

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

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March 8th & 9th, 2025

The Season

In the Church Year, we have come to the season of Lent. The word Lent comes from an old English word for spring: “lengthen,” when the days grow longer. For over 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal.

The Sunday

God’s Son—our brother, Jesus— stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. We see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us.

The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ’s body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the portions in bold print.

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Coralee Henning

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 864 sts. 1-4

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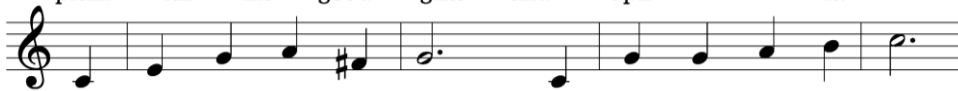
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



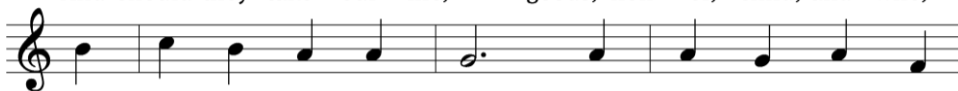
shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



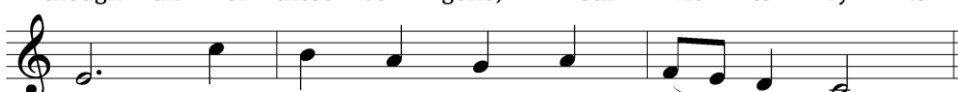
need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

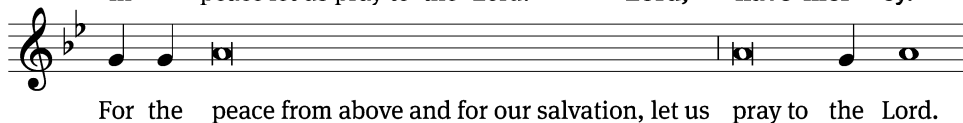
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



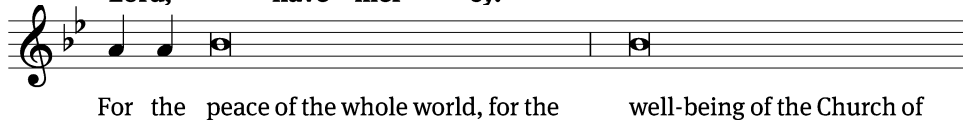
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



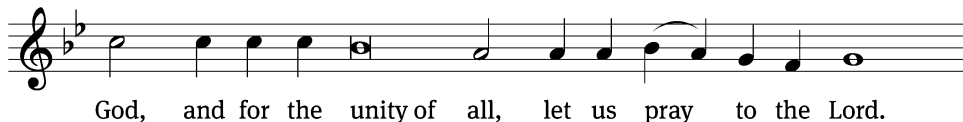
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



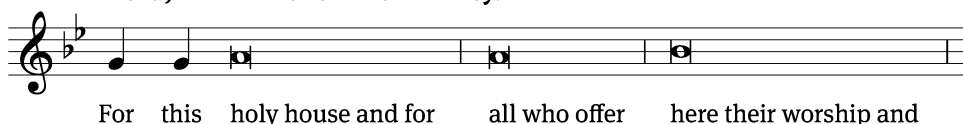
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



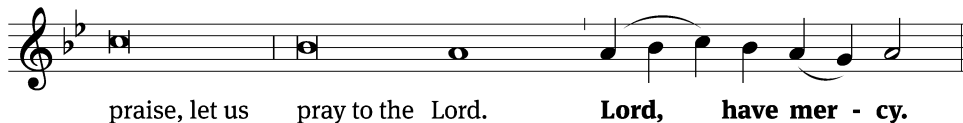
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



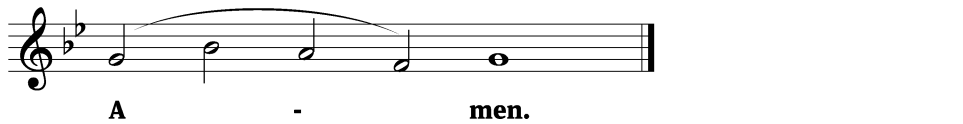
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



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



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

CW 534 sts. 1-2



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i - le - an King!
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on you were laid;



You have suf - fered to re - lease us, hope to give and peace to bring.
by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, you have full a - tone - ment made.



Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame;
Ev - 'ry sin has been for - giv - en thro' the pow - er of your blood;



by your mer - its we find fa - vor: life is giv - en thro' your name.
o - pen is the gate of heav - en, we are rec - on - ciled to God.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, 1757; A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, London, 1760 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen Text and tune: Public domain

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

The battle is the Lord's.

⁴A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

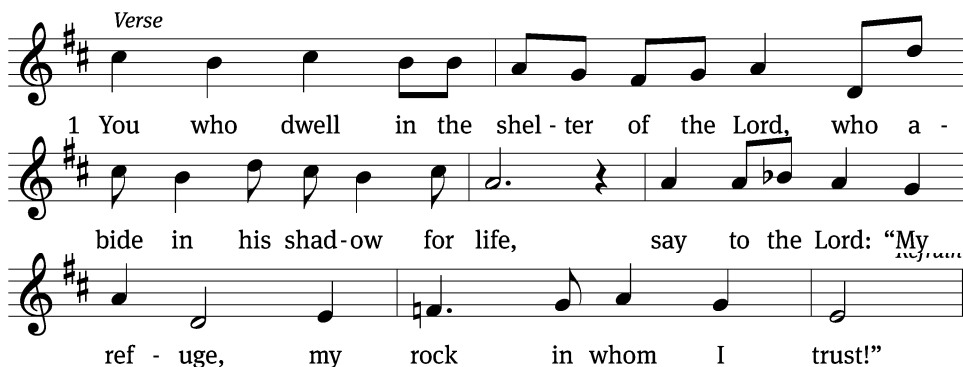
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

On Eagle's Wings

Psalms 91:1, Refrain, 2-3, Final Refrain

Verse



1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

The musical notation for Verse 1 consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the verse with a double bar line.

Refrain



And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The musical notation for the Refrain consists of four staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and the word "verses" written below it.

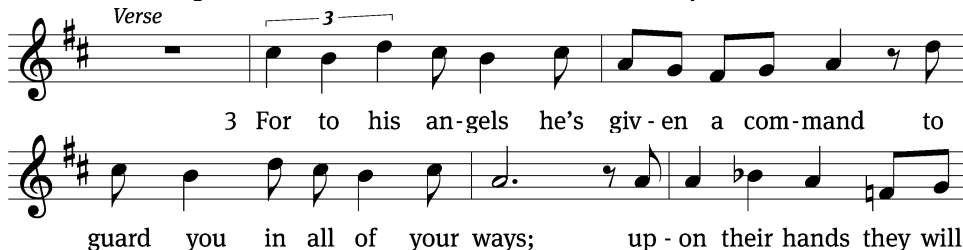
Verse



2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

The musical notation for Verse 2 consists of four staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Verse



3 For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

The musical notation for Verse 3 consists of two staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. A bracket with the number "3" is placed above the first three notes of the second staff. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

Final Refrain

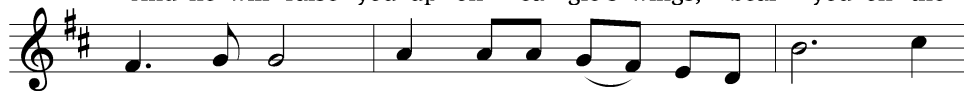


bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

Final Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and



hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you,



hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 3:8



Refrain



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry.

Tone



The reason the Son of God ap-peared was to destroy the dev-il's work.

