

SECOND
SUNDAY IN

LENT



*"Leave your country and go to
the land which I will show you"*

Genesis 12:1



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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 4th & 5th, 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

When Jesus said, “No one can enter the kingdom of God,” he declared that the need for salvation is universal. He rightly condemned humanity as a whole. There is no one on the face of the earth who can make the case that they deserve God’s blessing. Yet, ages ago, God declared that all nations would be blessed. God has declared his love for the world and promised he would save the world. God’s gift of salvation is meant for all people.

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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

CW 394

Stand for 4th stanza



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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

Amen.



Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
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!

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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

Genesis 12:1–8

¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 121D

Sung responsively with the minister

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.

Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
 where does my help / come from?
My help comes / from the LORD,
 the maker of heav- / en and earth.
He will not let your / foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
 will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. Refrain

The LORD watches / over you—
 the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;
the sun will not harm / you by day,
 nor the / moon by night.
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
 he will watch o- / ver your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
 both now and for- / evermore.
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



Second Reading

Romans 4:1–5,13–17

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

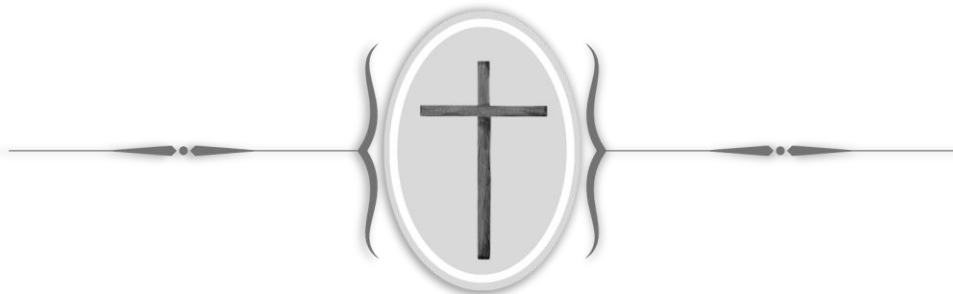
¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
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 to save that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

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 blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Stand

Genesis 12:1–8

The Nuts and Bolts of Faith

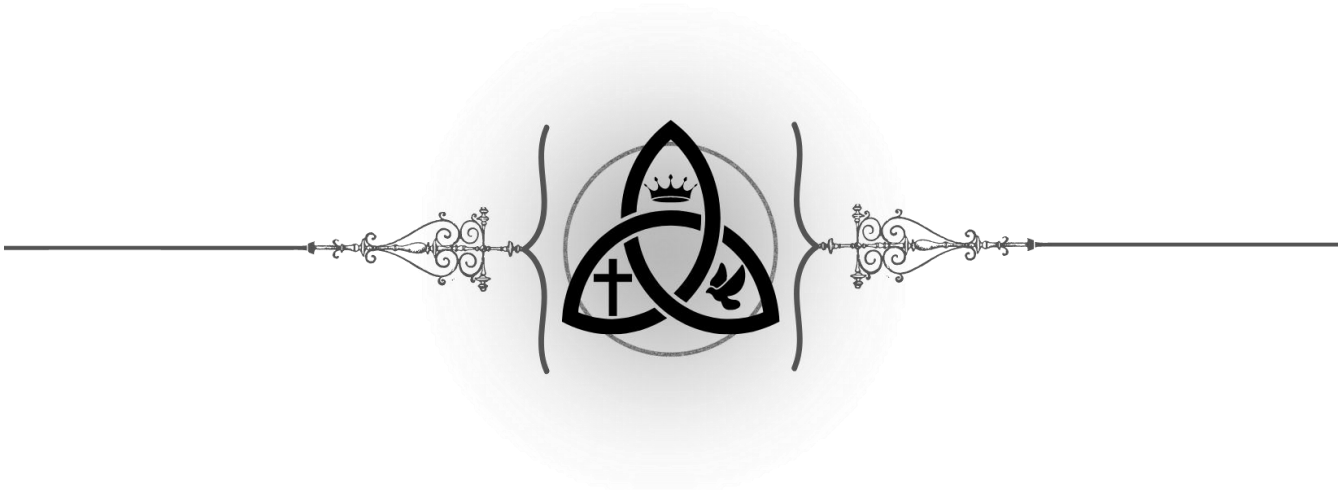
Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated



Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Hear us as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

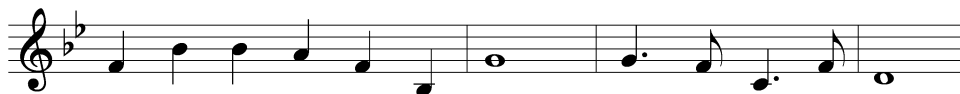
Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them.

