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Fifth Sunday in Lent



The Rejected Stone is Now the Cornerstone



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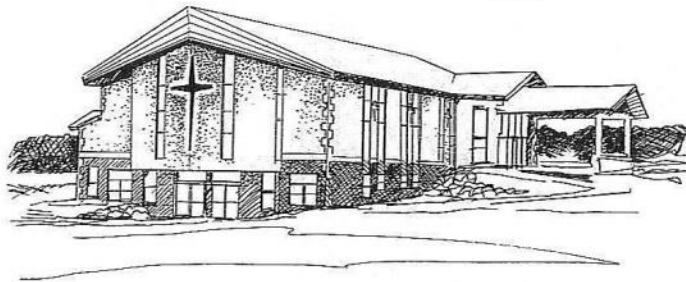
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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April 3, A.D. 2022

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 225)

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To
4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice; let
Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his
Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the
Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.
Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.
which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

During the season of Lent, the Christian Church has traditionally omitted the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis. Today we will not sing Glory be to God, but we will resume singing it with great joy as we commemorate Christ's resurrection in the Easter season.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

- 16 This is what the LORD says,
who makes a road through the sea
and a path through mighty waters,*
- 17 who brings out the chariot and the horses,
the army and the strong warrior.
They will all lie down together.
They will not get up.
They are extinguished.
Like a wick they go out.*
- 18 Do not remember the former things.
Do not keep thinking about ancient things.*
- 19 Watch, I am about to do a new thing.
Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it?
Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness.
In the wasteland I will make rivers.*
- 20 The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,
because I am providing water in the wilderness,
rivers in a parched wasteland,
water for my chosen people to drink.*
- 21 This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

STAND

⁹ He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰ When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴ “But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷ But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?

¹⁸ “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

¹⁹ That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.



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 fully 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.

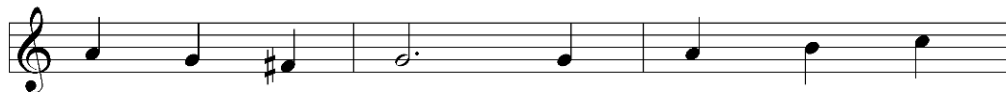
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load; Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷ But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸ But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰ I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹ in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Onward and Upward!



STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD & OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from pride and self-justification, that God would rescue us from the folly of believing we are righteous because of our worthiness, and that he would strengthen our faith in the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for congregations, that they would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the anxious and fearful, that God, who grants sleep and awakens again, would console them with his mercy and deliverance in Christ, and for all those in any need, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, in Baptism you have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking his sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

*The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

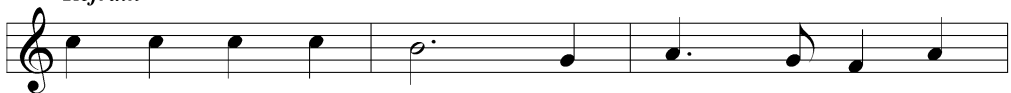


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

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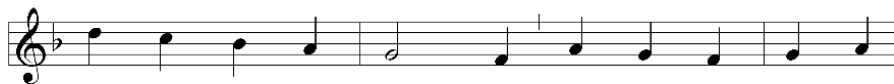
Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which
 2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which
 3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For
 4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The
 5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -
 hu - man wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who,
 our sal - va - tion he has yearned. For this his
 sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my
 bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's
 lov - ing arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners
 Son to earth de - scend - ed And then a - gain to
 wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -
 rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall
 con - de - scends. His heart with pit - y still will
 heav'n re - turned; For this so pa - tient ev - er -
 na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and
 not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.
 break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.
 more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.
 skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.
 test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

6 Lord, I will stand on this foundation
 As long as I on earth remain;
 This will engage my meditation
 While I the breath of life retain.
 And then, when face to face with you.
 I'll sing your mercy great and true.

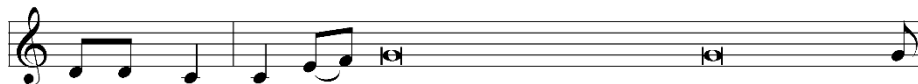
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

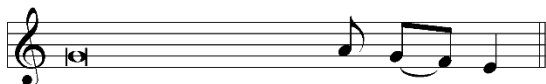


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 382)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (v. 1, 4)

**My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday April 3: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Dave Olson and Ben Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and *additional counter needed*
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund and Sue Jenswold
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer and Mandi Miller • A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Wednesday April 6: Lent Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm

- Pastor Peter Schlicht
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30 pm: *Volunteers needed*
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel • A/V & Recording: TBA
- **4:45 pm: 6th and 7th/8th grade confirmation classes**
- **5:30 PM: Potluck dinner upstairs, bring a dish to share.** (Coordinators Kim Braatz and Kristin Huebner)

Sunday April 10: Palm Sunday

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Aaron Oughton (8:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Refreshments: Lisa Myhre
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer and Mandi Miller • A/V & Recording: TBA
- **11:40 am: Open Forum meeting, sanctuary**

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kevin Hill (4/3), Kristin Huebner (4/3), Rebekah Hodkiewicz (4/6), Jerry Punzel (4/6), Jessica Schwark (4/6), Sandy Heath (4/8), Roger Timm (4/8), Amanda Needham (4/9), Michael Needham (4/9) Meredith Walswick (4/9) and Morgan Wolfum (4/9) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Heather & Ryan Jaeger (4/8) who celebrate their anniversary on Friday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marilyn Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Wednesday Lent Service

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

April 6

Potluck dinner April 6 at 5:30 pm



Alms Box for Ukraine: Lord of Love is taking a collection for WELS relief efforts for Ukraine. The alms box will be located at church from March 23 – April 6. Any contributions placed in this box will be sent to the WELS efforts in supporting the Ukrainian Lutheran Church with emergency needs as their country is torn apart by war.

Open Forum/Congregational Meeting: April 10 at 11:40 am

The focus will be on collecting thoughts and feedback regarding our next steps with Pastor Willitz taking his new call.

Quarterly Open Forum and Voter's Meeting: April 24 at 9:15 am

This meeting is for follow up from discussions on April 10 and would allow action to be taken if the voters so chose.

Easter Egg Hunt: We are resuming our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 16 at 10:00 am. Children and their families are invited to participate. Bring friends and neighbors. Volunteers are needed to donate candy for the event and assist the morning of. Volunteers should sign up at church and arrive at 8:30 to help.

Holy Week

April 10: Palm Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

April 14: Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 pm (Fill Easter Eggs 7:30)

April 15: Good Friday Worship 1:00 and 6:30 pm

April 16: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am

April 17: The Resurrection of our Lord! Worship 8:00 & 10:30
Easter breakfast 9:15

Easter Breakfast: Plan to join us for the delicious meal between services at 9:15. Church provides the eggs, pancakes, sausage & beverages. The congregation brings the sides. See the signup sheet as you enter church to see what you can bring or where to volunteer. Come hungry!

Offerings March 13 - 19, 2022:

- General Fund: \$7,980
- Building Expansion Fund: \$165

Offerings March 20 – 26, 2022:

- General Fund: \$9,928
- Building Expansion Fund: \$485



Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

MTD shortage/surplus (2/27 – 3/26): + \$13,275, YTD shortage/surplus as of Feb. 28: -\$30,670
(Budget year July 2021 – June 2022)

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(March 13 - 26, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$3,519 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$50 to the building expansion fund.)

