

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

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AS WE GATHER

Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he “took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.” And “when they came to the place of which God had told him,” Abraham bound Isaac “and laid him on the altar” (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided “for himself the lamb for a burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom “all the nations of the earth” are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit “into the wilderness” to be “tempted by Satan” (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and “gives birth to sin” (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained “steadfast under trial,” and He has received “the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him” (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *On My Heart Imprint Your Image* (arr. Robert J. Powell)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 798 – **The God of Abraham Praise** (vv. 1-4, 9)



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 He by Him-self has sworn; I on His oath de-pend.
△ 9 The whole tri-um-phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil-grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, To heav'n as-cend.
“Hail, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost!” They ev-er cry.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;
I all on earth for-sake, Its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him-self my God.
I shall be-hold His face; I shall His pow'r a-dore
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n-ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa-cred name For-ev-er blest.
And Him my on-ly por-tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je-sus' blood.
And sing the won-ders of His grace For-ev-er-more.
All might and maj-es-ty are Thine And end-less praise!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† † † WORD † † †

INTROIT – Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15-16

Leader: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

C **With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.**



Leader: Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

C **no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**

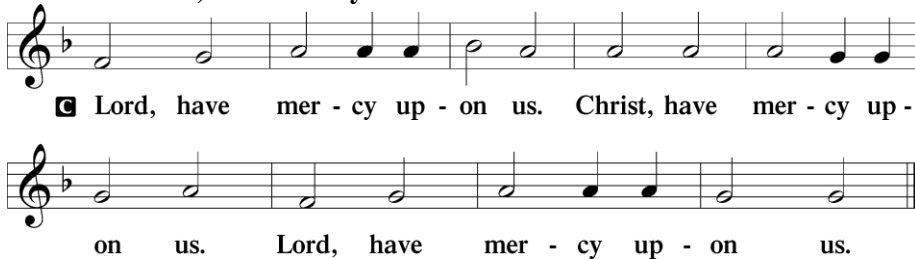
Leader: For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

C **On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

Leader: You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 22:1-18 – God spares Isaac.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”
²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the

sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Sung by congregation. – *Hebrews 12:2*



**O come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

EPISTLE – **James 1:12-18** – Every good and perfect gift comes from God.

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE – *Joel 2:13b*



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 1:9-15 – Jesus is baptized, tempted, and begins His ministry.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

8:00 am – NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

8 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

 is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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SERMON – *The Lamb Provides the Ram* – Genesis 22:1-18

OFFERING – *O Christ, You Walked the Road* (arr. Raymond H. Haan)

OFFERTORY – *Psalm 51:10-12*

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A** ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- A** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

10:30 am & 5 pm – Continues with the **Lord’s Prayer** (*page 10*)
and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (*pages 13-14*).

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠ 8 am – LSB 194

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord’s command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord’s Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 195 – Holy, Holy, Holy – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Notes:

If you need
gluten-free wafers,
please let one of the
pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape
juice, containing *a*
trace amount of
wine, is available in
the center of the tray.

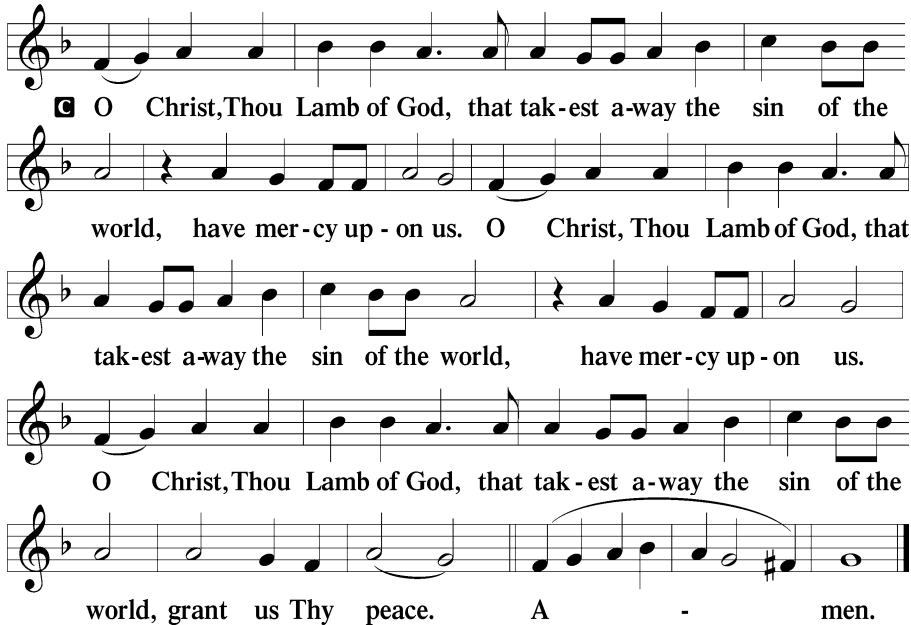
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI – LSB 198 – Lamb of God - John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast.

