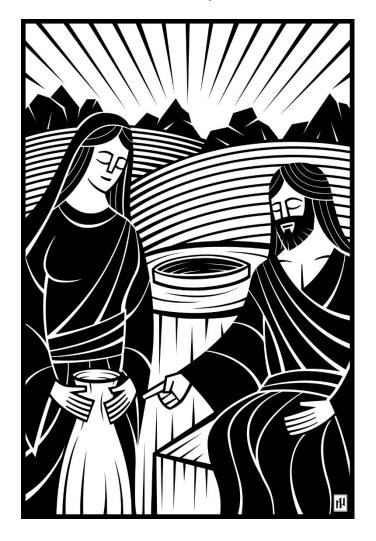


Third Sunday in Lent



The Water of Life



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1

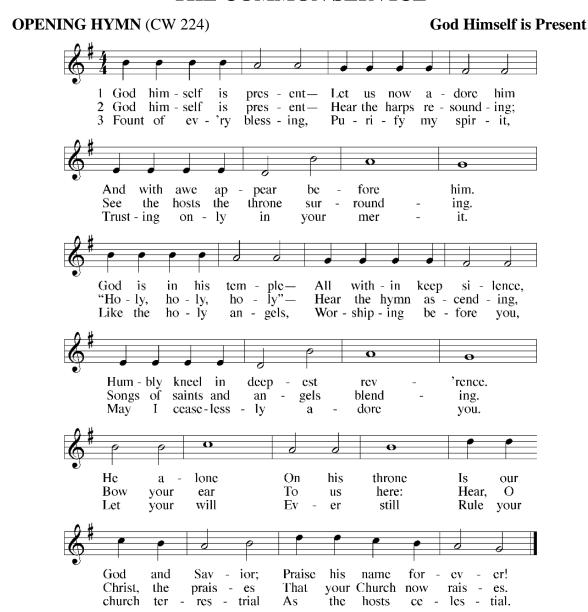


Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 12, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE



Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769. abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, and John Miller, 1756–90, alt. Tunc: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG (668 668 33 66) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

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



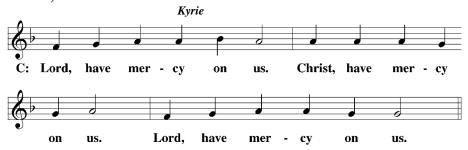


CONFESSION OF SINS

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



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

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: 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.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³ Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴ and patient endurance produces tested character,

and tested character produces hope. ⁵ And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶ For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸ But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sinner Saved by Grace

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-26

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

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

¹¹ "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? ¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³ Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ "Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," the woman answered. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸ In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

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

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."



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

HYMN (CW 108)

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

SERMON Exodus 17:1-7

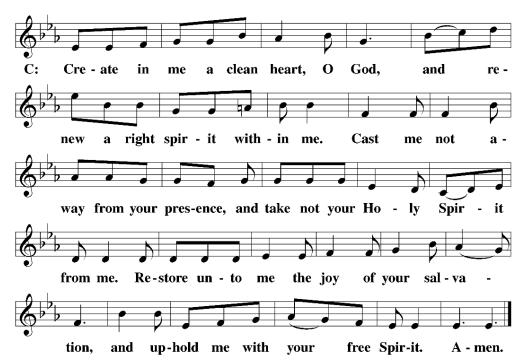
The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

Water from a Stricken Rock

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



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

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

⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink." Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the blessing of the Lord, that he would receive our praise, hear our prayers and satisfy us with his living water, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful pastors to lead us to the living water flowing from the stricken side of our Rock, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For joy in the midst of the things we suffer, that God, who has made peace with us by the cross, would prepare us to behold his glory in heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian fathers, that they would stand in God's grace and urge their families always toward eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, that both citizens and authorities would seek justice, peace and the common good of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, espec	cially those who desire our prayers [],	
that according to God's gracious	s will, they would be healed; and for those who mourn	,
[especially,] th	at God would fill their hearts with the certain hope of	the
resurrection, let us pray to the L	ord: Lord, have mercy.	

For safe haven at the altar of God, that we who bear the weight of this world and its sorrows would receive the blessings of those who sing his praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strong hearts that boldly confess our sins, that we who daily sin much may joyfully receive God's word of absolution, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

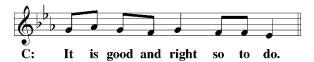
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



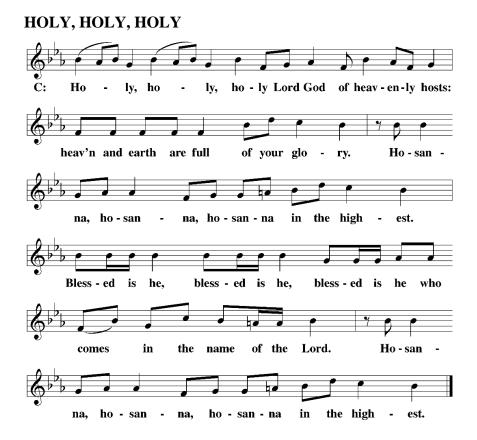
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus



