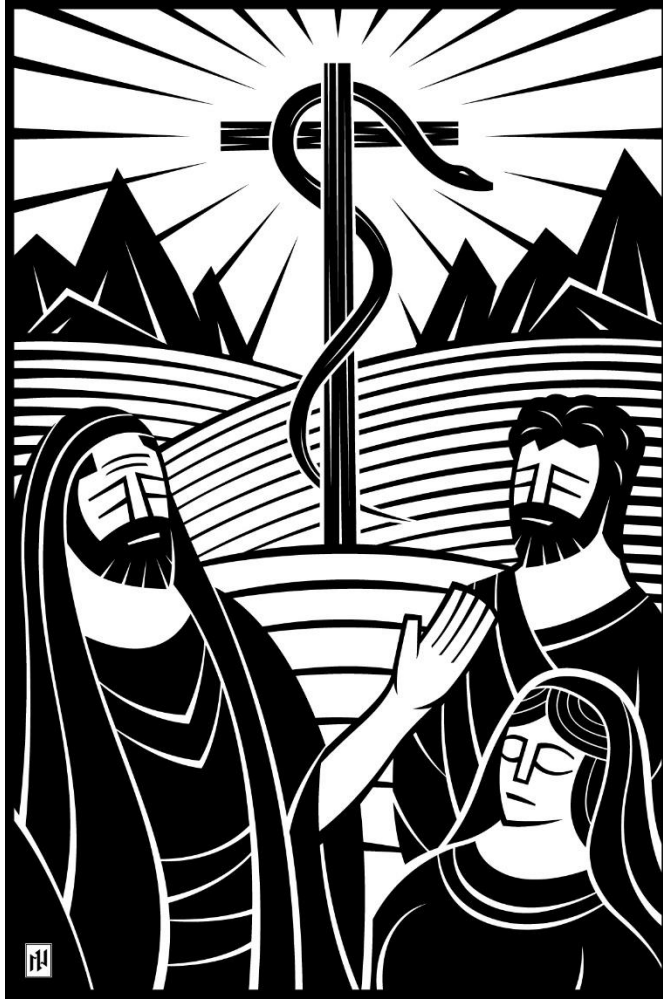




LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Look and Live!

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 10, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CWS 754)

The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred
3 What mer - cy God showed to our
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus?



good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard
grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent
race, A plan of res - cue by his
shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



stood, And of its fruit so pure and
strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an
guile And Ad - am to by sin de -
seed, The One to fill our great - est
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so
file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the
need - For on a tree up - lift - ed
ceive. And of this fruit so pure and



grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
high His on - ly Son for sin would
sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of
 dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.

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 Tune: TREE OF LIFE (88 88 88 88) Bruce W. Becker, b. 1952 © 1995 Bruce W. Becker. All rights reserved.
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STAND

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

Kyrie



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.

C: (sing) **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood,
From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood! (CW 103:1-2, 6)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!”

⁶ The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷ The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. ⁸ The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” ⁹ Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sinner Saved by Grace

SECOND LESSON

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey. ³ Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God’s wrath.

⁴ But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! ⁶ He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. ⁷ He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰ For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

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.

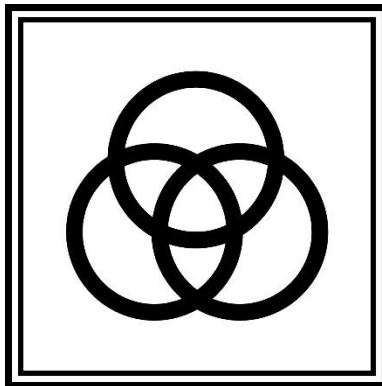
He ascended into heaven

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)

God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

¹⁴ “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. ²¹ But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.”

Love Lifted High!

