

THIRD SUNDAY

In



LENT



ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3rd & 4th, 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

Many think worship is about what we do for God. It is the other way around. As we gather around Word and sacrament, the Spirit moves us to love and trust in God above all things. Moved by the cross of Christ, we bow down before our God. We commune with him. And that's exactly what God wants.

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 Denis Lemke

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Kevin Kempf (6 pm Saturday)

Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday)

Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday)

God Himself Is Present

CW 917

Stand for the 3rd stanza



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise



is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

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Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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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.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Exodus 20:1–17

The Ten Commandments teach us that God is to be worshiped above all.

¹And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.

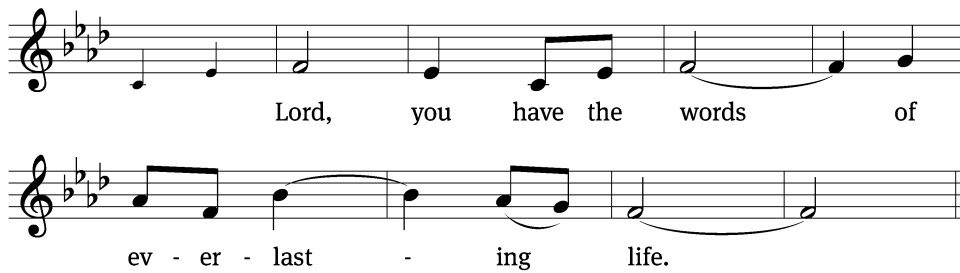
Thanks be to God.

Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life

Psalm 19C

Refrain

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Tone



The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;
the skies proclaim the work / of his hands.

Their voice goes out into / all the earth,
their words to the ends / of the world. Refrain

The law of the LORD is / perfect,
refresh- / ing the soul.

The commands of the LORD are / radiant,
giving light / to the eyes.

They are more pre- / cious than gold;
they are sweeter than / honey. Refrain

May these words of my mouth and this meditation / of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Re- / deemer.

**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

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

We worship Christ for what he did on the cross.

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 2:17

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

His disciples remembered that it is written:

“Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

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Gospel

John 2:13–22

Jesus restores his Father's house to what it was supposed to be: a place of worship for all people

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

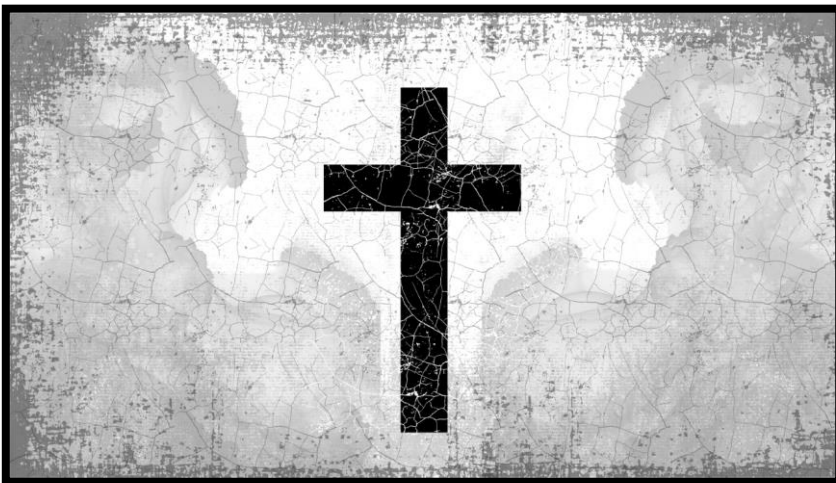
¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558 sts. 1-6



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

Sermon

John 2:13-22 Stockyard or Sanctuary?

