second sunday in Lent



Praise GOD IN EVERY SITUATION

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Second Sunday in Lent

February 24th & 25th, 2024

The Season

The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord!

The Sunday

Today, Jesus asks us to rethink suffering under the cross. It is not pointless pain. Our crosses are not how we pay for sin. Jesus already did that on his cross. The suffering believers face under the cross is only good, a way Christ connects us tightly to himself with fire-tested faith.

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 potions 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
Ushers:	Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)		
	Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)		
	Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)		

All Depends on Our Possessing



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Confession

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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.

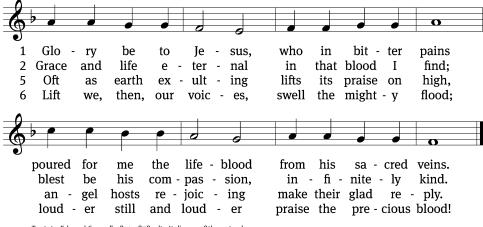
Silence for meditation and reflection

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 In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Ο For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, O and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O O For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us Lord, have mer - cy. pray to the Lord. O Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord. A men.

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Glory Be to Jesus



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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Job 1:13-22

God uses Job's cross to move Job to worship and praise the LORD.

¹³One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

 $^{20}\mbox{At}$ this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship $^{21}\mbox{and}$ said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;

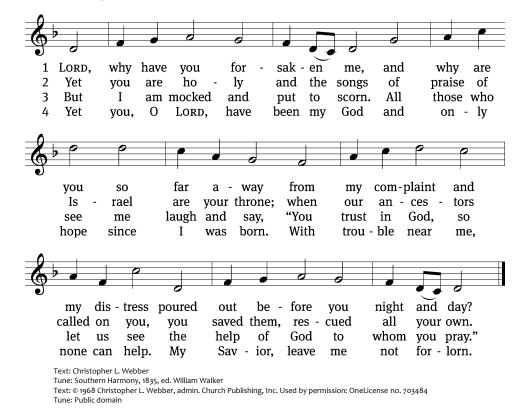
may the name of the LORD be praised."

²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LORD, Why Have You Forsaken Me

Psalm 22D



Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

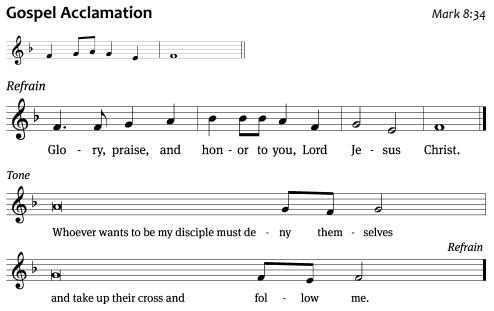
God works through our suffering to shape our Christian character.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel

Mark 8:31–38

Jesus teaches of the absolute necessity of the cross, both his and ours.

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

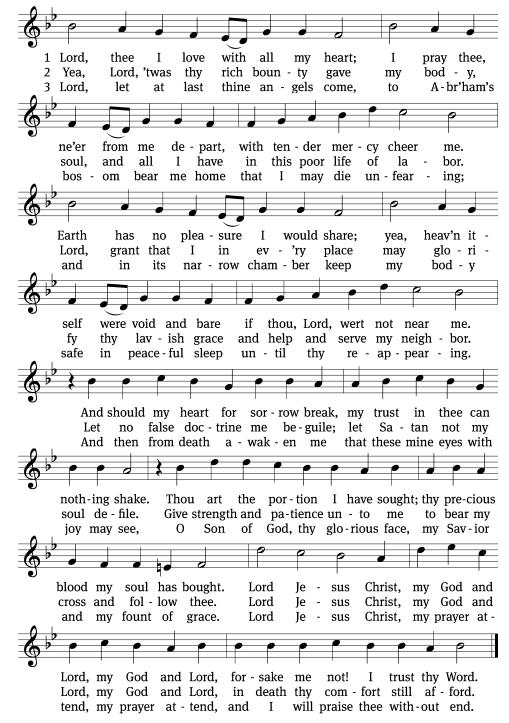
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



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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

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, 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. 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.**

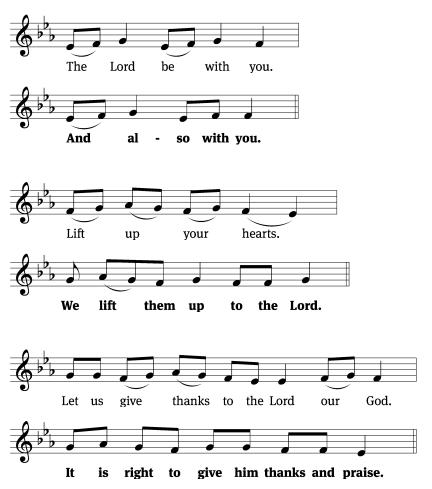
Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



The Sacrament

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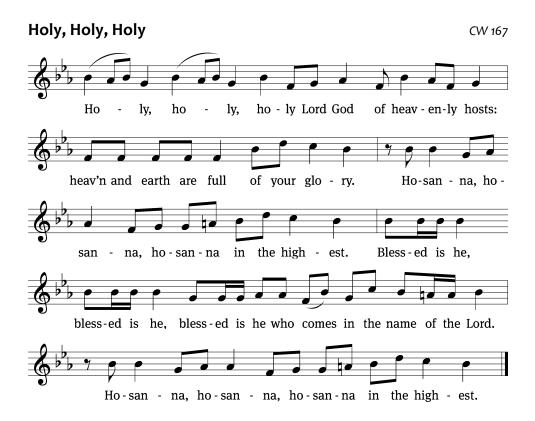
Preface



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

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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:



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.