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.

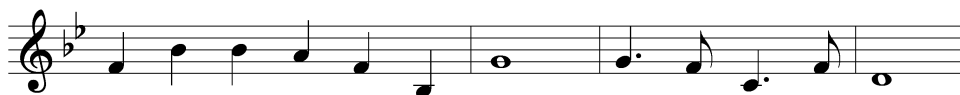


He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813



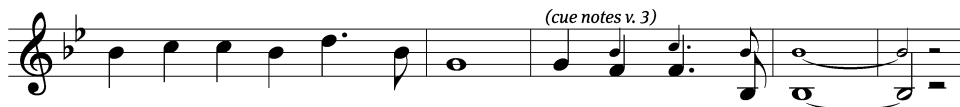
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



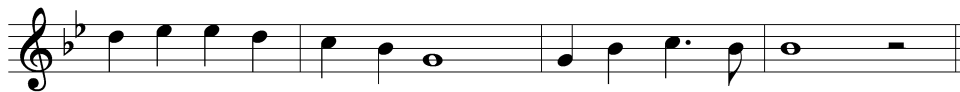
I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

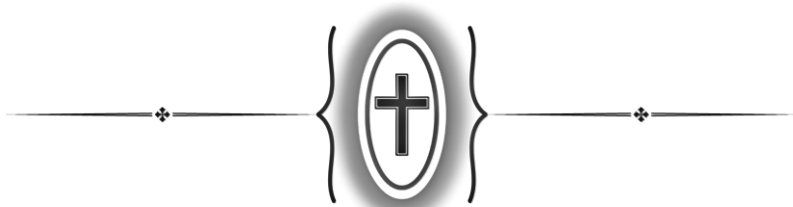
Lord's Prayer

**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.**



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.



How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CW 523



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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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.

Easter Breakfast: Easter breakfast will be served 7:00—8:15 am. A sign up sheet for food donations and volunteers to prepare and clean up are in the church entry.

Easter Lilies: Memorial Easter Lily order forms are in the church entry.

KML Sacred Concert

Please join us as our Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School bands and choirs glorify the Lord through song at the Sacred Concert on **Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 PM** in the KML PAC auditorium. Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.

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

Offering Envelope Update from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the “catchup” would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

Extra bulk envelopes are available in the church entry.

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, 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 or Mr. Hesse.

2022 Offering Statements are on a table in the back of church, on the left side as you leave.

St. Paul Little Learners Preschool and Childcare in Slinger is accepting applications for part-time or full-time teachers in our childcare as well as summer positions. no nights or weekends! Must be over 18 with a background in education or be willing to take at least one class. Contact Lisa Meissner: 262-644-8295 ext. 1 littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org

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.

Midweek Lenten Series: His final Steps

March 8 *His Final Steps Led to His Enemies* — Pastor Woldt, David's Star, Jackson

March 15 *His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration* — Pastor Henning

March 22 *His Final Steps Led to His Father's House* — Pastor Loescher, David's Star Jackson

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.

Celebrating God's blessings this week

Birthdays

Rosemary Kempf – 3/5

Joan Bielaga – 3/6

Daniel Schmidt – 3/7

Paige Ballard – 3/7

Violet Brazeau – 3/9

Michael Baumann 3/10

Colt Rhodes – 3/10

Dennis Garvey – 3/10

Joseph Herther – 3/10

Susan Olewinski – 3/10

Kelsi Cochran – 3/11



Calendar

Readings for March 4 – March 12

Saturday:	<i>Mark 5:1-20 Genesis 15:1-21; Mark 5:21-43</i> Worship 6:00 pm	Usher: Peters
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22; Mark 6:1-13;</i> <i>Genesis 18:1-5; Genesis 18:16-20:18</i> Worship 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers: Stoltz 8am Wolter 10:30am
Monday:	<i>Genesis 1:20-2:3; Genesis 18:16-20:18; Mark 16:14-34</i>	
Tuesday:	<i>Genesis 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm	
Wednesday:	<i>Genesis 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23</i> Kettle Gardens 2:30pm Soup supper 4:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm	
Thursday:	<i>Genesis 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37</i> Bible Study 10:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67; Genesis 25:1-26:35</i> <i>Mark 8:1-21</i> School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	<i>Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38</i> St. Lucas Women's Retreat Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm	Usher: Beyer
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13</i> Worship w/Communion 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers: Schacht 8am Strack 10:30am

*St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is
always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.*

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