



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

The Minor Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul





Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent’s Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Busy Bags Available – Located in our entry area is a rack on which you will find "busy bags" for children. Each bag contains things that may help our youngest worshippers sit through the service. Please feel free to grab a bag at the beginning of service! We ask only that you return the bag at the end of worship today. Thank you.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

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 other congregations 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.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Since Jesus was the Christ, he had a number of roles to fulfill. He was the ultimate Prophet, Priest, and King, and he was the Savior. He was also the one who called people to faith in him and sent them to be his witnesses to the world. He called Saint Paul to join the apostles as a missionary to the Gentiles. He also calls us to lives of faith and witness.

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January 25, 2026

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 339)

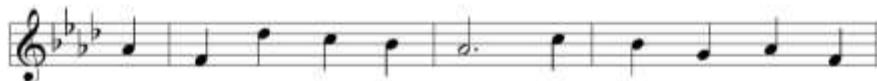
Today Your Mercy Calls



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day,
grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n,
oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

TEXT: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.
TUNE: ANTHEM (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Mark 10:47

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

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"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.

Lord God, through the conversion of your apostle Paul, you caused the light of the gospel to shine in all the world. Grant that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth that is in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹ But I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³ Certainly you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God to an extraordinary degree and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my own people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ However, God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me, so that I would preach him among the Gentiles. At that time, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ and I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me. Instead I went away into Arabia, and then I returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸ Next, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to meet Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (Now about the things I am writing to you—

look, I assure you in the presence of God that I am not lying.)²¹ Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.²² I was still personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.²³ They heard only: “The one who was once persecuting us is now preaching the faith that he once tried to destroy.”²⁴ And they were praising God for what happened to me.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Shine on Us

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 19:27-30

²⁷ Then Peter answered, “Look, we have left everything and followed you! What then will we have?”

²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: In the renewal, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.²⁹ Everyone who has left homes or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, because of my name, will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.³⁰ Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
 2 Praise for the light from heav - en And
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 for the voice of awe; Praise for the glo - rious
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
 vi - sion The per - se - cu - tor saw. O
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
 Lord, for Paul's con - ver - sion, We bless
 all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
 your name to - day. Come, shine with - in our
 be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
 dark - ness, And guide us in the way.
 glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio B. Nelson, 1823–1913, st. 1–4, 6–27, alt.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 5,
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Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.³ As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.⁶ But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."⁷ The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.⁸ They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.¹⁰ There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying.¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem.¹⁴ And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel.¹⁶ Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized.¹⁹ And after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days.²⁰ Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, "Isn't this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn't he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?"²² But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

Paul's Life Ends...and Begins...on the Road to Damascus

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.**

GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register
during collection of the offering.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ever-living God, you brought to faith the prime opponent of your Church, turning Saul into St. Paul. Bring many of your enemies through the cleansing flood of Holy Baptism, that washed of their wickedness, they would prove by their lives that Jesus is the Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, eternal Light, you made Paul a minister according to the gift of your grace. Embolden our pastors to preach the riches of Christ. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to believe their message. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, guide the nations upon the earth and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Grant that we might walk in the path of justice and responsibly exercise liberty, that peace might rule the nations and all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, hear us as we pray for the troubled, the sick and the dying [*especially* _____]. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, as you have given us new life and eternal treasures stored up in heaven until the day of your Son's return, grant that all who commune today would receive this feast for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith toward you and in fervent love toward their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, receive our thanks for the saints who loved your appearing and remained faithful unto death. You have given to them the crown of life. Give us courage, that we may follow where they have led the way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **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 came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

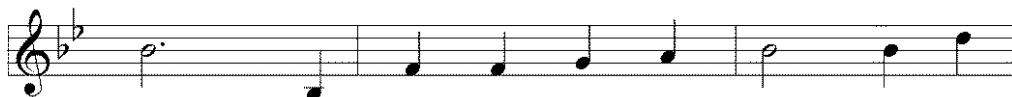
Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



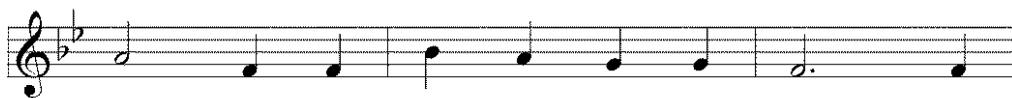
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



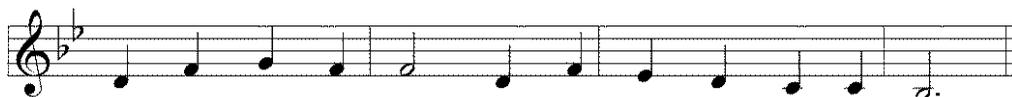
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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."

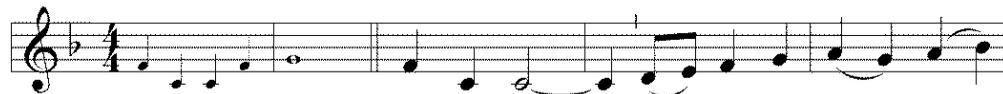
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Agnus Dei





1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me, All my wants to him are known;
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die, As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own, Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod,
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life,
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.



