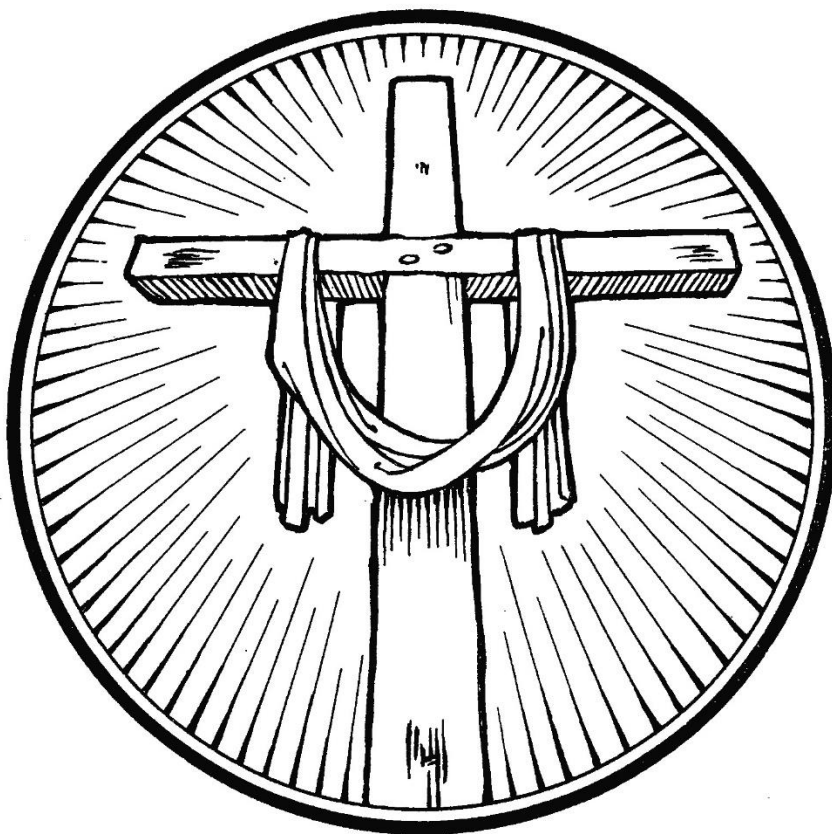




LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Lenten Worship 2025



Behold! The Hidden Glory of the Cross!

“BEHOLD! THE HIDDEN GLORY OF THE CROSS!”

Weekly Hymn Selections

	Hymn	Hymn	Hymn
April 2	112	127	587
April 9	121	110 v. 1-5	592

Weekly Worship Leader/Themes

April 2	– Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion, Leeds “It is Hidden in the Savior’s Sighs”
April 9	– Pastor Joel Jenswold – Lord of Love “It is Hidden in Powerful Words”

ORDER OF WORSHIP¹

OPENING HYMN (112)

REMAIN SEATED

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

C: **Amen.**

M: In Holy Baptism, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life.

May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, you are our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress. With contrite hearts and troubled spirits we come to you for healing and help. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, that we may declare your praise and teach your saving ways, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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PSALM OF THE DAY

April 2 – **Psalm 38**, Christian Worship, p. 81

April 9 – **Psalm 51a**, Christian Worship, p. 86

READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

HYMN (127)

SERMON

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

While the offering is being gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

STAND

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

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.**

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

M and C: **Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

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

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, † to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (587)

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

Psalm 122:1

