

OT. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

True religion offers the way that frees us from guilt and has no room for pride. Jesus teaches that the solution to our sin is not to work harder. It is to trust in the work he has done for us. Salvation comes through Spirit-wrought faith in Christ.

# 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:	David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)		
•	Dan Zuehlke (8 am Sunday)		
	Jonathon Koch (10:30 am Sunday)		



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

### Confession

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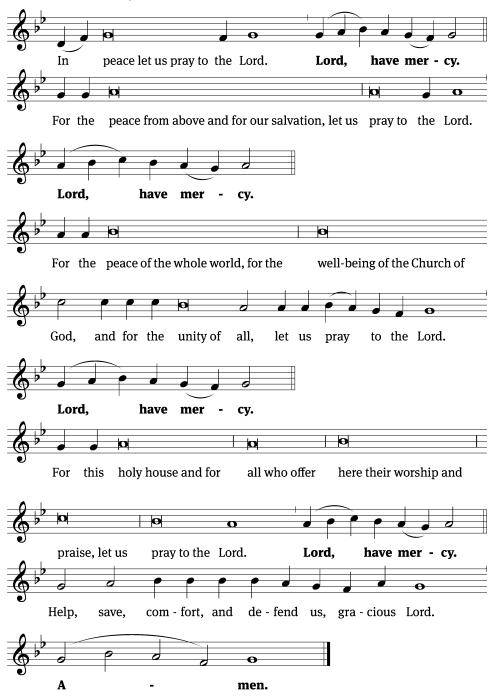
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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

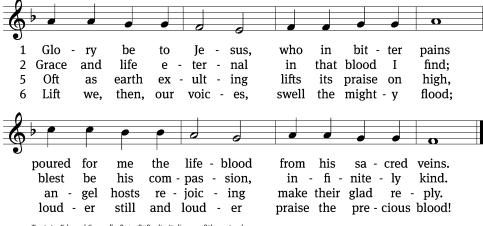
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son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

#### Lord, Have Mercy



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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.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

#### It Was Finished on the Cross

Sunday 10:30 – Sixers Singers

# **First Reading**

#### Numbers 21:4–9

The LORD promised a solution for the bite of venomous snakes. All those who trusted God's promise lived.

<sup>4</sup>They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

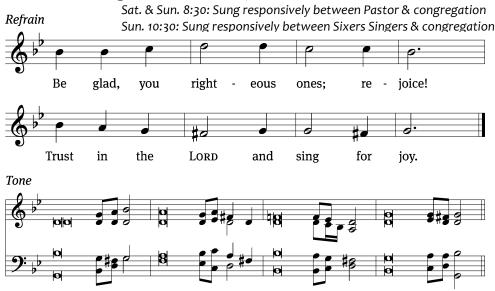
<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

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

#### Be Glad, You Righteous Ones; Rejoice





Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,

whose / sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

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When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
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through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you

and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain* 

You are my / hiding place;

you will protect / me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,

but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

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

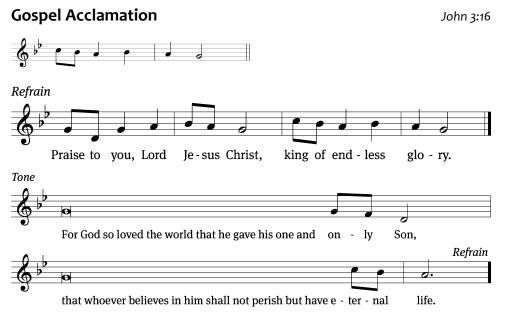
Ephesians 2:1-10

God's solution to sin is offered by grace and received through faith.

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

Stand



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#### Gospel

John 3:14–21

Christ is the solution to sin. Whoever believes in Christ shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

Be seated

# **Children's Sermon**

Children may come forward to the front pew

#### God Loved the World So That He Gave CW 570 God loved the world so that he his on - ly 1 gave 2 Christ is the sol id rock of faith, who was made 3 God would not have the sin ner die: his Son with 4 Be of good cheer. for God's own Son for - gives the Son the lost all who would to save that in flesh and suf fered death. All who con fide in Spir - it ing is nigh. His in the sav grace sins that have done. You're jus - ti fied bv you - $\phi$ him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive. him a - lone this chief are built on cor - ner-stone. Word de - clares in Christ that we are heav - en's heirs. sus' blood; bap-tized, you are child God. Ie а of