But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart! O joy of all the meek, to those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

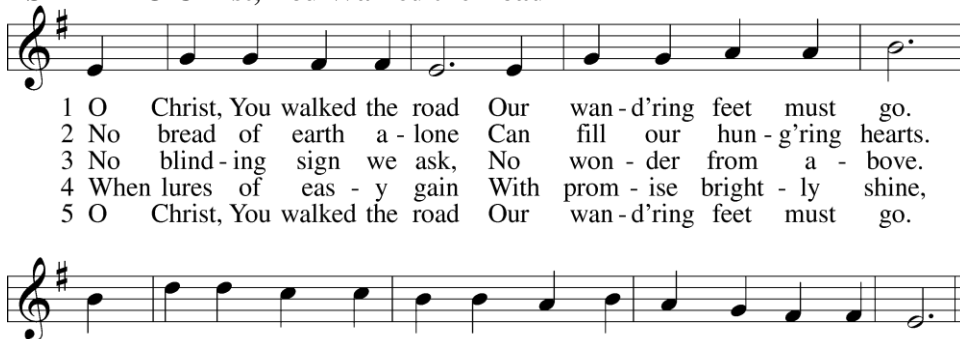
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be, Jesus be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

Bernard of Clairvaux
(ca. 1091-1153),
tr. Edward Caswall

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (arr. Arlen Clarke)

LSB 424 – O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.

You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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LSB 861 – Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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LSB 600 – Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Off’ring



1 Mark how the Lamb of God’s self - of - f’ring Our hu - man
 2 From this as - sur - ance of God’s fa - vor Je - sus goes
 3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
 to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
 faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
 test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.
 call - ing; Christ’s roy - al priest - hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, “Lo,
 So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -
 Turn us from ev - ’ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
 tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to
 we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a



form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
 paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
 cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* (arr. Healey Willan)



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Trevor & Ina Jones** in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary (Feb 16) and the birthdays of **Trevor** (Feb. 19) and **Alison Thunberg** (Feb. 20).

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TODAY, February 18

9:15am Sunday School + Confirmation + Youth

Bible study: *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament*

11:30am Spirit Camp planning meeting (Grand Hall)

MONDAY, February 19

Preschool closed

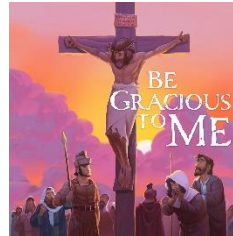
TUESDAY, February 20

10:00am Playgroup (gym)

5:15pm First Steps in Music

5:30pm Health & Human Care Ministry Team

6:15pm Children's Choir



WEDNESDAY, February 21

Midweek Lenten worship (*see schedule on back page*)

7:45pm Senior Choir (sanctuary)

THURSDAY, February 22

7:00pm *What Do We Believe?* class (Zoom) – contact Pastor Beck to join

SATURDAY, February 24

11:00am Secret Sisters Luncheon (sign up on the podium)

SATURDAY, March 2

10am-Noon Congregational Summit

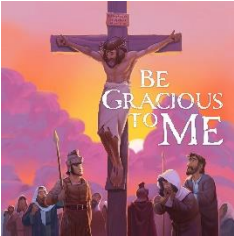


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Lent - Easter 2024

Wednesdays – February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✠ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✠ 7pm **Worship**

✠ **Personal confession/absolution** in the office ✠
30 mins before & immediately after each service

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Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 24

8 & 10:30 am **Procession with Palms**

Divine Service *with Holy Communion*

11:30 am **Easter Egg Hunt**

5 pm **Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

Maundy Thursday – March 28

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

Good Friday – March 29

Noon **Stations of the Cross**

8 pm **Tenebrae** (Service of Darkness)

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil – March 30

8 pm at University Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday – March 31

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** (*Holy Comm.* & special music)

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**

5 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*