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God would draw us into his light, exposing wherever we have thought, spoken and acted against him; and that in repentance we might look to his Son lifted up on the cross and be saved from his righteous wrath, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For missionaries as they travel the earth with the Gospel, that many may hear of God's love in Christ Jesus, look upon him and live, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities God has set over us that he would bless and sustain them with all they need to govern wisely in accord with his will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in body, mind or soul, that they would be hid in the shelter of Christ, and that God would keep them from falling into faithless fear in their day of trouble, upholding them in his peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune, that Christ would satisfy the longing of our hearts with the good things of his body and blood, so that our souls may not faint within us but abide in his eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For us and all Christians, that by the Spirit of God we would not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds, but be his workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works he has prepared for us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. 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.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - 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 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
 3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your
 4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
 bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
 heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your
 Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
 wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
 lay be - fore him all my sin, My
 love a - lone can form in me A
 him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
 in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
 giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 joy I praise him for his grace.

The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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 Tune: KATY (88 88) Kermit Moldenhauer, b. 1949 © 2005 Kermit Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
 2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
 3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
 4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en—
 far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
 cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
 love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
 Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
 The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
 found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of
 mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
 a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy.
 love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.
 thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.
 free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

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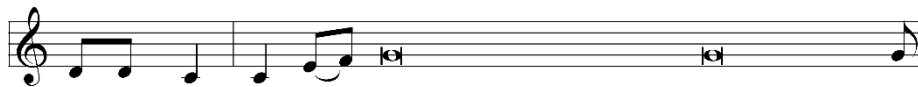
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

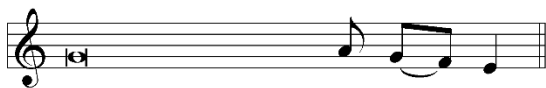


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING 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!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.
 Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, 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.



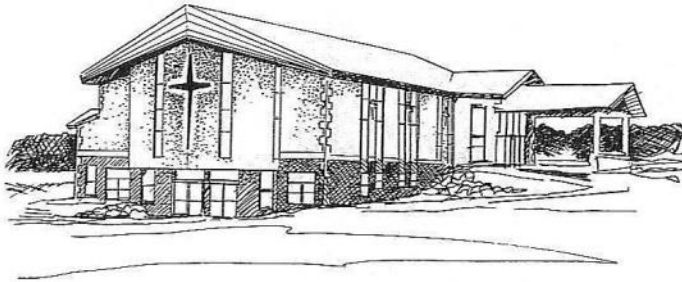
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Thessalonians, sanctuary

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

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume after Easter.

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, downstairs. Speak with Pastor if you are interested in joining this class.

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Lent Worship

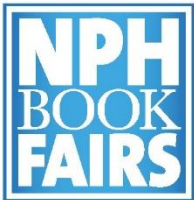
Wednesday March 13 & 20

12:30 & 6:30 pm

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm



NPH In Person and Online Book Fair



Come check out our book fair! Books that are on display in our fellowship area are discounted 20%, whether purchased in person or online. **The book fair runs through March 17.** Order blanks can be picked up at the display in the upstairs fellowship area. Book orders are expected to arrive at the end of the month.

To order, 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 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 Bible study today.

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Choir Directory: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Mitch Myhre, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Paul & Cindy Crary

Wednesday March 13: Lent Worship
Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck dinner

- Pastor David Horton
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Potluck coordinators: The LaGrange Family

Sunday March 17: Fifth 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 Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and *volunteer*
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: *Volunteers*

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Luke Beyer (3/11), Elizabeth Zick (3/13), Addyson Rimmert (3/14) and Donna Cotter (3/16) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger Kovaciny, 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).



Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24:

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday March 28:

Worship 6:30 pm

Fill Easter eggs after.

Good Friday March 29

Worship 1:00 & 6:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt March 30

10:00 am

Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am.

Easter March 31

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

The Resurrection of our Lord!

Easter breakfast 9:15 am

Looking ahead:

- **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. *Volunteers arrive at 8:30.*
- **March 30:** Set-up basement for Easter breakfast, 11:45 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.)

