

First Sunday in Lent



Jesus Christ – Our Champion!

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Normally in a family everyone must do their part. . . pitch in. . . pull their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, God's Son—our brother, Jesus— stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously.

This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

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March 9, 2025

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 359)

Jesus, My Great High Priest



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt. Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80. **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.



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.



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.

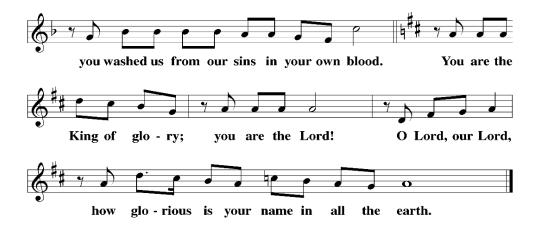


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

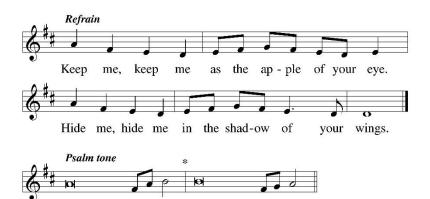
M: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶ So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



He who dwells in the shelter of the <u>Most High*</u> will rest in the shadow of the Al<u>mighty</u>.

I will say of the LORD,*

"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust." Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,* nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your <u>dwelling</u>,* then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels con<u>cern</u>ing you* to guard you in <u>all</u> your ways;

they will lift you up <u>in</u> their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

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*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. ³ The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you.

¹¹ And,

they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

⁵ The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. ⁷ So, if you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹ The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ because it is written:

¹² Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'"

¹³ When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

⁴ A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. ⁶ He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him. ⁸ He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us." ¹⁰ The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

³² David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him." ³³ But Saul said to David, "You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth." ³⁴ David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God." ³⁷ David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go then! May the LORD be with you." 38 So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. 39 David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before. David said to Saul, "I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them." So David took them off. ⁴⁰ Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I

will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand."

⁴⁸ Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

This Man is Our Champion!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.
- M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.
- **M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- **M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.
- M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: 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.



M: Lift up your hearts.

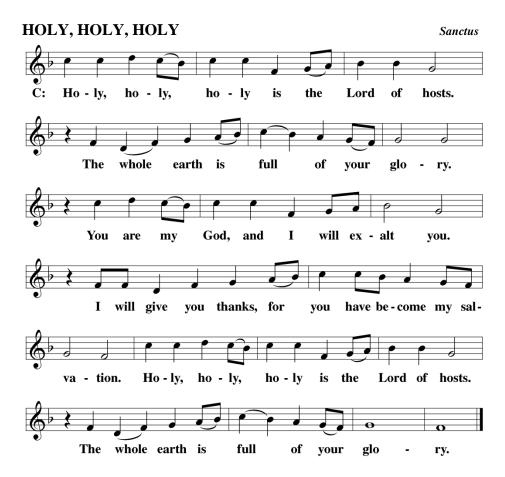


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 whole 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:



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."

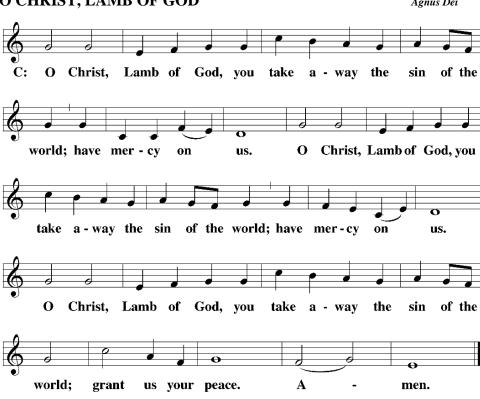
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

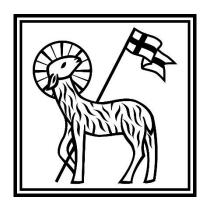


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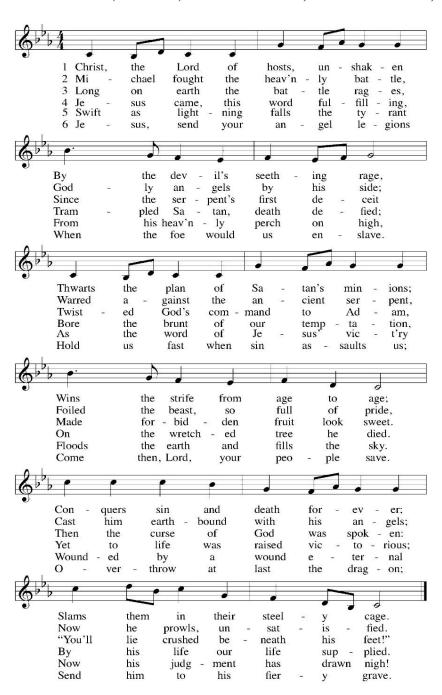
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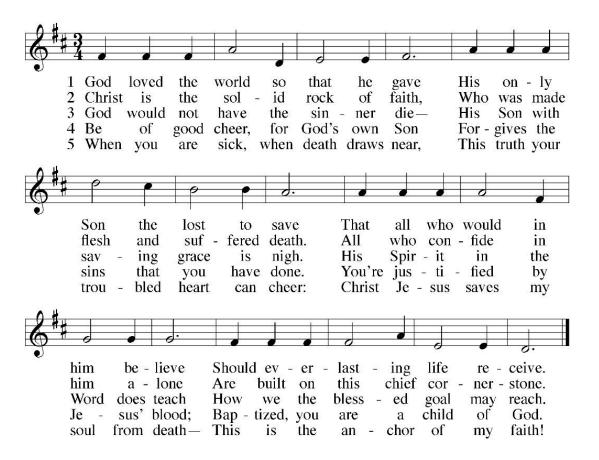
BE SEATED



Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



God Loved the World So that He Gave



6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: St. Crispin (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

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.



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.

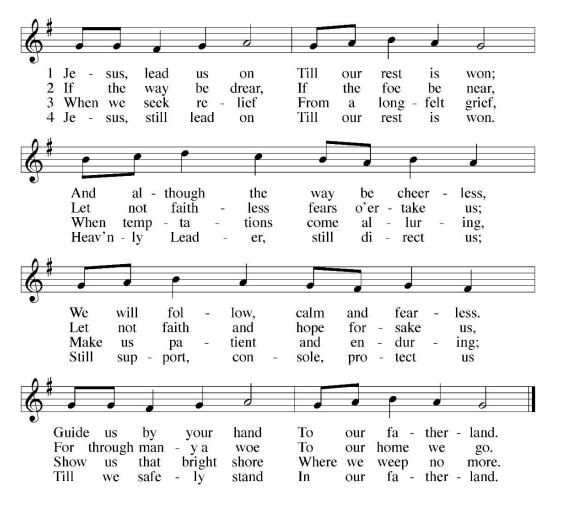
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



CLOSING HYMN (CW 422)

Jesus, Lead Us On (page 20)



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

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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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, lower level

<u>Wednesday 6:30 pm:</u> Gospel Motivation, *lower level* Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine, *lower level*

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Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Hebrews

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

Sunday March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

Pastor Joel Jenswold

Organist: Jennifer Boll

Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mitch Myhre, 10:30: Phil Boll

• Ushers 8:00: Dave and Ben Olson

• Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family

• Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman

• Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton

• A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

• Refreshments: Sharon Freund

Sunday March 16th: Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

Pastor Joel Jenswold

• Pianist: Kristin Huebner

Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer

• Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund, Bob Degnan, and Kayden & Kourtney Zech

• Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman

• Counters: Wayne Kaalberg and Kim Bauer

• Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton

• A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

• Refreshments: Kristin Vomhof and Elaine Wilson

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Sheryl Wedel (3/9), Luke Beyer (3/11), Elixabeth Zick (3/13), and Dorothy Kilian (3/14) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, Steve Tobison, and Roger Kovaciny who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9: Lenten Potluck Dinners | 5:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9: Lent Worship at 3:30 and 6:30 pm

March 15: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast - M-N-M's Waunakee

March 16: Youth Bowling Outing to Rude's Lanes, DeForest | 3:00 pm

March 22: Adult Euchre Night | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Youth Group Bowling Outing | March 16, 3:00 pm at Rude's Lanes, DeForest:

We are excited to announce this fun youth group bowling outing with Pastor and Sue. On March 16th we will be meeting at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of bowling fun! The cost is \$10 per person which includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. No cost for the fun & fellowship. Please sign-up and join us for this fun youth outing. Sign-up is located on the back counter in the narthex.

Adult Euchre Night | March 22, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall:

The fellowship committee is hosting another Fun Euchre Night! Come join us and enjoy this fun social event that allows you to engage in great fellowship during a euchre scramble that moves from table to table. No need for a partner to play, and No Worries if you don't know how to play, someone will be happy to teach or shadow you until you are comfortable. Bring your own beverage, and an appetizer to share if you would like. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Are you interested in long term weather projections?

"This Week in Agribusiness" is a weekly show that forecasts predicting long range weather patterns. The show airs weekly on Saturday mornings from 4:30-5:30 am. If you have questions or would like more information on the show, please see John Hill.

Stove and Double Oven:

As we prepare for the replacement stove and double ovens. The stove and double oven from the lower level are available to anyone that may have interest. The stove and the only the lower oven of the double work. If you would like additional information, please contact Joe Hornbeck or Steve Kalscheuer.

Lent services continue each Wednesday. 3:30 & 6:30 pm March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm

Lent Services: "Behold! The Hidden Glory of the Cross!"

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March 12

Pastor Jacob Scott – Zion, Leeds "It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by His Own

March 19

Pastor David Horton – Eastside "It is Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by the World"

March 26

Pastor Joel Jenswold – Lord of Love "It is Hidden in the Savior's Stumbling"

April 2

Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion, Leeds "It is Hidden in the Savior's Sighs"

April 9

Pastor Joel Jenswold – Lord of Love "It is Hidden in Powerful Words"