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus overcomes Satan's temptations, winning the victory for us.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹²Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

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Sermon

"Do Not Lose Heart"

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering: *God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.*

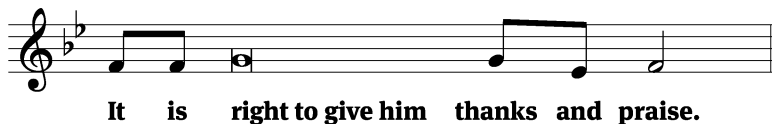
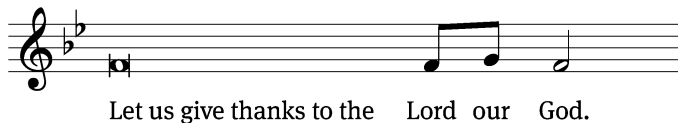
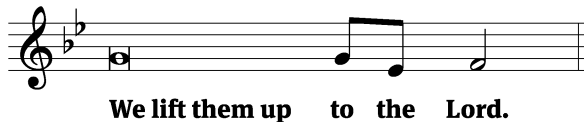
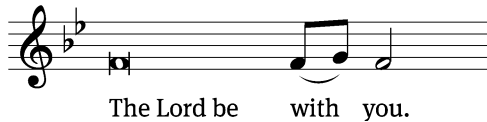


The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en 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!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first line of lyrics. The fourth and fifth staves contain the second line of lyrics. The sixth and seventh staves contain the third line of lyrics. The eighth staff contains the final line of lyrics. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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Distribution

Personal Prayer before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Personal Prayer after Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

5 Now no one can condemn me
or set my hope aside;
now hell no more can claim me,
its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
no guilt destroys my peace,
for Christ, my Savior, loves me
and shields me with his grace.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
no pain or poverty,
no earthly tyrant's anger
shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
you are my Savior true;
no fire or sword or thunder
shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing
and can no more be sad;
my soul is filled with singing,
sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
is Jesus Christ, my King;
the heav'n I shall inherit
makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.; (sts. 1, 4–5, 7): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book, 1907; (sts. 2–3, 6): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887; Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.
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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

O Lord, We Praise You

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1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,
in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German, 14th cent.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter, alt.

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Family Devotions: Get your family into God’s Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit wels.net/family-devotions to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its “moments”. That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at welscongregationalevices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don’t miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit wels.net/together to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you’re interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Soup Supper Volunteers Needed: Soup Supper Volunteers needed for April 2. A sign up sheet is on the table in the back of church for volunteers who would like to help with the Lenten Soup Supper on April 2.

Memorial Easter Lilies: Order sheets are available on the table in back of church and at the school office.

St. Lucas Grade School Presents: Mary Poppins Jr.: Come support our talented grade school students starring in a fantastic performance of Mary Poppins Jr. The main performance will be on **March 21st at 6:00 pm in the school gym.** If you are unable to attend the main performance, or would prefer attending a matinee, please join us for our dress rehearsal performance on March 20th at 1:00 pm in the school gym. The kids are excited to put on a wonderful show for all of you!

Altar Guild Schedule: The altar guild schedule for March – August is available in the narthex on the south end of the cabinet.

St. Lucas Preschool Open House: Our Preschool open house will be March 15th, 2025, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Please feel free to stop by and meet the teachers and see the classroom. All are welcome!

New Hymnals for our New Church: We will be equipping our new church with new hymnals. \$28 each (250-300 copies needed). Order forms are available in the back of church and outside the office at school.

Sacred Concert: Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School as our KML bands and choirs glorify the Lord through song at the Sacred Concert on **Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM.** Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.

WELS Youth Night: March 14, 7-9pm at KML in the PAC. This event is for all youth from 8th - 12th grade. Enjoy games, worship, keynote presentation, breakout sessions, and snacks. Register with this QR code. Invite your friends to come with you. If you or your youth group leader would like to help with this event, please have them reach out to me. We are looking for young adult breakout small group leaders and others to help.



WELS Youth Night

For the worship part of the night, we would love to get as many youth involved as possible singing/playing an instrument. Let me know if you have any youth that would like to be involved in this way.

