

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 11th & 12th, 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

Everyone has a deep spiritual thirst. In our heart of hearts, we all long for everlasting life. Unbelievers try to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed for failure. Believers look to the One who has promised, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets our greatest needs. He alone possesses the water that satisfies those who are spiritually parched. He alone grants eternal life.

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

"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 Timothy Henning Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm) Henry Schacht (8 am) Doug Strack (10:30 am) Organist: Coralee Henning



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Stand

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

Confession

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.

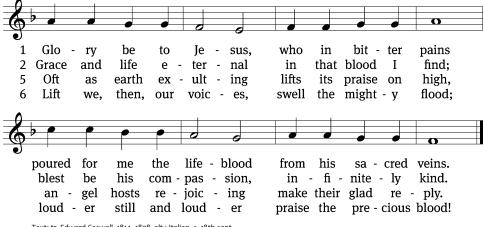
Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Lord, Have Mercy



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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

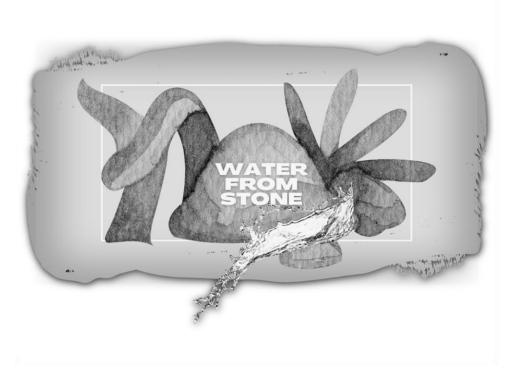
Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

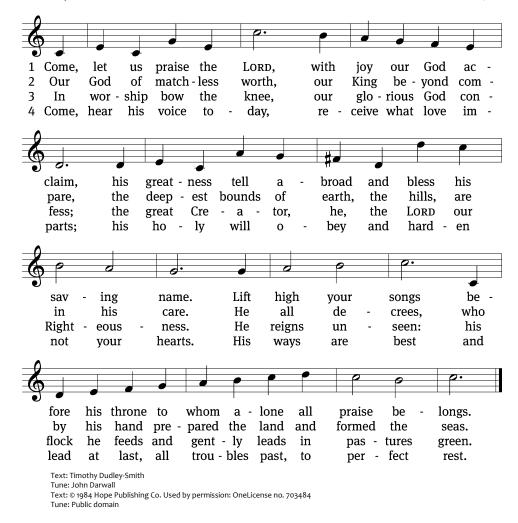
⁵The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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



Come, Let Us Praise the LORD

Psalm 95C



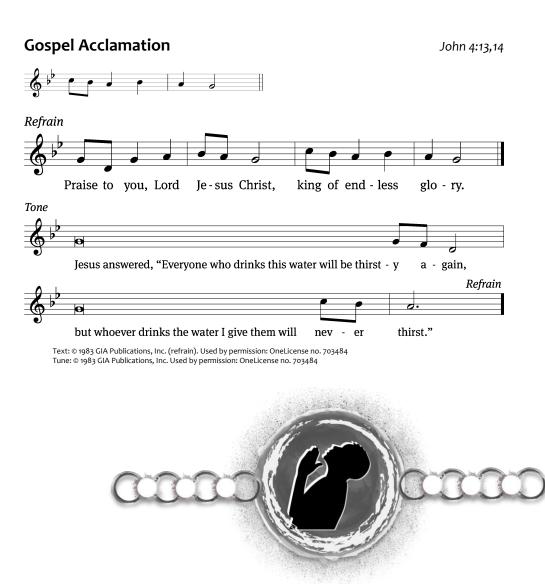
Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

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.

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

Stand



John 4:5–26

Gospel

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

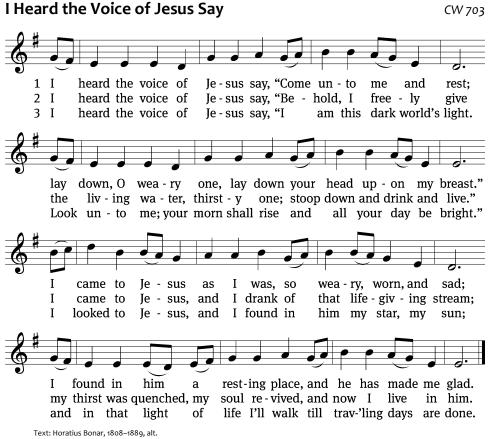
²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew



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Sermon

Exodus 17:1–7 The Lord Is Among Us 1. Our sinful nature leads us to doubt 2. His perfect love leaves no doubt Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is. seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

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

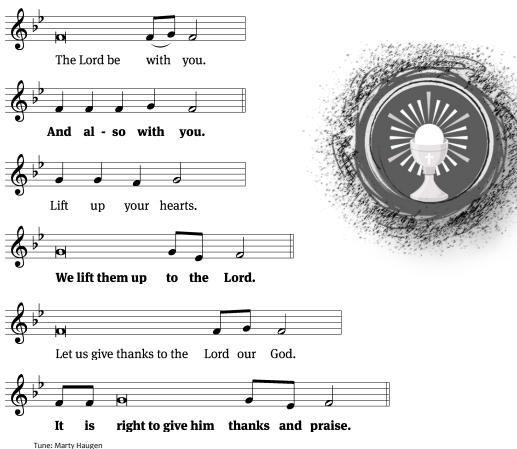
Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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 <u>www.stlucaswels.org/donate</u>.

The Sacrament

Stand

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:



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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.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give 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

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 <u>kmlhs.org/stream</u>.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY

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

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

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

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program The enrollment window is now open! Apply for the WPCP between February 1st and April 2oth. To apply for a voucher, go to <u>dpi.wi.gov/choice</u>, 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 <u>kewaskumdq@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org</u>

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 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 🔊

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

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Jacob Stern – 3/16 Jesse Kertscher – 3/17 Eisley Enright – 3/18

Mason Fochs - 3/18 Ronald Stange - 3/18 Michael Yttri - 3/18



Calendar

Readings for March 11 – March 19

Saturday:	<i>Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38</i> Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm St. Lucas Women's Retreat	Usher:	Beyer
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 29:1-30; 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
Monday:	Genesis 1:20-2:3; Genesis 29:31-34:31; Mark 9:14-32		
Tuesday:	<i>Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm		
Wednesday:	<i>Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12</i> Soup supper 4:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm		
Thursday:	<i>Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31</i> Bible Study 10:00 am Ladies Guild 6:30pm		
Friday:	<i>Genesis 4</i> 0:1-23; <i>Mark</i> 10:32-52 School Chapel Service 7:45 am		
Saturday:	<i>Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19</i> Worship 6:00 pm	Usher:	Butzke
Sunday:	<i>Genesis 41</i> :28-57; <i>Mark 11</i> :20-33 Worship 8 or 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Hour 9:15 am	Ushers:	Kempf 8am Koch 10:30am
	St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping.		

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