



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
8:00 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Ten

GATHERING

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

Prelude: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Arr. Jan Sanborn

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: *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

ELW 448

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour.

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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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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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.

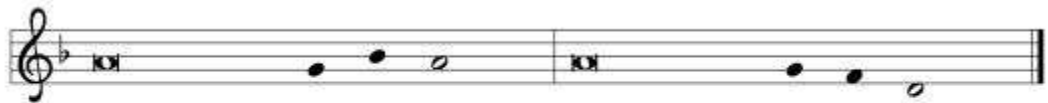
¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I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

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

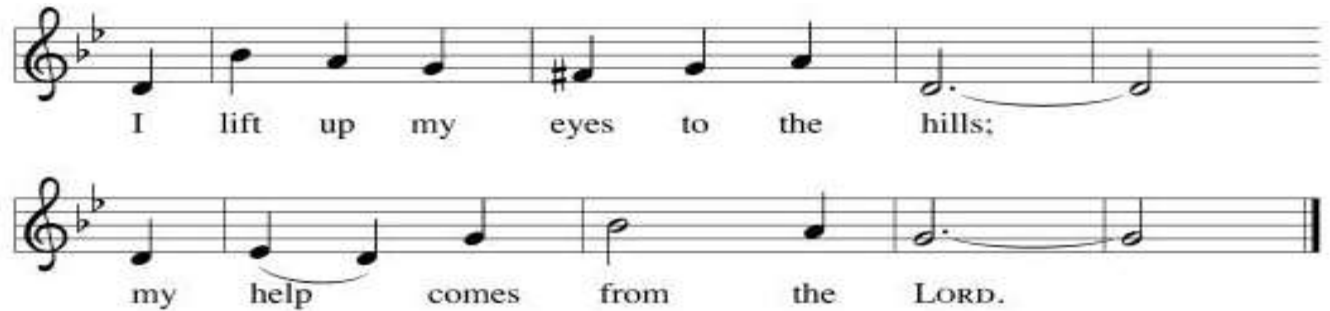
Psalm 121 (*sung responsively*)

Tone



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Refrain



Psalm 121:1-2

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- ¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ²**My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- ³The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**
- ⁵the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**
- ⁷The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸**The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

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.

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

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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 Acclamation

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We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

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.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the

kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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

Hymn of the Day: *God Loved the World*

ELW 323

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| 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive. | 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith. |
| 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone. | 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good. |
| 5 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally! | |

Apostles' Creed

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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: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. Jan Sanborn

Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



Scan code to give now.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution Song:

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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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: *Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Arr. Jan Sanborn

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 55th 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. 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
Deron & Tami Muehring and family
Kirk & Linda Mushrush
Dean Niklasen and family
Dan & Amy Norton and family
Pam Null

Servants:

Sunday, February March 5

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

Sunday, March 12

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

PARTIAL WORSHIP SERVANT SCHEDULE for MARCH & APRIL

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

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