5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith! 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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#### Sermon

Numbers 21:4-9 Look to Christ and Live

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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**

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

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# Preface



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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 Ho - ly, God ho - ly, Lord, of ho ly pow - er, of your God of might. Heav-en and earth full are glo - ry. Ho - san na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who the of the comes in name 0 Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho d 0 in the high est! san na

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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.** 



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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 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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#### Announcements

**Daylight Saving Time:** Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday 3/10. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

**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 for \$15 each. The lilies will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday and serve to celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who rose from the grave on that first Easter morning. They also serve as a memorial to remember those who have gone before us. Order sheets are available in the back of the church and are due by Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Crown of Life Easter Vigil:** Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Hubertus invites the members of the WELS and ELS congregations in our area to attend its Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil begins at sunset on Easter Eve, and anticipates the resurrection of Jesus through Scripture, song, silence, and prayer. The joyful announcement of Jesus' resurrection occurs near the end of the service, marking the transition from Lent to Easter. The service concludes with the Lord's Supper. You are cordially invited to attend this unique Holy Saturday service at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, located at 1292 Tally Ho Trail in Hubertus.

**KML Summer Camps**: KML will be hosting various academic, fine arts, and sports camps this summer. Take advantage of our quality camps! Visit kmlhs.org/camps for more details and to register. **Registration opens March 15.** 

**LWMS Spring Rally:** The Spring Rally of the Dodge/Washington LWMS circuit will be held at St. Matthew in Iron Ridge, WI on Saturday, April 13th from 9AM till 12:30PM. Registration starts at 8:30. Guest speaker is Juan Escobar, a Seminary student who will present on Latin American missions, Academia Christo and how a basketball camp changed his life. Come and enjoy a morning with fellowship, food and learning how our WELS continues to spread and grow around the world.

**Family Music Fest 2024**: Join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Friday, April 12, from 5:00-9:00 PM for *A Salute to America* at Family Music Fest. Monies raised at this event will go toward the improvement of technology within the KML Music Department. This event features elementary and high school musical performances, games, live auction, and Science Fair projects from our Lutheran Elementary School students. Food options include a fish fry, concession items, and a dessert bar. Join us for a night of music, food, and family fun!

WELS Convention for Seniors – SAVE THE DATE: This convention, hosted by the River City Owls, Omaha, will run from Monday 10/14/24 - Thursday 10/17/24, and will be held at the Omaha Marriot Regency, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE, 68114. The hotel is offering a special group rate of \$128/night. If you're unable to make the entire conference, you will be able to sign up for either one day including food, or one day with just workshops and not including food. Registration information will be coming out soon!

**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.

#### 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)

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**

Kelsi Cochran – 3/11	Samuel Raether - 3/13
Betty Backhaus – 3/12	Tiffany Laubach – 3/15
Elliot Shaske – 3/12	Lilly Prost – 3/15

# CALENDAR

Readings for March 10th - March 17th

Sunday	Mar 11 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Genesis 41:28-57 Mark 11:20-33	Genesis 42:1-34, 38 Mark 12:1-12	Genesis 43:1-28 Mark 12:13-27	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34 Mark 12:28-44
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 <b>Worship - 3:30 pm &amp;</b> 6:30 pm Soup supper in between services.
MAR 14 Thursday	MAR 15 Friday	Saturday	MAR 17 Sunday
Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28 Mark 13:1-23	Genesis 47:1-31 Genesis 48:1-49:28 Mark 13:24-37	Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26 Mark 14:1-11	Exodus 1:1-22 Mark14:12-31
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
Ushers for 3/16 & 3/17	Ushers for 3/23 & 3/24	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. <u>www.stlucaswels.org</u>	
Sat. 3/16 6 pm - Peters Sun. 3/17 8 am - Stoltz Sun. 3/17 10:30 am - Herther	Sat. 3/23 6 pm - Beyer Sun. 3/24 8 am - Schacht Sun. 3/24 10:30 am - Wolter	Contact Information Pastor Timothy Henning (262) 707-6984 - thenning@stlucaswels.org Principal Mark Hesse (920) 915-1130 - mhesse@stlucaswels.org School/Church Office (262) 626-2680 - church@stlucaswels.org	