

Lord *of Life* Lutheran Church

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026  
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 send the office an email at [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

## 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 ~ *Bourre in F Major* Georg P. Telemann, arr. Lani Smith

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs

of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**P** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C** Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN ~ *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* ELW 321



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## GREETING

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

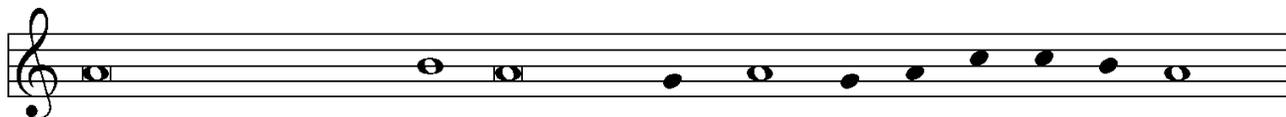
**G** And also with you.



## KYRIE



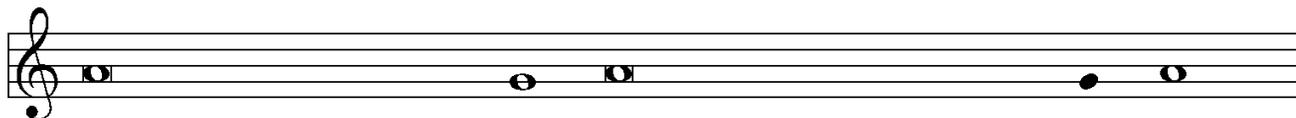
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



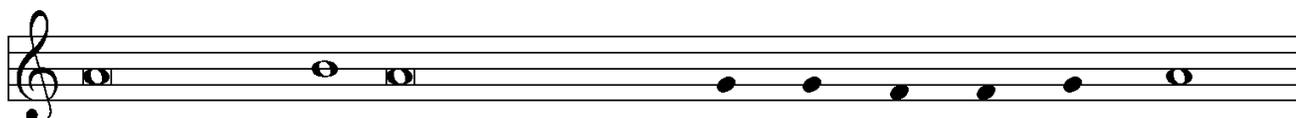
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Children continue their worship in Sunday School.*

# + Word +

*We sit.*

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

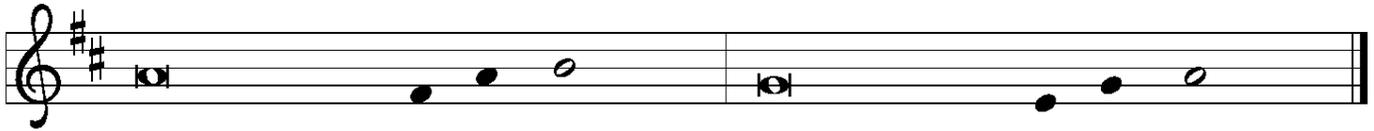
**A** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 32



- A** <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!
- G** <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- A** <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.
- G** <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**
- A** <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my  
guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then  
you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- G** <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach  
them.**
- A** <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- G** <sup>8</sup> **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you  
should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**
- A** <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not  
stay near you.”

**C** <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

**A** <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

**A** A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** 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

Matthew 4:1-11

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' ” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

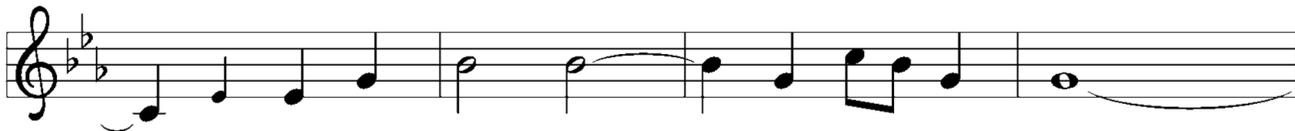
## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

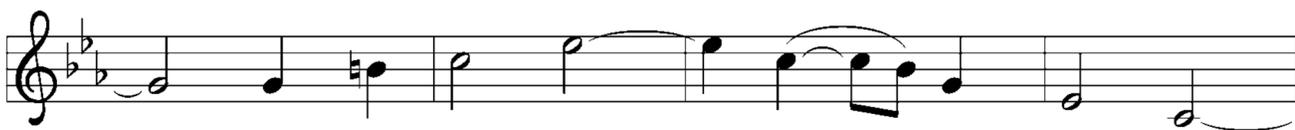
ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

*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** Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*Each petition ends:*

- A** Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
- C** **Amen.**

## PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** And also with you.

+ *Meal* +

*We sit.*

**OFFERTORY ~ BELLS**    *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      Anna Laura Page

**OFFERING SONG ~ *On My Heart Imprint Your Image***                      **ELW 811**



On my heart im - print your im - age,    bless - ed Je - sus,    king of grace,



that life's trou - bles    nor its plea - sures    ev - er may your work e - rase.



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

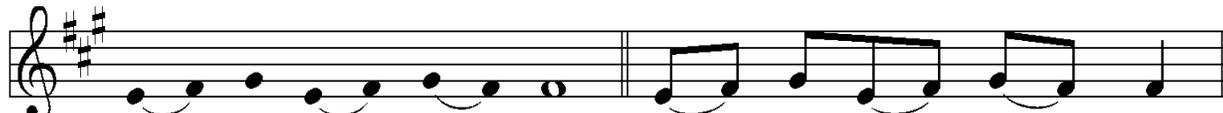


is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion,    all my glo - ry    and sal - va - tion!

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- G** Amen.

## DIALOGUE



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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



**C** 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.





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 of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW 322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

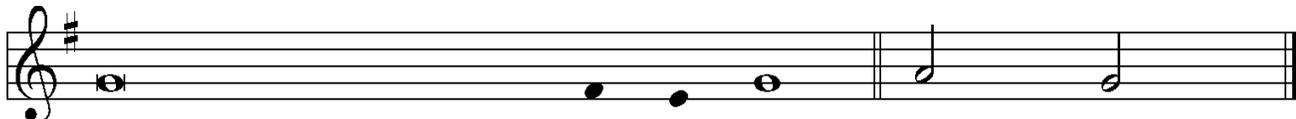
## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.



✠ *Sending* ✠

## BLESSING



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

# SENDING HYMN ~ *Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW 624



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Believe the good news

**G** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ *Praising the Almighty*

Edward Broughton

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**\*\*Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.\*\*

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