

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Jesus Raises from Death to 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 children's message. Children seated on the altar will be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 26, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (Sung by Male Quartet)

Christ, the Life of All the Living

The words are printed below for you to follow and meditate upon as the quartet sings the anthem.

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving,
To the darkest depth of woe,
Madest reconciliation,
And didst save me from damnation;
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou has taken on Thee,
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction,
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
That Thou might'st atone for me;
Though didst choose to be tormented,
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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



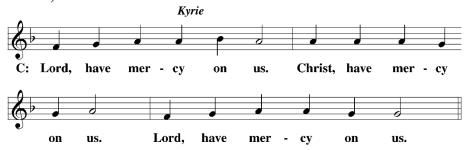


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

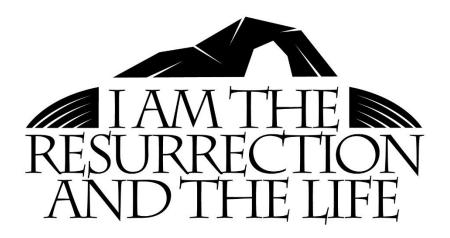


M: Let us pray.

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 the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally 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.



BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:11-19

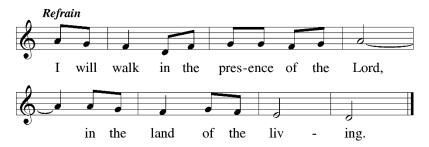
¹¹ And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³ For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.





I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice;* he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me,*
I will call on him as long <u>as</u> I live.

The LORD is gracious and <u>right</u>eous;* when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling.

How can I repay the LORD* for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal<u>va</u>tion* and call on the name <u>of</u> the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:17–27, 38–45

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

³⁸ Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴ The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.



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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward and have a seat on the altar steps for a brief children's message. Moms and dads, if your child would gain the needed fortitude to come forward if you are with them, feel free to come along!

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt. Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

¹⁷ But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her. ¹⁸ The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ Then he said to his father, "My head! My head!" His father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰ So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

- ²¹ Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²² Then she called to her husband and said, "Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back." ²³ He said, "Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath." But she said, "It's all right."
- ²⁴ Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you." ²⁵ So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! That's the woman from Shunem! ²⁶ Now run to meet her and say, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?" She answered, "We're all right."
- ²⁷ Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me." ²⁸ Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, 'Don't give me false hope'?"
- ²⁹ Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy's face."
- ³⁰ But the boy's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. ³¹ Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, "The boy did not wake up."
- ³² When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³ So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's

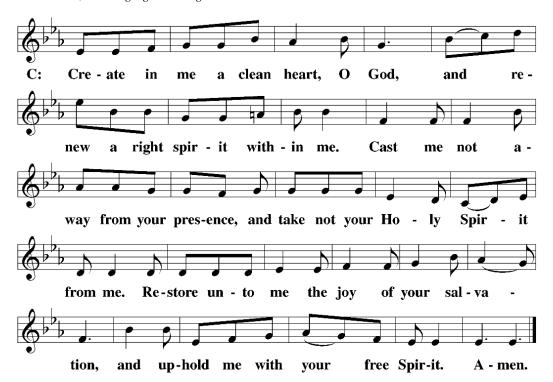
flesh became warm. ³⁵ He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

³⁶ Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the woman of Shunem!" So he called her, and she came in. He said, "Pick up your son." ³⁷ So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

"It is Well"

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



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

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

Lord, you raised your Son and sent your Spirit. Sustain us while we await Christ's attention to our present needs. Give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses. Give us faith throughout our days in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, breathe your life into your Church, that she may stand by your strength and live according to your Word. Lay your hand on men of every era to proclaim your Word and to bring life to the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have visited your creation in your Son. Grant that our homes would always receive him and that husbands and wives and brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear his promises, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, you are the true source of life, which you give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, the ones you love are ill and need your holy care [especially ______]. Make haste to help them. Spare their lives. On the Last Day, call them from their graves and unite them to you and all your saints. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Father, in Baptism you have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make your children strong in your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. 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.

STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



CLOSING HYMN (CWS 760)

When Peace Like a River



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.
Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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Personal Prayers for Worship

BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise may continue to glorify you in the world; that the ears which have heard you speak may be open always to your Word and closed to hatred and discord; that the tongues which have confessed your name may always speak the truth without fear; that all of us who have worshiped together today may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.

Beginning today 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. Today, 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 Service March 29

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

Chili 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)

Special Collection for Malawi: In Malawi, where the Lutheran Church of Central Africa—Malawi has many churches and members, floods caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy swept away entire villages earlier this month. Many homes have collapsed. Police officers and soldiers have been digging for victims buried under the mud and rocks as the death toll rose sharply. In the three countries affected (Malawi, Mozambique, and Madagascar), more than 500 people have been killed and hundreds are still missing. Those numbers will likely rise as information comes in from places that have been cut off from communication.

More than 300,000 people have been displaced. More than 280,000 children have been affected.

In addition to the destruction of homes and roads, the storm has inundated farmlands and destroyed crops, just as farmers were about to harvest the only crop of the year. This only increases the food crisis in Malawi, where 3.8 million people were already in need of food assistance before the storm.

Many governmental and private relief efforts are already underway to address the immediate needs. No doubt, there will be need for longer term assistance once the immediate crisis has passed.

As of today, we are waiting to hear how the storm has affected the congregations and members of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa—Malawi. There is no doubt that our sister church body has been impacted. As we wait for word, WELS Christian Aid and Relief is ready to provide assistance in whatever way it can. If you would like to help in this effort with a financial gift, you

can do so by contributing in the alms box at church or giving a gift online at https://community.wels.net/sslpage.aspx?pid=394.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Malawi in your prayers.

Serving with you in Christ,

WELS President Mark Schroeder

Posted March 21, 2023

Spring Cleaning/Workday – This Saturday April 1st, 8:00 – 12:00 pm:

- Vacuum back hallway and stairs. Bugs, cobwebs etc. (behind downstairs office.)
- Clean windows
- Vacuum window wells downstairs. Classrooms and open basement space.
- Wipe down artificial plants in entrance of church with a wet rag.
- Wipe top of wood baseboard all around church with a wet rag
- Remove large desk from downstairs office. Vacuum/clean as much of the office as possible.
- Inspect indoor garbage cans and wash as needed. Check recycling bin in kitchen downstairs.
- Drill holes in outside garbage cans? To drain water
- Bring down boxes of paper and old computers from attic space above office.
- Check attic above small closet on the right as you enter church. Bring down items as needed.
- Consider historical record clear bins for later sorting?
- Sprinkle a pre-emergent herbicide on the landscape rocks around the parking areas.
- Place landscaping pavers around three trees on the east side of the Church and fill the ring with mulch.
- Clean chairs in sanctuary.
- Install new toilet paper holders
- Clean new basement area organize (Use shop vac?)
- Pour buckets of water in floor drains in all bathrooms
- Clean water softener / add salt
- Pick up insulation blankets on back patio and roll up.

Other tasks needed:

- Hang drywall
- Misc. electrical items
- Work on air infiltration leaks
- Possible sound panel installation

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: Julie Doyle/Jen Olson

11:30 am: Strategic Planning all group meeting (Lunch included.) **11:40 am:** Worship Group Strategic Planning Meeting, *downstairs*

Wednesday March 29

Worship Services at 12:30 & 6:30 pm

5:30 pm: Chili Cook-off Potluck Dinner – Coordinator Jen Olson

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist 6:30 pm: Sharon Freund
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

• A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday April 2: Palm Sunday

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: *TBA*
- Councilman/elder: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: TBA
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Sue Jenswold
 A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Ashley Natysin (3/27) and Ben Pluim (3/28) 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 March 12 – 18, 2023:

• General Fund: \$12,019

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$1,160

• AV Projectors (wish list): \$100

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 12-18: In the totals listed above, \$2,093 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)

Looking Ahead:

- March 29: Lent Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm. Chili 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, downstairs. 12 5 pm

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