



**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

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**JOHN 2:13-22**

WHEN JESUS COMES TO  
CHURCH



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 3, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

# Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.

If you are joining us online, please email the office at [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org), so we can welcome you within our midst.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

## As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) through this link [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



# + Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Carol Parson

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P** Holy God,

**C** we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us Lord. Amen.

**P** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

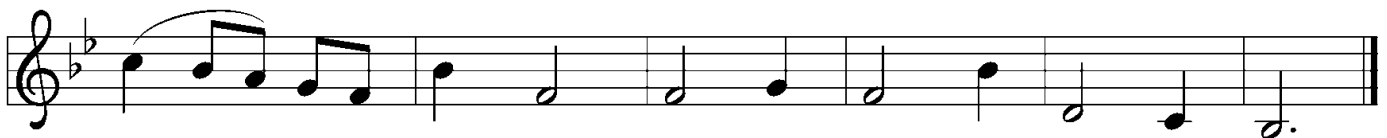
**C** Amen.



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

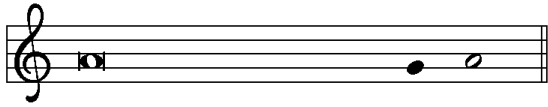
**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** And also with you.



# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



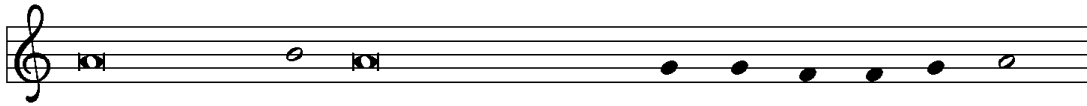
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



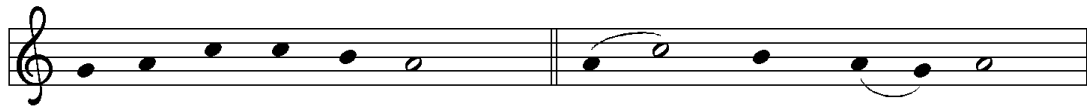
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ Amen.

+ Word +

*We sit.*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

☐ A reading from Exodus.

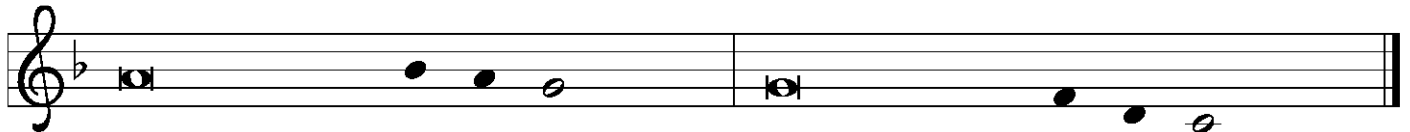
<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any

work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 19



**A** <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,**  
**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

**A** <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

**C** <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message**  
**to the ends | of the world,**  
**where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

- A** <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and  
runs about to the end of | it again;  
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**
- A** <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the  
simple.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives  
light | to the eyes.**
- A** <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and  
righteous | altogether.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much  
fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
- A** <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- A** <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let  
them not get dominion | over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great  
offense.
- C** <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable | in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING

## 1st Corinthians 1:18-25

**A** A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

*We stand.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*Each petition ends:*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

# PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

## + Meal +

*We sit.*

OFFERING ~ *Precious Lord*

*Sheldon Curry*

SOLO ~ Diane Bele

*We stand.*

## OFFERING SONG



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
- C** Amen.

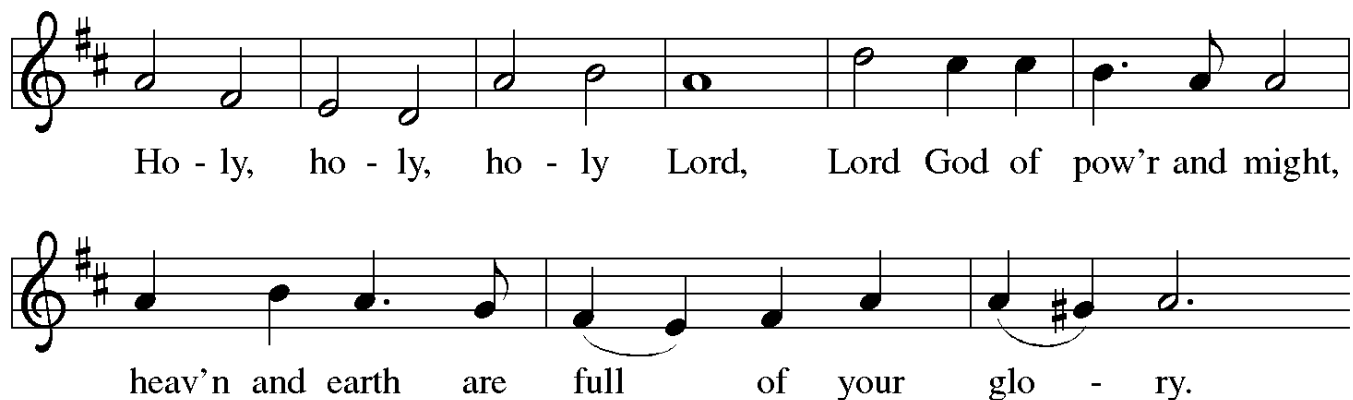
## DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are you, Heavenly Father...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

**C** Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** God of resurrection and new life...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

**C** Come, Holy Spirit.

**P** With your saints of all times and places... O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

**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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Blessed for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements, **by intinction**, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is **red wine**, and the other half of which, is **light apple juice**. **Gluten free wafers** are available during distribution. **Children** who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. **Please inform the ushers** if you would like communion brought to you at **your place in the pew**.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ *How Great Thou Art*

ELW 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

*We stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**G** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**G** Amen.

