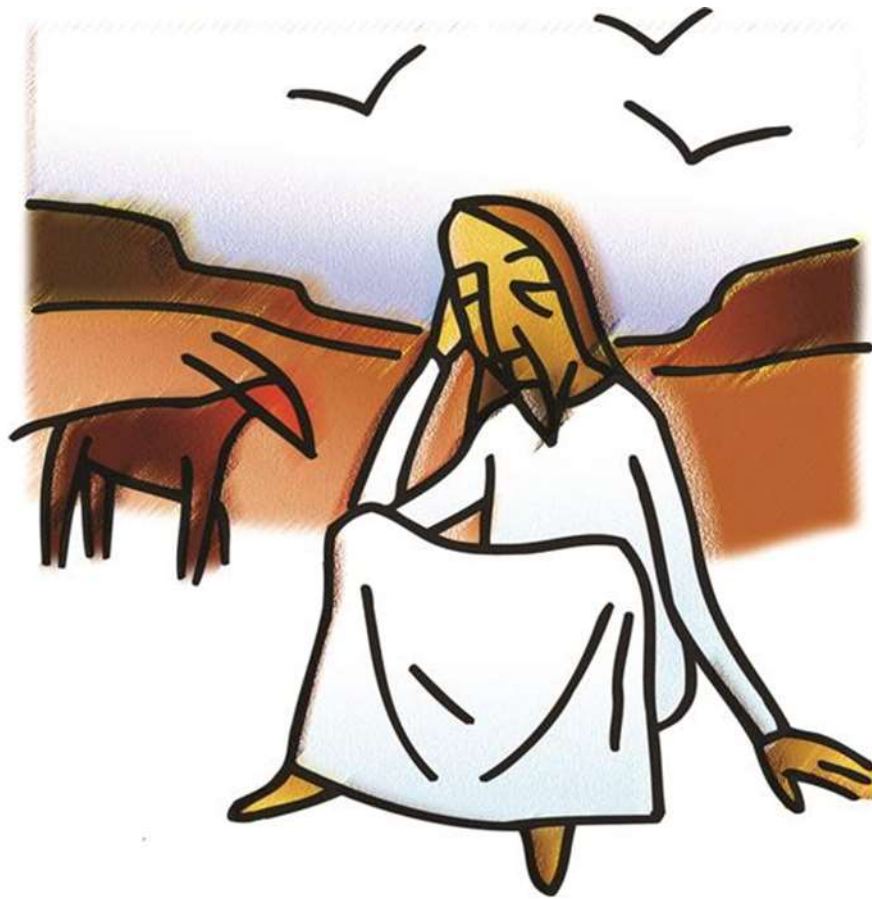




**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024  
10:30 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Eight

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**ELW 504**

**Gathering Song: *The Heart of Worship***

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come  
Longing just to bring, something that's of worth, that will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself,  
is not what You have required You search much deeper within,  
through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it's all about You, all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
when it's all about You, all about You Jesus

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours ev'ry single breath

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**Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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*The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.*

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**  
**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## Canticle of Praise

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### Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak***

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
to be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness  
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

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## **Gospel: Mark 1: :9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Time**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Karla Wildberger**

## **Song of the Day: *Indescribable***

1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

### **Chorus**

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
and You know them by name  
You are amazing, God  
All powerful, untamable  
awestruck we fall to our knees  
as we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God

2 Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
or seen heavenly store-houses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom

### **Chorus**

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
and You know them by name  
You are amazing, God  
All powerful, untamable  
awestruck we fall to our knees  
as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing, God  
Incomp'able, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
and You love me the same  
You are amazing, God

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us profess our faith together:

**I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love. I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I believe the psalmist who says, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” I believe that, just as God called Jesus “beloved,” God extends this same term of endearment to us.**

**I believe that no matter our earthly challenges, nothing could strip me of that sacred title. I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball, and I would still be God’s beloved.**

**Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm. I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong.**

**I am a child of God. I am beloved. I strive to live this way.**

**Amen.**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**  
...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### Offering Song: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*


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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.

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray,

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **Preparing for the Table**

...So if we come to this table angry,  
**Let this bread and wine be our peace.**

If we come to this table broken,  
**Let this bread and wine be our grace.**

If we come to this table betrayed,  
**Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.**

If we come to this table in despair,  
**Let this bread and wine be our life.**

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world  
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **Words of Institution**

... We break bread and share the one cup.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.*

Our Father in heaven,


hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **Invitation to Communion**



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, Lamb of God.

**Communion Distribution Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
through life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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## **Prayer after Communion**

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Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song: *Mighty Is Our God***

Mighty is our God  
Mighty is our King  
Mighty is our Lord  
Ruler of ev'rything

Glory to our God  
Glory to our King  
Glory to our Lord  
Ruler of ev'rything

His name is higher  
Higher than any other name  
His pow'r is greater  
For He has created ev'rything

Mighty is our God  
Mighty is our King  
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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *Mighty Is Our God***

## **Announcements**

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Mark & Nancy Oehlert in celebration of their anniversary.

### **“Souper” Bowl**

The results are in...122 in support of 49ers; 113 supporting Chiefs: A total of 233 cans of soup & 2 boxes of crackers! ALL of the soup will be used to support our Little Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting this great cause! And thank you also to those who volunteer and stock the pantry daily.

### **Midweek Lent Services**

Midweek services for Lent will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays from February 21 through March 20. The services will also be livestreamed. This week Pastor Mark will be leading and preaching.

### **Hallelujah!**

Haven't you always wanted to sing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter? Here's your chance! You are invited to join the choir as we prepare the Hallelujah Chorus for Easter Sunday. We will be using a singer-friendly version of this time-honored piece. Singers in 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome too! I am also looking for a few bell ringers to play a very simple part. See Susan Hansen for the rehearsal schedule.

### **Thinking of You Card Shower**

Please consider helping Linda Mushrush by sending a card to brighten her day. Her address is 1207 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW; Dyersville IA 52040.

## **Intergenerational Faith Formation**

February is a special month!!! On Sunday the 25th, we will have another Intergenerational Faith Formation on Holy Communion! And during this time teaching for First Communion will take place! We will gather around our younger ones and learn about God's sacrament. We will live out our baptismal calling by gathering together.....join us at 9:15am on the 25th. (Due to scheduling, we have moved this class time up by one week.)

## **This Week at Lord of Life**

Sunday, February 18	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult FF
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Tuesday, February 20	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21	6:00 PM	Midweek Lent Worship in-person or online
	6:30 PM	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, February 22	11:30 AM	Senior Lunch: Old Chicago
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry

## **Prayer List**

Jake & Susan Ohms

Barry & Mary Pickart

Ken & Christine Resch

Willeen Sass

Tim Shade

Lance & Laura Sherlock

John & Ellen Shook

## **This Week's Worship Servants**

**Readers:** 8:00 Susan Hansen 10:30 Barry Pickart

**Ushers:** 8:00 Sandy Arp/Susan Hansen 10:30 Galen Thomas

**Tech/PPT:** 8:00 10:30

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