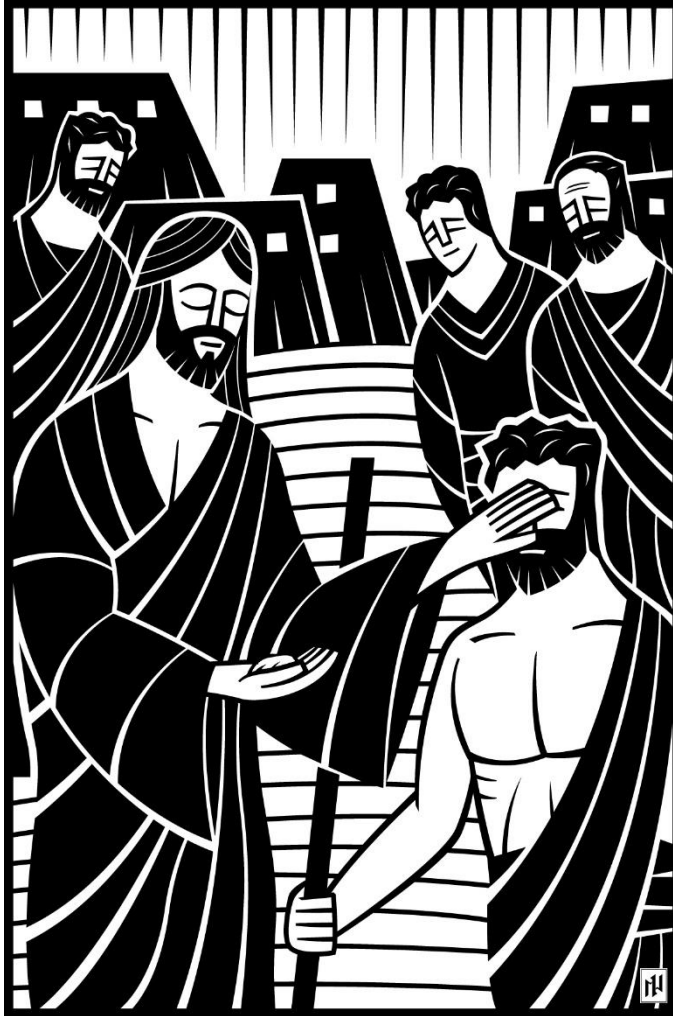




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Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Blind See!



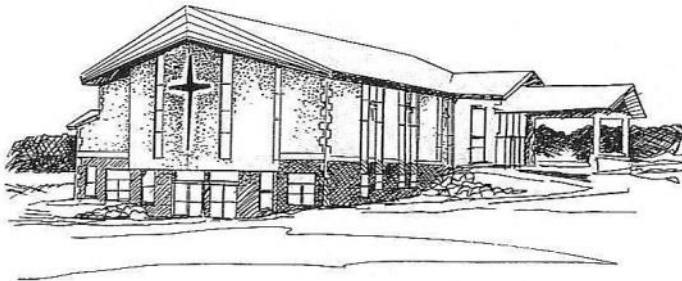
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*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 19, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 397)

Just As I Am, without One Plea

The bells will introduce the hymn by playing through the melody three times.

**1 Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

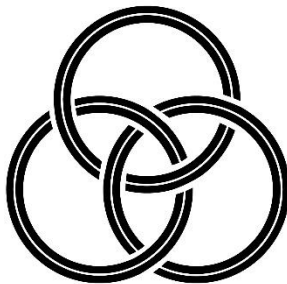
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

*14 I have been silent for a long time.
I have kept still. I have restrained myself.
But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream.
I will gasp and pant.
15 I will dry up mountains and hills.
I will make all their grass wither.
I will turn rivers into islands.
I will dry up pools.
16 I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.
Along paths they do not know I will direct them.
Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light
and rough places into level ground.
These are the things I will accomplish for them.
I will not abandon them.
17 They will be turned back and completely disgraced—
those who trust in an idol,
those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”
18 You deaf ones, listen!
You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see!
19 Who is as blind as my servant?
Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent?
Who is as blind as my associate,
as blind as the servant of the LORD?
20 You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe.
Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear.
21 Because of his own righteousness,
the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 143

Refrain



Psalm tone



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. ⁴ I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.”

⁶ After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

¹³ They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?”

There was division among them, ¹⁷ so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶ “Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.” ³⁸ Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. ¹⁰ Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹ and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Once Darkness, Now Light

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.**

GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING

*During the collection of the offering, please sign and pass
the Friendship Register. Thank you.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by your blessed Gospel, and hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, your Son abides among his saints in the temple of his Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of his tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, through Holy Baptism you have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in your ways and teach us to know your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, those who wait for your salvation have the promise that you will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, you have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____*], that they would take heart, trust you for healing and find you even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite your people in a right confession of your Word, and free them from disagreement over your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of your Son's body and blood. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.