1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Re - veal - er
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, En - light - en
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, In - crease our
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, Lead us to



of God's ho - ly Word, You come to us from
 us by that same Word; Un - less your grace the
 faith in our dear Lord; Teach us to know the
 love your sa - cred Word; The ho - ly flame of



God's great throne, From God the Fa - ther and the
 pow'r should give, None can be - lieve in Christ and
 Fa - ther's love And his dear Son, who reigns a -
 love im - part, That kind - ness may in - spire each



Son, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 live, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 bove, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
 heart, O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602-68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SUSS (10 8 88 10) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

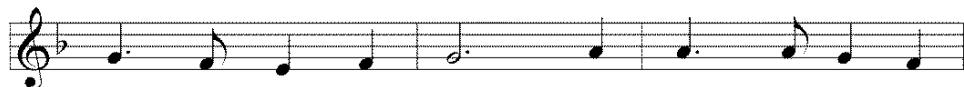
Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 569:1, 4-5)

O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light,
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace
3 Oh, gent - ly call those gone a - stray
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold;
5 That they with us may ev - er - more



En - light - en those who sit in night;
The souls now lost in er - ror's maze
That they may find the sav - ing way!
Re - call the wan - d'ers to your fold.
Such grace with won - d'ring thanks a - dore



Let those a - far now hear your voice
And all whom in their se - cret minds
Let ev - 'ry con - science sore op - pressed
U - nite all those who walk a - part;
And end - less praise to you be giv'n



And in your fold with us re - joice.
Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
In you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johano Heermann, 1585-1647, abc.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: O JESU CHRIST, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.



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.

In Our Prayers: Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Proverbs, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

Sunday January 25: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

Sunday February 1: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Missy, Sophia and Abigal Strong
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: The Nitz Family

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Kerri Mallien (1/25), Dieter Bradley (1/27), Steven Fox (1/28), Reagan Oughton (1/28), Joleen LaReau (1/30), Merida Sullivan (1/30), Sue Virnig (1/30), and Harold Olson (1/31) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Happy Anniversary We have no anniversaries this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

Jan 26: Evening Quilting Guild | 6:00 p.m. – Lower Level

February 7: Youth Group & LFC Pizza Assembly | 9:00 a.m. – Lower Level

February 7: Pizza Pick Up | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Lower Level

February 13: LoL Fun and Games | 1:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

February 16: Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

February 18: Ash Wednesday | Worship Services 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

February 18: Lenten Potlucks Begin | 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

February 26: Elders and Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Food Drive Ends Jan 31

All donations go to the DeForest Area Needs Network. (DANN) to help our local community.

Candelabra Oil Candle Replacement Donations:

Due to age and weathering, our sanctuary candelabra oil candles are beginning to show their wear and are in need of replacement. The cost of replacement is \$1500. As this is not a budgeted cost item, we invite you to prayerfully consider donations toward this effort.

Donations may be placed in the alms box in the narthex. Every gift helps and we are grateful for your continued generosity and support.

Ladies Friendship Circle – Pizza Sale: All proceeds go toward the 2026 International Youth Group Rally registration fees.

Just in time for the Super Bowl, our Ladies Friendship Circle and Youth Group are joining together to offer prepare and sell homemade pizzas. Pizzas are 14” and come in your choice of Cheese, Sausage, Pepperoni, or a combination of S&P.



- Cheese – \$16.00
- Sausage – \$18.00
- Pepperoni – \$18.00
- Combo S&P – \$18.00

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Narthex to place your order.

Pizzas will be prepared fresh and available for pick up Saturday February 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Payment due at time of pick up or you may drop off in the office during business hours. Please make checks payable to the Ladies Friendship Circle.

Year End Contribution Statements Available:

The 2025-year end contribution statements are now available. Please help yourself to your envelope in located in the box labeled "Contribution Statements" on the cabinet in the Narthex.

Eastside Lutheran Kindergarten Round-Up:

Eastside Lutheran School is conducting a Kindergarten Round-Up and invite any parents who have children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2026 to come and enjoy the experience of Kindergarten on Wednesday, January 28 from 8:30am – 10:30am at Eastside Lutheran School – Kindergarten Room. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Ms. Marie Laich at mllaich@eastsidelutheran.org.

Ash Wednesday – Potluck | February 18, 5:30 p.m. – Hosted by the LFC – Fellowship Hall

To start off the Lenten potluck meals, the Ladies Friendship Circle will be hosting a pasta meal in the fellowship hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday. All are welcome as we begin the season of Lent.

Lent Meal Coordinators:

During Lent it has been a tradition at Lord of Love to have Lenten Potluck meals at 5:30 pm on the Wednesdays during Lent. We are looking for volunteers to serve as weekly coordinators to oversee the meals each week. The coordinator is *not* responsible for preparing the meal, simply overseeing to be sure the potluck items are ready to serve. The Church provides coffee, plates, cups, napkins, forks, spoons, etc. All meals will be hosted in the fellowship hall. If you have interest in coordinating one or more of the meals, there is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Please see Kristin with any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Thank you!

Thanks to the many volunteers who made our blood drive such a success! We had plenty of volunteers to handle registration, serving food, set up, take down and cleanup. Despite the cold, 40 people came on Thursday afternoon to donate blood. The Red Cross was able to collect 41 blood products which is a successful drive! Thank you to the DeForest Handy Helpers 4-H for their generous donation of cookies. Thanks to the Ladies Friendship Circle for the homemade soup which was perfect on a cold day. The ladies served meals all afternoon. A Thrivent grant covered the cost of subs, chips and the soup. There were many comments from the community and the Red Cross staff thanking the Lord of Love volunteers for the kindness and hospitality shown. Our next blood drive is planned for July.