

FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN

LENT

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!  
This is what the Sovereign Lord says to  
these bones: I will make breath enter  
you, and you will come to life."

*Ezekiel 37:5*



# ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **The Season**

Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

#### **The Sunday**

The Old Testament said that restoration of sight to the blind was one of the works of the Messiah. In his ministry, Jesus healed those who were physically blind. But even if our eyes work just fine, we still need Jesus to give us spiritual vision. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Jesus meets our greatest needs. He provides sight for the spiritually blind.

#### **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**

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

#### **Serving in Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke  
Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm)  
Matthew Stoltz (8 am)  
Steve Wolter (10:30 am)

Organist: Laura Schulz

# What Wondrous Love Is This

CW 526



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse  
down be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,  
free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



## Confession

CW 154

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

# Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402 sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing lifts its praise on high,  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
an - gel hosts re - joic - ing make their glad re - ply.  
loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.; Italian, c. 18th cent.  
Tune: Friedrich Fillitz, 1804-1876  
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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; 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

Ezekiel 37:1–14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 130B

Sung responsively with the minister

## Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

## Tone

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;  
Lord, / hear my voice.

Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





## Gospel

John 11:17–27,38–45

<sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup>and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup>“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup>Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup>“Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



# Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest -  
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!  
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.  
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,  
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,  
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight  
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:  
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:  
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,  
in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest  
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.  
where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.  
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

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## Children's Sermon

*Children may come  
forward to the front pew*

## Sermon

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Nothing is Impossible with God*

*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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith.

Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . . here name the person*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

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# The Sacrament

## Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Stand*

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 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he, 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**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.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

*Be seated*



## Distribution

### My Song Is Love Unknown

CW 397



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
who at my need his life did spend!  
and for his death they thirst and cry.  
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away.  
A murderer they save,  
the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suff'ring goes  
that he his foes  
from death might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.



7 Here might I stay and sing;  
no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend!

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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go T 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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

# O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673 st. 1

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore 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!

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## Announcements

**Forward Capital Campaign the Big Give:** Now is your opportunity to commit to working together to make the vision of a new church building a reality. If you have not done so, over the next few weeks return a commitment card outlining your gift to the Lord for the purpose of building his house. That gift is one way of thanking the Lord for all he has given you. Commitment forms are available online, in the back of church, and outside the school office. They may be placed in the red box in the back of church, or dropped off at the office during the week.

To kick off the giving season, we will be holding “The Big Give” on the weekend of March 18 & 19. This is a chance to get the ball rolling, to give a boost to the building fund as we start the gathering phase of the capital campaign. Consider giving a down payment on the commitment you have made for the capital campaign. The offerings given in The Big Give will help us keep moving forward on this project. Simply place your check in a church building fund envelope, or donate online through our website. We pray that the Lord blesses all of us with the joy of giving cheerfully.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Mission Box** will be in the back of church the next two weekends. Funds gathered by the LWMS provide for mission projects not funded by the synod budget.

**LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY:** Saturday, April 15th at Good Shepherd, 777 S. Decorah Rd., West Bend Registration will begin at 8:30. Rally begins at 9 and concludes at 12:30. Stefan Felgenhauer (World Mission Operations Director) and his wife Kathy will be our speakers. He and his wife are world travelers who have lived and served in many of our mission fields. Born in East Germany, Stefan will tell us of his journey to Christianity.

Donations for our Working Fund and Seminary food bank will be taken at registration. Most needed items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, non-perishable foods, crackers, cereals, and cash. Babysitting provided upon request.

**New altar guild and usher schedules** are available in the church entry. The schedule runs through Labor Day weekend.

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program** The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 20th. To apply for a voucher, go to [dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice), verify your income and submit proof of residency. We hope this program can be a blessing to our St. Lucas families and allow us to share the light of God's Word even more. If you have questions please contact Kevin Scheunemann, school choice administrator, at (262) 339-5425 or [kewaskumdq@gmail.com](mailto:kewaskumdq@gmail.com) or Mr. Hesse.

**Opportunity to Serve:** Lutheran Memorial Park is in need of one or two people for mowing and trimming of the Cemetery grounds. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who enjoys being outside

in summer, riding on a lawn mower and trimming. If there is multiple interest, duties can be shared or split. All equipment is provided. Pay is hourly. For further information, contact Sexton Richard Schmidt at 262-626-4593 or Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829. Thank you for considering serving the Lord and our Congregation.

**Leroy Reed Memorial Golf Outing:** The 7th annual charity Golf Outing supporting Christian Life Resources and New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers is Friday, May 19, at Ironwood Golf Course, W270N6166 Moraine Drive, Sussex, WI. 9:30am registration/range and 10:30am shotgun start. Event cost is \$120 (\$400 discounted foursome) and includes lunch and buffet-style dinner. Four-person scramble format with 18 holes of golf with cart, free-range balls and other contests. Raffles and prizes too. To register, visit [www.christianliferesources.com](http://www.christianliferesources.com) or call 414-376-0594.

### **Midweek Lenten Series: His final Steps**

*March 29 His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree — Pastor Rohrback — Redeemer Cedarburg*

Services will be held each Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

A soup supper will be served in the school gymnasium between the services.

### **Holy Week Services**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm & 6:30 pm – Holy Thursday worship with Holy Communion

April 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm – Good Friday Service of the Cross; 6:30 pm – Good Friday Darkness Service

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 6 am – Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:30 am – Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

Easter breakfast will be served from 7 am – 8:15 am. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers to prepare breakfast and clean up are in the church entry.

Memorial Easter lily order forms are in the church entry as well.

## **Celebrating God’s blessings this week**

### **Birthdays**

Axel Hesse – 3/28

Karen Ramthum – 3/28

Karen Scheunemann – 3/28

Arthur Buss – 3/29

Kolten Lauters – 3/29

Diane Keller – 3/31

Joyce Kral – 3/31

Marilyn Pagano – 3/31

Holly Seyfert – 3/31

Cassie Wolter – 3/31

Greta Herther – 4/1

Veda Koth – 4/1

Kaitlyn Miller – 4/1

## Calendar

*Readings for March 25 – April 2*

Saturday:	<i>Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11</i> Worship w/communion 6:00 pm	Usher: Peters
Sunday:	<i>Exodus 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31</i> Worship w/communion 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	Ushers: Stolz 8am Wolter 10:30am
Monday:	<i>Exodus 2:1-22; Mark 14:35-52</i>	
Tuesday:	<i>Exodus 22:3-22; Mark 14:53-72</i>	
Wednesday:	<i>Exodus 4:1-18; Mark 1:1-15</i> Soup supper 4:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm	
Thursday:	<i>Exodus 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32</i> Bible Study 10:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Exodus 5:1-6:1; Mark 15:33-47</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	<i>Exodus 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20</i> Worship w/communion 6:00 pm	Usher: Beyer
Sunday:	<i>Exodus 8:1-32; Psalm 118; Hebrews 1:1-14</i> Worship w/communion 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	Ushers: Schacht 8am Strack 10:30am

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