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 379)

Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
His Word my hope se - cures. He
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
will my shield and por - tion be
grace has brought me safe thus far,
no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
As long as life en - dures.
And grace will lead me home.
Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 393)

If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De -
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; Now
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; The
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid On



not to earth de - scend - ed And in our
 spair no more reigns o'er me. No more am
 all my sor - row ceas - es. His words a -
 law brings con - dem - na - tion. True right - eous -
 Christ, your Son, my Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus,



mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's pow - er
 I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has borne sin
 bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from guilt re -
 ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is my sal -
 you my debt have paid And gained for me God's



end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of
 for me. Up - on the cross for me he
 leas - es. Free grace through him I now ob -
 va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri -
 fav - or. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of



mine In hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine
 died That, rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide
 tain; He wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain;
 fice, Has paid the all - suf - fi - cient price;
 grace, The good in me to you I trace;



Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 With you, my God, for - ev - er.
 And pure I stand be - fore him.
 In him my hope is an - chored.
 In faith and hope pre - serve me.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

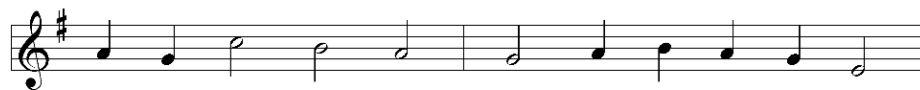
THANK THE LORD

During Lent we will not sing the usual “Thank the Lord” because of its inclusion of the word “alleluia.” In its place we sing CW 316.

316 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in



be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (I.M) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 394)

Blessed Are the Saints of God



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.
Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

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.

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)

Beginning Next Sunday: 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 22 and 29

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

Potluck 5:30 pm

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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
- Children's Bell Coordinator: Ruth Kovaciny
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and *councilman needed* (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: Raelyn Parker

10:15 am: Sunday School staff meeting

Wednesday March 22

Lent Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Potluck Dinner – Coordinator Sue Jenswold

- Pastor Jacob Scott
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30

9:15 am: Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Aaron Oughton (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Refreshments: The Stachowiak Family
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- A/V & Recording: *TBA*

11:30 am: Strategic Planning all group meeting (Lunch included.)

11:30 am: Worship Group Strategic Planning Meeting

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Ronda Anderson (3/19), Felica Bakken (3/19), Megan Marquardt (3/19), Ashley Chesmore (3/21), Ava Ehlenbach (3/21), Kassie Bartosch (3/23), Ron Fredrick (3/23), Matt Gotzion (3/23), Anka Kopplin (3/23), Fidel Mendez (3/23), Kenzie Johnson (3/25), Len Smith (3/25), Cameron Vinson (3/25) and Greg Zeman (3/25) 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).

Coordinator(s) needed for Easter Breakfast: We are looking forward to our annual Easter breakfast between services on April 9. The meal is downstairs, and we need a coordinator or co-coordinators for the event. There are records and notes from previous years to assist with the planning. The congregation brings the side dishes and volunteers help with the additional food preparation downstairs. Contact the church office if you can help.

Workday/Spring Cleaning: Come help us get our building ready for Holy Week and Easter. We have indoor and outdoor projects to complete. There are tasks for all ages. We are meeting **Saturday April 1 from 8:00 – 12 noon**. Wear work clothes.

Easter Flower Donations: The altar guild is asking for donations of potted flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Worship. Suggested flowers include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, and other spring blooms. Donations can be brought to church by April 8. The altar guild will maintain the flowers and arrange them for Easter. Donated flowers can be taken home after the Easter services. If you would like to donate towards the purchase flowers, place your donation in the envelope in the church office.

Community Easter Egg Hunt – April 8 at 10:00 am: This activity is a great time to invite family, neighbors, and friends at school to join us. Children of all ages are invited to participate. You do not need to sign up ahead of time and there is no cost. The morning starts with a devotion with Pr. Jenswold and then heads outside to collect eggs. Fun activities are for after the children have found their eggs. Bring your Easter basket. Volunteers are needed to help that morning - set up, assist with activities, and clean up after the event. If you would like to help, sign up at church or contact the church office. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am and usually leave at 11:30. RaeLyn Parker is coordinating the event but plans to step down after this year. She would enjoy coordinating with someone else this year so they could "learn the ropes" and possibly help coordinate in the future.



Holy Week

April 2, Palm Sunday
Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

April 6, Maundy Thursday
Worship 6:30 pm
(Fill Easter eggs after.)

April 7, Good Friday
Worship 1:00 & 6:30 pm

April 8
Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am
(Basement set-up for Easter breakfast begins at noon.)

April 9, Easter
Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am
Easter breakfast at 9:15 am

Offerings March 1 – 11: *(1 ½ weeks)*

- General Fund: \$10,810
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$1,215
- AV Projectors (wish list): \$70



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

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 1 - 11: In the totals listed above, \$5,501 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$50 to the AV Projectors.)

Current Wish List Items:

- **Carpet Installation \$12,000:** The church has purchased new carpeting for the upstairs of the building and the stairs. It is currently being stored for us at a warehouse. Our plan is to install the carpet after Easter. Any contributions marked “Wish List – Carpet Installation” will be used to cover the cost of this.
- **Projectors in the sanctuary \$25,000:** The current projectors in the sanctuary are no longer serviceable. They both have limited projection capabilities and the color quality is poor. Any contributions marked “Wish List – Projectors” will directly fund purchasing two new ones.

Contributions received as of 2/28/23:

Carpet Installation: \$1,792

AV Projectors: \$2,042

Looking Ahead:

- **March 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