## + Sending +

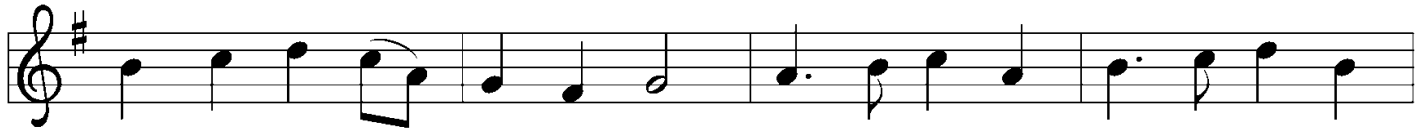
### SENDING HYMN ~ *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705 vs 1,3,4



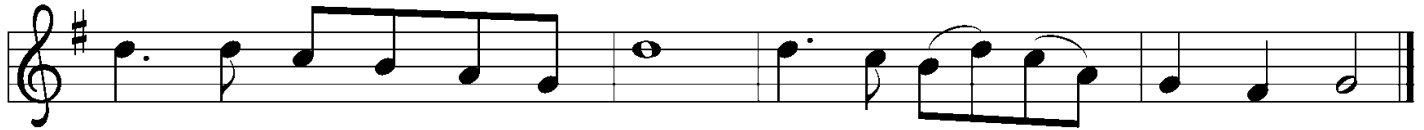
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
 be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.  
 for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
 serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

## BLESSING



**P** Almighty God, Father, † Son, **G** A - men  
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Lani Smith

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**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God by members and friends of Lord of Life

## ✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

**WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS** ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

**WELCOME** ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

**A BIG THANK YOU!** Donations to our five Advent ministries remained strong in 2023, totaling over \$4,300! The Endowment Committee has generously contributed an

additional gift to bring the total to an even \$5,000. As a result, each of the five recipients—LSSI Specialized Foster Care, Holy Family Ministries, North Side Housing and Supportive Services, RefugeeOne, and WINGS Survivor Lifeline—will receive a check for \$1,000. Your faithful offerings and prayers enable these ministries to continue doing the good work they have undertaken. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND GENEROSITY!**

**ELCA WORLD HUNGER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS:** In Wisconsin, lead exposure is a statewide issue and children are most at risk of developing lead poisoning. With support from ELCA World Hunger, Hephatha Lutheran Church offers lead-free education to community members and distributes water filters to each new participant. “I hope this ministry can continue to be a resource that others can utilize so that their children can be as happy and safe as mine,” says Mrs McElroy, a participant in Hephatha’s ministry. Lord of Life will conduct an ELCA World Hunger offering on April 7th and 14th. Please pray about how you can help!

**SPRING FOOD DRIVE:** As part of our focus on hunger during Lent, we will be collecting food, toiletries, and household items for local food pantries, as well as our own Little Free Food Pantry. Bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings, March 10 or 17, or on Saturday morning, March 16, from 10:00 am to noon. A list of most-needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and online on the LOL Facebook page. Thank you!

**Daylight Savings Time:** Don’t forget to “spring ahead” one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 9<sup>th</sup>, unless you are a night owl, in which case you can change your clock at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW DIRECTORY:** **Please look at the draft copies of the new directory** that are on the tables in the Narthex. Make any corrections with the red pens provided. You only need to look at one copy and make corrections, since they are all the same. If all looks good, please put a check mark on your entry so that I know you have reviewed it. *Thank you for your help, Kim*

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

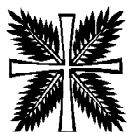
Wednesday 3/6 Evening Prayer 7 PM ~ In community with our neighbor

Lent Week 4 – Sunday 3/10 Holy Communion 9 AM

Wednesday 3/13 Evening Prayer 7 PM ~ In community with those on the margins

Lent Week 5 – Sunday 3/17 Holy Communion 9 AM

Wednesday 3/20 Evening Prayer 7 PM ~ In community with Christ



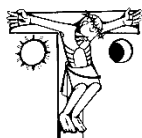
Lent Week 6 – Passion/Palm Sunday 3/24

9 AM Procession with Palms, Passion Reading & Holy Communion



Maundy Thursday 3/28

7 PM Foot Washing & Holy Communion



Good Friday 3/29

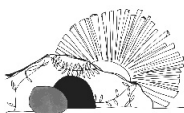
7 PM Tenebrae Service & Solemn Reproaches



Easter Vigil 3/30

5:30 PM A Taste of Easter

6 PM Easter Fire & Vigil Service



Resurrection of Our Lord 3/31

9 AM Holy Communion