Let's pray for a great night for our youth.

Join Us for the Palms and Blooms Gala! We invite you to join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for an elegant evening at the 2025 KML Palms and Blooms Gala on **Saturday, April 5, 2025.** Enjoy tropical cuisine, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, and the chance to make a lasting impact in our students' lives and for generations to come. Proceeds benefit KML's building expansion project and the student assistance fund. **Registration NOW OPEN** at kmlhs.org/gala. **Final registration deadline: March 17, 2025.**

Charger Wear Coordinator Needed: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking for a volunteer Charger Wear Coordinator! We are very thankful for Kristie Waldvogel who has done a great job serving in this position for the last couple of years.

The Charger Wear Coordinator will:

- Help choose and guide apparel suppliers in the designing & printing of new KML apparel
- Coordinate purchasing, retailing, and inventory of school apparel
- Serve as a liaison with our online store supplier
- Facilitate the Charger Wear recycle program, collecting used clothing and then selling it to raise funds for the 12 Days of Christmas
- Manage the Charger Wear booth for KML Freshmen Orientation (August) and Registration (December)

If you have an eye for design and enjoy working independently, this volunteer position could be right for you! Interested? Questions? Contact Mr. Joe Greefkes, Activities Director (262.677.4051 x4003; joe.greefkes@kmlhs.org).

MLC Job Openings: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time **Human Resources Generalist**, a part-time **Bookstore Assistant**, and a part-time **Men's Assistant Soccer Coach**.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week

BIRTHDAYS

Violet Brazeau	3/9	Susan Olewinski	3/10	Mark Justman	3/12
Michael Baumann	3/10	Colton Rhodes	3/10	Samuel Raether	3/13
Dennis Garvey	3/10	Kelsi Cochran	3/11	Tiffany Laubach	3/15
Joseph Herther	3/10	Elliot Shaske	3/12	Lilly Prost	3/15



REFLECTIONS ON REPENTANCE

Services: Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
 Soup Suppers each Wednesday: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

March 12th: Removing Our Guilt – Pastor Rohrback

March 19th: Realizing Our Need for Repentance – Pastor Loescher

March 26th: Recognizing against Whom We Sin – Vicar Wendland

April 2nd: Revealing Our Sinful Nature – Pastor Woldt

April 9th: Remembering God's Perfect Demands – Pastor Bode

Holy WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 17th: Holy Thursday

1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Service with Holy Communion

April 18th: Good Friday

1:00 pm Service of the Seven Words
 6:30 pm Tenebrae (Darkness)

April 18th: Easter Sunday - The Festival of the Resurrection

6:00 am Sunrise Service
 7:00-8:00 am Easter Breakfast
 8:30 am & 10:30 am Festival Worship



CALENDAR



Readings for March 9th - March 16th 2025

MAR 09

Sunday

Genesis 4:1-26
Mark 2:18-28

**Worship w/
Communion 8 am**

Sunday School 9:15 am
Bible Study 9:15 am

**Worship w/
Communion 10:30 am**

MAR 10

Monday

Genesis 6:1-7:5
Mark 3:1-19

MAR 11

Tuesday

Genesis 7:11-8:12
Mark 3:20-35

Bible Study 6:30 pm

MAR 12

Wednesday

Genesis 8:13-9:17
Genesis 9:18-11:26
Mark 4:1-20

Worship 3:30 pm

Soup Supper 4:30 pm

Worship 6:30 pm

MAR 13

Thursday

Genesis 11:27-12:20
Mark 4:21-41

Fuel for Moms 7:45 am

Bible Study 10:00 am

Boots & Blue Jeans Ball
5:00 pm

MAR 14

Friday

Genesis 13:1-18
Genesis 14:1-24
Mark 5:1-20

MAR 15

Saturday

Genesis 15:1-21
Mark 5:21-43

Worship 6:00 pm

Preschool Open House
10:00 am - 11:30 am

MAR 16

Sunday

Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22
John 6:1-13

Worship 8 am

Bible Study 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

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