

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Second Sunday in Lent**

February 25, 2024

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

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

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Chief of Sinners Though I Be* (arr. Joseph Herl)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 936 – Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
 2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
 3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
 4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
 oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
 way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
 lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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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 115:11-12, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

*Leader:* Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

**C** You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\*  
He is their help | and their shield.

*Leader:* The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;\*  
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

**C** he will bless those who | fear the LORD,\*  
both the small | and the great.

*Leader:* We will | bless the LORD\*  
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**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.  
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

### 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 17:1-7, 15-16 – God renames Abram and Abraham.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

- 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 – Romans 5:1-11 – Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we

were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

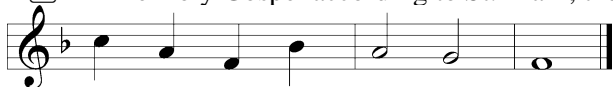
**VERSE** – *Joel 2:13b*



**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 8:27-38** – Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 8:00 am – 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.

### 10:30 am & 5:00 pm – 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.

### 8 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 708 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

**SERMON – A God for the Godless – Romans 5:1-11**

**OFFERING – Hope of the World (arr. Sherri Hansen)**

**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.

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



# ✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠

10:30 am & 5 pm– 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.**

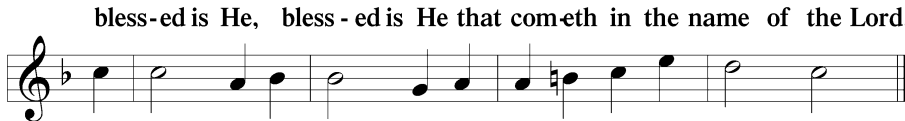
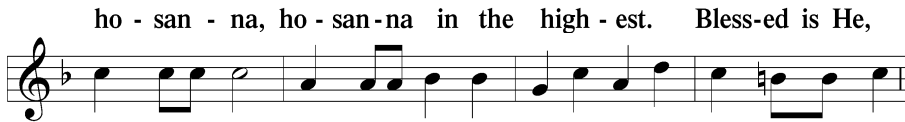
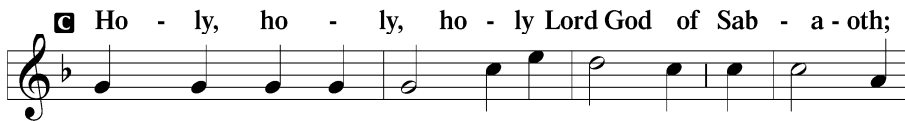
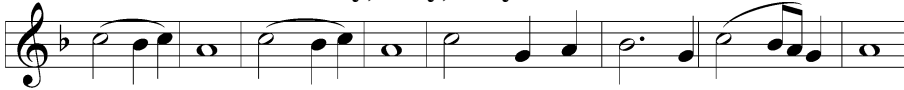
Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **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*



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



## LORD'S PRAYER

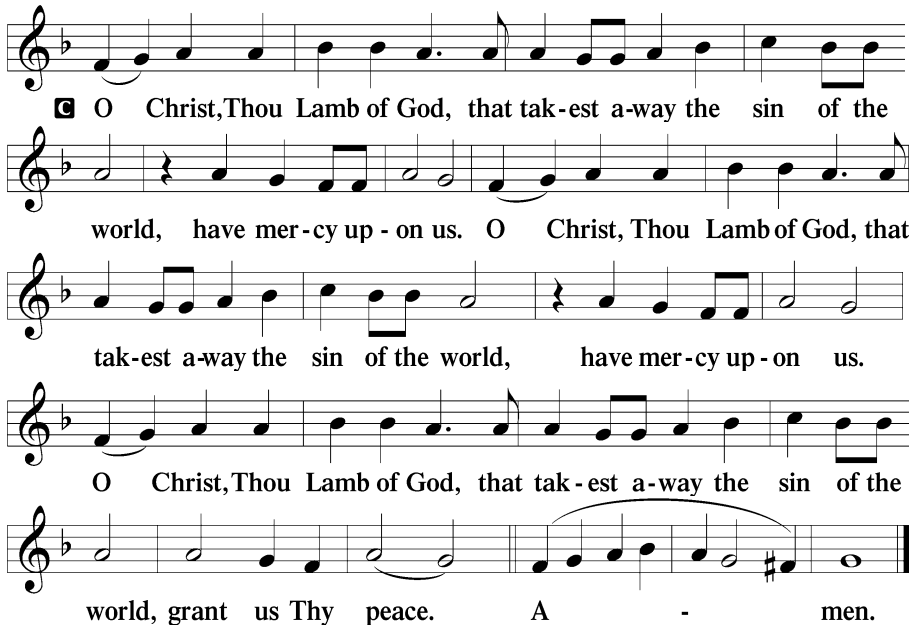
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

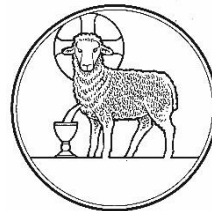
**PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

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



**C** 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.



### 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

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

### LSB 611 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be



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 Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns 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. He sus - tains the  
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.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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*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

## LSB 783 – Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## LSB 690 – Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;  
We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.  
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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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.

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## 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 – *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* (arr. Walter L. Pelz)



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Bill & Pat Ballew** in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 22.



**TODAY, February 25**

**9:15am** Sunday School + Confirmation + Youth

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

**6:00pm** FLY

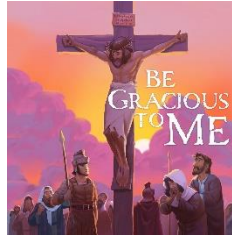
**TUESDAY, February 27**

**2:00pm** Quilting (kitchen)

**5:15pm** First Steps in Music

**6:15pm** Children's Choir

**6:30pm** Elders



**WEDNESDAY, February 28**

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

**7:45pm** Senior Choir (sanctuary)

**THURSDAY, February 29**

**6:00pm** Sojourn House Gala (Switchyard Pavilion)

**7:00pm** *What Do We Believe?* class (Zoom)

**SATURDAY, February 24**

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

**FRIDAY, March 1**

**Endowment Fund applications DUE**



**SATURDAY, March 2**

**10am-Noon Congregational Summit**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY, June 10-13**

**Spirit Camp**



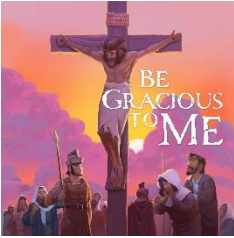
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# Lent - Easter 2024



## Wednesdays through March 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



## 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)



## 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*