



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023  
10:30 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Eight

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**ELW p. 94**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Gathering Song: *Because of Your Love***

As we come into Your presence,  
we remember ev'ry blessing  
that You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
for compassion so amazing  
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

### **Chorus:**

Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up, with songs of freedom;  
forever we're changed because of Your love

As we come into Your presence,  
we remember ev'ry blessing  
that You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
for compassion so amazing  
Lord, we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

### **Chorus (x2)**

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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**

**ELW p. 184**

*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.**

**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.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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 12:1-4a**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

## Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

## Children's Time

### 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)**

## **Gospel: John 3:1-17**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**

**Song of the Day: *Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name (x2)  
  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name (x2)

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
...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.*

### **Offertory Music: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

**ELW 325**

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| 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;<br>I want Jesus to walk with me;<br>all along my pilgrim journey,<br>Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.                          | 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;<br>in my trials, Lord, walk with me;<br>when my heart is almost breaking,<br>Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. |
| 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;<br>when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;<br>when my head is bowed in sorrow,<br>Lord, I want Jesus 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.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### Lord's Prayer

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

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

## **Lamb of God**

**ELW p. 191**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **Communion Distribution Song: *Eat This Bread***

**ELW 472**

“Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.”

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## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen***

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

### **Refrain**

And all the people said Amen, whoa  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord,  
for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
weak or strong, you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “*All the People Said Amen*”**

## **Announcements**

### **Worship Online**

#### **Zoom:**

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: Luther

#### **Phone in at:**

(312) 626-6799  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: 456037

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Nancy & Clarence Davis in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 2.

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

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
	2:00 PM	Youth Event: Cupcake Wars
Wednesday, March 8	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:15 PM	Midweek Lent Worship in-person/online
Thursday, March 9	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, March 11	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

### **Youth Cupcake Wars!**

**TODAY** from 2-3:30pm at church. Cupcakes and decorating supplies will be provided. Teams will decorate cupcakes to best represent the given theme.

### **Cross Generational Sunday School**

Do you want to help serve during worship, but feel like you need some training? Come to Cross Generational Sunday School on March 12th at 9:15 to be trained in the various roles of worship—tech, ushering, acolyting, reading, assistant minister, altar guild etc. We will start with a short lesson on service and then have time for training. This is a great way to find out how you can help at church!

### **Tying Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

In honor of National Quilting Day, there will be an afternoon of tying Lutheran World Relief quilts on Thursday, March 16, from 1:00-3:00pm. Come join us, no sewing experience necessary. For more info, contact Marilyn Koehler, 582-6430.

## **Dear Thrivent Members...Start 2023 on a generous note!**

If you haven't already done so, you can still direct 2022 Choice Dollars® until end of March 2023 to the causes that matter most to you.\* In fact, there are more than 45,000 organizations in our Thrivent Choice® catalog including Lord of Life Lutheran Church from which to choose. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Dan Decker at 563-556-0469 or [deckerdbq@aol.com](mailto:deckerdbq@aol.com). Thanks

## **First Communion Instruction**

Each year, during Lent, we invite parents and children in 5th grade to participate in First Communion Instruction. The process is fairly simple. Visit our website to watch a video and learn how to bake communion bread, answer questions on the questionnaire included on the page, and join Pastor Paul and Maria Troftgruben for an in-person session. You can start the process at <https://www.lordoflife.online/firstcommunion.html> then let Pastor Paul know that you are ready to meet.

## **Prayer List**

Dave & Barb Morreim	Dean Niklasen and family
Deron & Tami Muehring and family	Dan & Amy Norton and family
Kirk & Linda Mushrush	Pam Null

## **Servants:**

### **Sunday, February March 5**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>			Susan Hansen	Deavers
<b>10:30 AM</b>			Nancy Davis	

### **Sunday, March 12**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon D.	Susan Hansen	Sandy Arp	Craig & Dione
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Barry Pickart	

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## PARTIAL WORSHIP SERVANT SCHEDULE for MARCH & APRIL

<b>MARCH</b>		<b>READER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
5	8:00	Susan Hansen	Sam & Sue Deaver
	10:30	Nancy Davis	
12	8:00	Sandy Arp	Craig & Dione Miller
	10:30	Barry Pickart	
19	8:00	Kris Erickson-Eipperle	Sam & Sue Deaver
	10:30	Steve Geisert	
26	8:00	Sandy Heer	Jim Gilbertson
	10:30	Barb Lindecker	
<b>APRIL</b>			
2	8:00	Larry Croghan	Steve & Sandy Heer
	10:30	Tara Grace	
9	8:00	Susan Hansen	Kevin & Jenn Cartee
	10:30	Debbie Thomas	
16	8:00	Jenn Cartee	Tim Shade & Sandy Arp
	10:30	Nancy Davis	
23	8:00	Steve Heer	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
	10:30	Barry Pickart	
30	8:00	Sandy Arp	Dan & Joan Decker
	10:30	Steve Geisert	

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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

