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2nd Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*(Please stand when indicated by *)*

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (Hobby)

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GATHERING

* Invocation

P We are gathered together for worship in the name of the one God: Father, and of the Son, **✝** and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P Holy God,

C **You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; all those who believe in Christ are living stones in his holy house. Hear his Word of forgiveness and be comforted by his love. You are made new again by the blood of Christ who gave himself for us so that we might be holy and precious in his sight. (Luke 20:17)

C **Amen.**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

* Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* Kyrie (*Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.*)

LBW p. 78-79

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

* Salutation

LBW p. 82

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

* Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L Here ends the reading.

Psalm 22:23-31 *read responsively*

L ²³You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C ²⁴**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

L ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

C ²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

- L ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- C ²⁸**For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**
- L ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- C ³⁰**Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- L ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

* Lenten Response (*Return to the Lord, your God.*)

LBW p. 83

C **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Promise in Misery*

Pastor Heidi Punt

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Bow Down Your Ear, Almighty Lord

1 Bow down your ear, al - might - y Lord, And hear your
2 In mer - cy, Fa - ther, now give heed, And pour your
3 O Sav - ior, from your pierc - ed hand Shed on them
4 Blest Spir - it, in their hearts a - bide And give them

Church's. . sup - pliant cry For all who preach your
quick - 'ning Spir - it's breath On those whom you have
all your gifts di - vine, That those who in your
grace to watch and pray, That as they seek your

sav - ing Word And serve you in their min - is - try.
called to feed Your flock re - deemed by Je - sus' death.
pres - ence stand May form their lives to your de - sign.
flock to guide, They too may keep the nar - row way.

5 O God, your strength and mercy send
To shield them in their strife with sin.
Grant them, enduring to the end,
The crown of life at last to win.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

* Or, He descended to the dead.

** Or, the holy Christian Church,

* Prayers of the Church & Sharing of the Peace

LBW p. 85-86

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

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C Amen

* Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Youth Missions/Retreats Fund. During the month of February, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on NALC Disaster Relief. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

Anthem: *Jesus, Source of My Salvation* (Palestrina)

Chancel Choir

MEAL

* Offertory (“*What shall I render to the Lord...*”)

LBW p. 87

C What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

* Offertory Prayer

P God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us.

C Amen.

* Great Thanksgiving

LBW p. 88

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*)

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* Sanctus (“*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...*”)

LBW p. 89

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

* Words of Institution

LBW p. 89

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

* Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 91

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Lamb of God (*"Lamb of God, you take away..."*)

LBW p. 92

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten Free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request. Please fill out the communion card in the pew and hand to the Usher while following their directions to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

* Blessing

LBW p. 92

**P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen**

* Post-Communion Canticle (*"Lord, now you let your servant..."*)

LBW p. 93-94

**C Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory 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**

* Post-Communion Prayer

P Blessed is the one who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

C Amen.

SENDING

* Benediction

LBW p. 95

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

* Hymn: *The Glory of These Forty Days*

WOV# 657

The Glory of These Forty Days

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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

* Blessing & Dismissal

P Union Lutheran Church you have been equipped and empowered by Word and Sacrament.

C **We will faithfully love God and love our neighbor.**

P Go now, in the name of God the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen**

Postlude: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (Mahnke)

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OUR MISSION: Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

OUR 2024 VISION: “Love God and love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

OUR 2024 ACTION PLAN: “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...”
(Matthew 25:35-40)



Those Serving in February

Acolytes: Mallory Eagle and Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker and Mary Hutchens

Communion Assistants: Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker and Mary Hutchens

Lay Readers: Robyn Arey and Genevieve Baker

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble, Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

Offering Counters: Jennifer Curlee, Ali Davis and Doris Shepherd

Union News

Sunday, February 25

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

The King Arrives ~ Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Luke 19:38

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Faith in God's Purpose ~ Jeremiah 29:8-14; Habakkuk 1:5-2:5

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: *Promise in Misery*

Sunday Sermons in Lent will focus on the assigned Psalms.



2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Luther League at Salem Lutheran Church

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

Silent Auction to benefit ULC Current Fund. (Form located in the Narthex.) Bids close today!

*During Lent, the **Altar Branches** are given to the glory of God.*

This Weeks' Activities:

Tuesday, Feb. 27

5:45 p.m. Lenten meal hosted by Don Davis and Jan Huffman.

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service *I Have Prayed for You* ~ Romans 10:9-17; Psalm 119:65-80; Luke 22:39-53

Wednesday, Feb. 28

10:30 a.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service
Lunch hosted by Judy Boyd.

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

A Trusting Widow ~ Mark 12:41-44

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Sustaining Our Faith ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Jude

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25

Sermon: *Glory of God Revealed*

Sunday Sermons will focus on the assigned Psalms.

Following worship the Church Council will have a brief meeting to review the 2024 Church Yearbook for printing.

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Mar. 5

5:45 p.m. Lenten meal hosted by Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service *Father, Forgive Them* ~ Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 119:41-56; Luke 23:26-56

Thank you, Pete Nguyen, for sharing the message with us on March 5 & 6!

Thank you, Dusty Morgan, Jr., for being our Liturgist on March 5 & 6!

Wednesday, