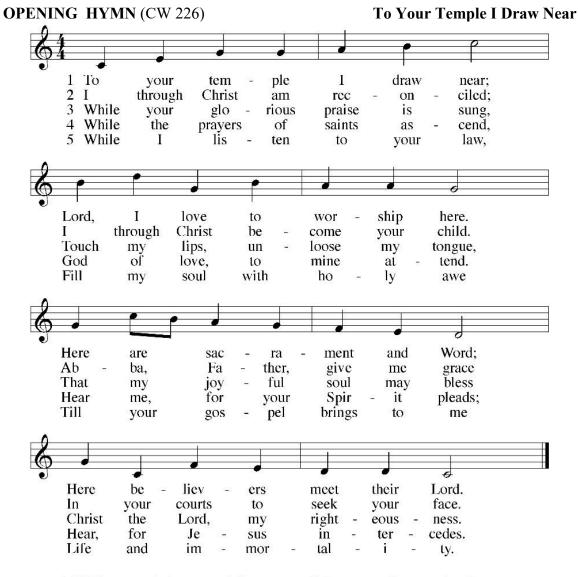


*Today's* 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

# March 3, 2024

# **DIVINE SERVICE II**



- 6 While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name, Through their 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

# **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 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

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: VON HIMMEL HOCH

C . • • . glo high! 1 All be God ry to on -2 grate thanks Our bring, ful to you we 3 0 Lamb of God, you to we pray. 4 You, Christ, are ho ly-Lord a lone; -. . . 0 Lord, Your name, we glo ri fy; -For great heav'n -King, your glo ry, ly You take all hu man sin a way. -The glo Fath - er's ry you made known. -We praise you for your peace and grace, For 0 Fath all, er, you have done ceive Have mer cy, Lord; our prayer; re We by vour Spir it sing gain: a -0 fav Your or toward our fal len race. Through Je - sus Christ, your ly Son. on -From God's right hand, your share. mer cy "All glo - ry be to God!" A men. -

# THE WORD

# SALUTATION

- **M:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C: Amen.

# FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

**ALL:** Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

**PASTOR:** <sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods beside me. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

**ALL:** <sup>7</sup> 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.

**MEN:** <sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, <sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> 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.

**WOMEN:** <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not commit murder.

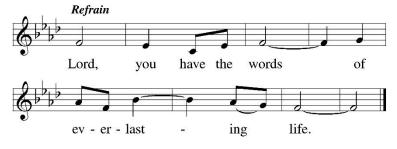
<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**ALL:** <sup>17</sup> 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.

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**





The heavens declare the glo<u>ry</u> of God;\* the skies proclaim the work <u>of</u> his hands.

Their voice goes out into <u>all</u> the earth,\* their words to the ends <u>of</u> the world. *REFRAIN* 

The law of the LORD is <u>per</u>fect,\* giving joy <u>to</u> the heart.

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The commands of the LORD are <u>ra</u>diant,* giving light <u>to</u> the eyes.
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They are more pre<u>cious</u> than gold;* they are sweeter than <u>hon</u>ey.
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By them is your <u>ser</u>vant taught;\* in keeping them there is <u>great</u> reward. *REFRAIN* 

May the words of my mouth and the meditation <u>of</u> my heart\* be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *REFRAIN* 

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

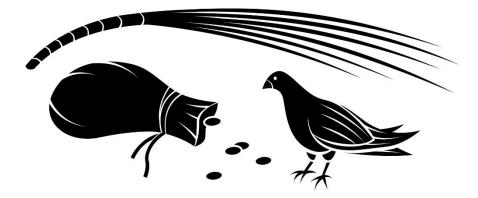
<sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. <sup>15</sup> He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their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

<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

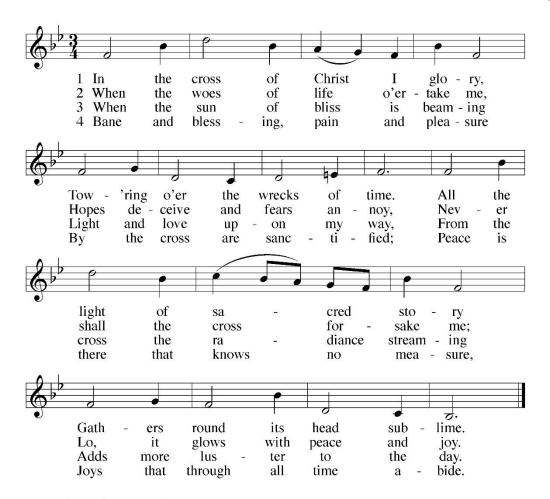
<sup>18</sup> So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

<sup>20</sup> The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> 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.



#### HYMN OF THE DAY (CW 345)



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872. Tune: RATHBUN (87 87) Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67.

#### **SERMON**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> In fact, it is written:

*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will bring to nothing.* 

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish? <sup>21</sup> Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. <sup>22</sup> Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

#### The Weak and Foolish, Powerful and Brilliant Cross

#### **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. 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.

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#### **OFFERING**

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

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, you are a jealous God. Save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from your punishment. Fill us with your Son's zeal for your house, that we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to you and your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord, your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all his elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continually receive your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord, 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, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord of the perfect Law, you have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it may go well with us in our land. Bless all who govern us. Make them wise in your ways, that your justice may be upheld among us. Help us to serve and obey them in accord with your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord, our God, your steadfast love in Christ is good. Turn in your abundant mercy toward all who suffer in our midst *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*. Do not let the flood sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, you bless this day and make it holy with your Word and the gifts of your altar. Grant that we may come before your presence to eat your Son's body and blood, not boasting of ourselves, but of Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# 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.

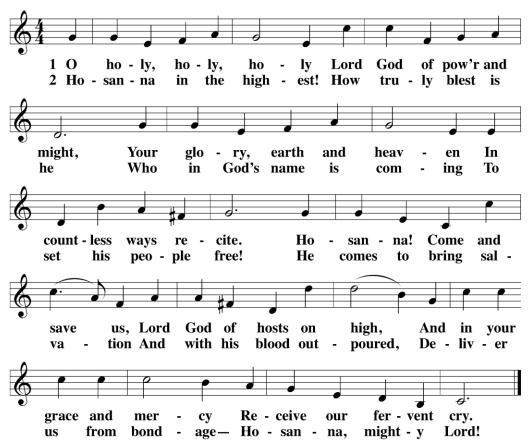
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Tune: LANCASHIRE



# 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

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

Matthew 6.9-13

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.

#### LAMB OF GOD



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#### DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close 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 288)



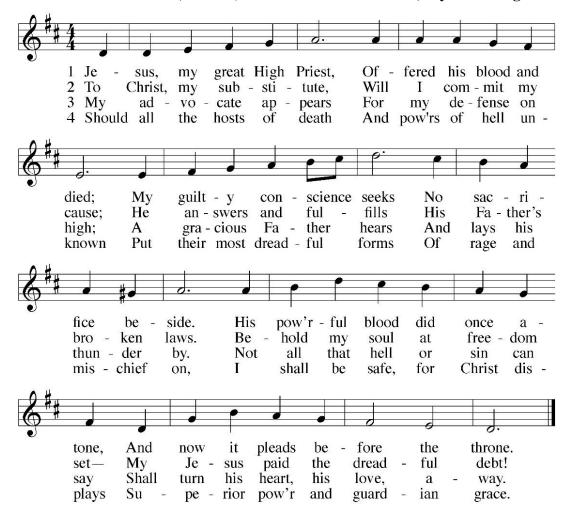
6 May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn; May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) Cantionale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 359)

Jesus, My Great High Priest



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800-80.

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY **Nunc Dimittis** De - part 10 Lord. now let ant in peace. vour serv -2 All glo the All glo -... ry to Fa - ther, ry to For I as sured: have seen your prom ised In -All the Spir For the Son. glo ry. to it. Wordsav ing Light that will car - nate. A en three in For the ev er one: as in be where Gen - tiles All gloom dwell: The bril - liant, light - en God's tri - une gin - ning. Is shall ev - er now. be. crown - ing glo ry Of those in Is ra el! Through all name re - sound ing e-ter - ni - tv.

- 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

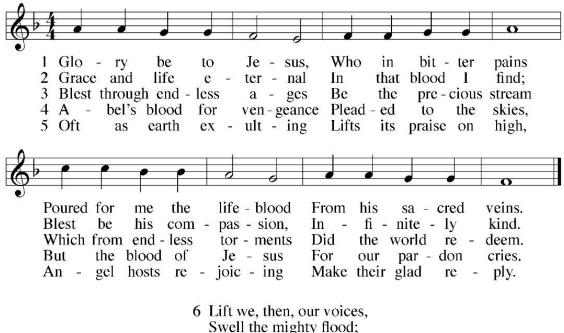
**M**: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

#### C: Amen.

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## **CLOSING HYMN**

Glory be to Jesus



Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76.

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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 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 study resumes after Easter.

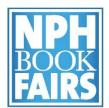
Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)



Wednesday Lent Worship

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.

# 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.

# 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 Councilman needed
- 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: Carmen Nitz

#### Wednesday March 6: Lent Worship Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm 5:30 pm: Potluck dinner

- Pastor Jacob Scott
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30: The Heath Family
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Potluck coordinator: Sue Jenswold

#### Sunday March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study and Sunday school

Teens join the adult study today.

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 TBD, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: TBA
- Ushers 10:30: *TBA*
- Counters: Kim Bauer and volunteer needed
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Paul & Cindy Crary

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to June Thayer (3/3), Kevin Zech (3/3), Shari Minnameier (3/4), Kelly Plumb (3/5), Haley Beyer (3/6), Andy Huebner (3/7), Dave Olson (3/8) and Sheryl Wedel (3/9) 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).

## **Offerings February 1 - 4:**

- General Fund: \$17,179
- Mortgage Reduction: \$150

# **Offerings February 11 - 17:**

- General Fund: \$7,440
- Mortgage Reduction: \$215
- AV Projectors (Wish List): \$75

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200

**Electronic Giving:** You can give contributions to church through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(Feb. 1 - 4, 11 - 17: In the totals listed above, \$3,726 was given to the general fund and \$50 to AV Improvements through Vanco electronic giving.)

# Looking ahead:

- 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 pm
- 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 23: 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, 12:00 5:00 pm