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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 312)

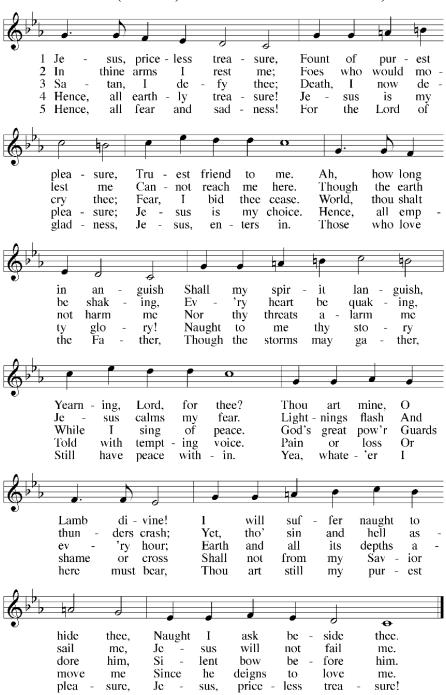
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 349)

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

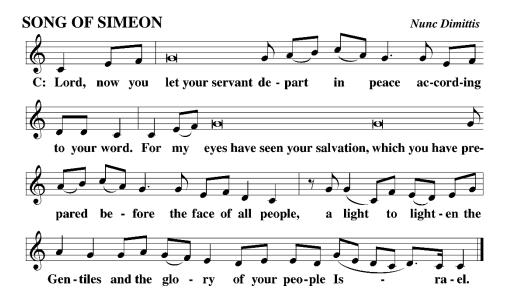


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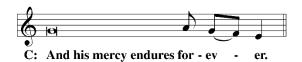
Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



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



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.



The Lord bless you and keep you. **M**:

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

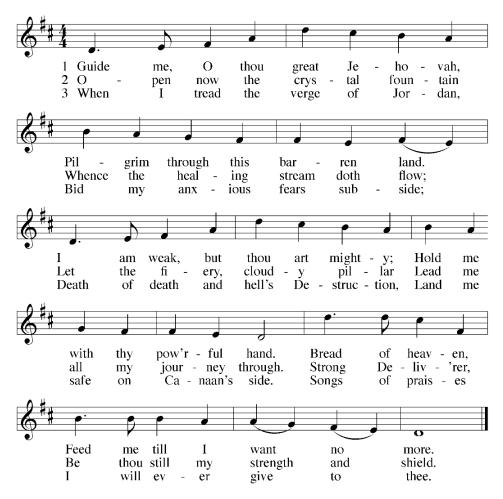
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, st. 1; William Williams, st. 2-3. Tune: Guide Me $(87\,87\,47)$ George W. Warren, 1828-1902.

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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.

Beginning March 26: At January's open forum/voters' meeting, it was decided to once again include the WELS Connection video and a children's messages once a month in worship. On Sunday, March 26, we will resume our pre-COVID practice of showing the WELS Connection video and including a children's message in worship. This will be our practice moving forward on the LAST Sunday of each month. It was also decided by the voters that on Sundays when the WELS Connection and a children's message are included, we would not celebrate Holy Communion. We are looking forward to the return of these things here at Lord of Love! As always, your servant-leaders at Lord of Love welcome your feedback moving forward.



Wednesday Lent Services March 15, 22 and 29

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

Potluck 5:30 pm

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Peter, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Judges, upstairs

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): Matthew

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday March 12: Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman/Elder: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Roger LaGrange
- Refreshments: Myhre Family
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

• A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Wednesday March 15

Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck Dinner – Coordinator needed

- Pastor Peter Schlicht
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
 A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

• A/V & Recording: TBA

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Brian Timler (3/13), Elizabeth Zick (3/13), Addyson Rimmert (3/14), Donna Cotter (3/16), Wesley Kalscheuer (3/17) and Kathy Wagner (3/18) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Erica Willitz 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).

Offerings February 26 – 28 (partial week):

• General Fund: \$5,528

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

• Carpet Installation (wish list): \$120

• AV Projectors (wish list): \$40

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997



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(February 26 - 28: In the totals listed above, \$525 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$20 to the AV Projectors.)

Looking Ahead:

- March 15, 22 & 29: Lent Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm. Potluck 5:30 pm
- **April 1:** Church workday/spring cleaning, 8:00 12:00 pm
- April 1: Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food pantry
- April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 pm (Fill eggs after)
- April 7: Good Friday Worship, 1:00 & 6:30 pm
- April 8: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am (Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am)
- April 8: Set-up Basement for Easter breakfast, 12:00 pm
- April 9: Easter Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 am. Easter breakfast 9:15 am
- **April 29:** Mystery Dinner, 6:00 pm
- May 7: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- May 21: Last day of Sunday school and teen group
- **July 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love