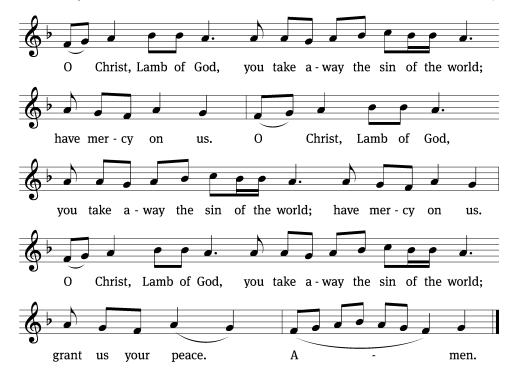
Words of Institution

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



Be seated

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5	5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.		They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find— may we this warning keep in mind!			
6	How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!			Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.		

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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.

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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 + give you peace. **Amen.**

O Lord, We Praise You

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Easter Breakfast Volunteers: As is the annual tradition, we will once again be able to enjoy food and fellowship with one another over a hot breakfast Easter morning. We are in need of volunteers to help with various tasks including help with food prep, set up, and clean up. We will have a volunteer sign up sheet at the back of church as well as a sign up sheet to donate food items needed for the breakfast. Any help you are able to provide is greatly appreciated!

Easter Lilies: We will have Easter lilies available for purchase again this year...

Kewaskum Community Food Pantry Thank You Letter: The following thank you letter was sent to us from the volunteers at the Kewaskum food pantry:

Dear Members,

Thanks for the Thanksgiving food drive once again. The Kewaskum Food Pantry received 431 Food items from the congregation. Your support is much appreciated. Happy new year to all!

Sincerely,

The K.C. Pantry Volunteer Staff

WELS Youth Night: March 8, 7-9pm at KML in the PAC. This is a new event for all youth from our KML federation churches. This night provides a series of youth-focused activities for our youth to see that they are not alone and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they have. All 8th grade through 12th grade are welcome. Register with this QR code.

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19 th annual one-day retreat on **Saturday, March 9,2024** titled "Make a Joyful Noise". The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI, in Hoenecke Hall on begenning at



WELS Youth Night More Info & Registration

8:30 AM and concluding at about 2:45. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 includes lunch and presentations. This is a one-day retreat filled with speakers, worship, and fellowship. Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band will be presenting at this year's retreat.

A printable brochure with registration form is available on our website <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u> or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at <u>https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com</u> Registrations are due by February 20 th. Please call Sandy Survis 262-483-7988 with questions. **Sacred Concert:** Please join us as our KML bands and choirs glorify the Lord through song at the Sacred Concert on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM. Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.

2024 KML Golden Gala: We invite you to join us at KML for an incredible evening at the Golden Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2024! This year you will enjoy a gold-gilded and glittering evening filled with golden glamour, not only in honor of KML's 50th year, but in celebration of 25 years of the KML Auction/Gala fundraising event! Enjoy delicious eats, fellowship, and live and silent auctions. In addition, you can pay for the chance to be a participant in KML's version of the game show *The Price is Right*, live with host President Jamie "Bob Barker" Luehring. Proceeds benefit the *Let's Grow Together* campaign and the student assistance fund.

KML Job Opening: Outside Maintenance: KML is looking for an individual to fill an **Outside Maintenance** position. The job includes athletic field prep and lawn care. Part-time seasonal, 2-3 days per week, 6 hours per day, April thru November. Contact Mr. Jody Hansen (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org) for more information.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: GOD ON TRIAL

Wednesday Services 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm Soup Supper between services (4:30 pm—6:00 pm)

February 28 — Accusations, Pastor Mike Woldt, David's Star, Jackson March 6 — Restraint, Vicar Christopher Gorr, David's Star, Jackson March 13 — Testimony, Pastor Kurt Loescher, David's Star, Jackson March 20 — Misconceptions, Pastor Steven Bode, Zion, Kohlsville Holy Week March 28 — Holy Thursday 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm March 29 — Good Friday 1:00 pm, Tenebrae (Darkness) 6:30 pm March 31 — Easter 6:00 am Sunrise, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Festival

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Randal Zimmel – 2/26	Rayne Chipman – 2/28	Gabriel Schultz – 3/1
Julianna Hesse – 2/27	Bonnie Scott – 2/28	Cynthia Eggert – 3/2
Isla Peck – 2/27	Blanche Dreher – 3/1	Kenneth Koth – 3/2
Ashley Trapp – 2/27	Garret Handke – 3/1	

CALENDAR

Readings for February 25th - March 3rd

Sunday	Monday	FEB 27 Tuesday	Wednesday
Job 20:1-23, 29 John 8:21-38	Job 21:1-21 Job 21:22-30:15 John 8:39-59	Job 30:16-31 John 9:1-23	Job 31:1-12, 33-40 John 9:24-41
Worship w/Communion 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am		Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm Worship - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm Soup supper in between services.
FEB 29 Thursday	MAR 01 Friday	MAR 02 Saturday	MAR 03 Sunday
Job 32:1-22 John 10:1-21	Job 33:1-18 John 10:22-42	Job 33:19-34:9 John 11:1-16	Job 34:10-33 John 11:17-37
Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am		Worship - 6 pm	Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am
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