Stand

Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558 sts. 7-10



7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see your Word can - not be
8 The law re - veals the guilt of sin and makes us con - science -
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un -
10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and



bro - ken; your call rings out, "Come un - to me!" No false - hood
strick - en; but then the gos - pel en - ters in the sin - ful
ceas - ing; and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and
Spir - it, the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry



have you spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to your pre - cious name, my
soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the
hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works
to his mer - it! O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you



faith can - not be put to shame, and I shall nev - er per - ish.
law no peace can ev - er give, no com - fort and no bless - ing.
serve our neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.
have re - vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name be hal - lowed!

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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.



Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

CW 739



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2 The task your wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 May I find you at my right hand; your eyes see
4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke and ev - 'ry
5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy what - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, de - ter - mined on - ly
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works your
tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray and still to things e -
you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove your good and per - fect will.
your com - mand and of - fer all my works to you.
ter - nal look and has - ten to your glo - rious day.
course with joy and close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

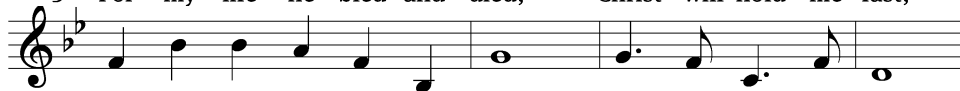


He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813



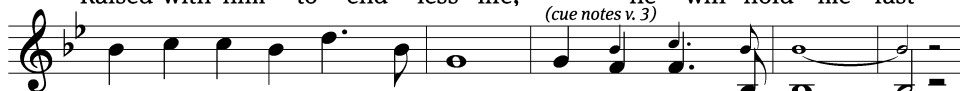
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



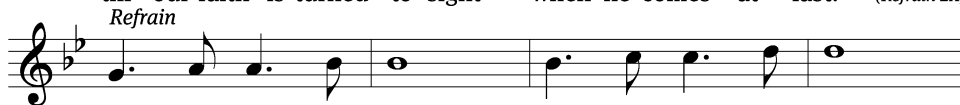
when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



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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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 26th, 2024.

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!

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.



**WELS Youth Night
More Info &
Registration**

St. Lucas Women's Retreat: St. Lucas Women's Ministry is hosting their 19th 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 beginning at 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 www.stlucaswels.org or can be picked up in the church annex on the left side as you leave church. Registration is also possible at <https://Stlucasretreat.eventbrite.com> Registrations are due by February 20th. 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.

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 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

Isabel Prost – 3/3

Jason Eggert – 3/4

Rosemary Kempf – 3/5

Joan Bielaga – 3/6

Paige Ballard – 3/7

Violet Brazeau – 3/9

Michael Baumann – 3/10

Dennis Garvey – 3/10

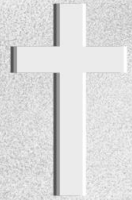
Joseph Herther – 3/10


Susan Olewinski – 3/10

Colt Rhodes – 3/10

CALENDAR

Readings for March 3rd - March 10th



MAR 03	MAR 04	MAR 05	MAR 06
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Job 34:10-33 John 11:17-37 Worship - 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am	Job 36:1-21 John 11:38-57	Job 37:1-24 John 12:1-19 Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Job 38:1-18 Job 38:19-39:30 John 12:20-36a Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm Worship - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm Soup supper in between services.
MAR 07	MAR 08	MAR 09	MAR 10
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Job 40:1-24 John 12:36b-50 Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10 am PTO Gala - 5 pm	Job 41:1-20, 31-34 John 13:1-20	Job 42:1-17 John 13:21-38 Worship w/Communion 6 pm Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed! 	Exodus 8:1-32 Psalm 118 Hebrews 1:1-14 Worship w/Communion 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship w/Communion 10:30 am
Ushers for 3/9 & 3/10	Ushers for 3/16 & 3/17	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. www.stlucaswels.org	
Sat. 3/9 6 pm - Butzke Sun. 3/10 8 am - Zuehlke Sun. 3/10 10:30 am - Koch	Sat. 3/16 6 pm - Peters Sun. 3/17 8 am - Stoltz Sun. 3/17 10:30 am - Herther	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	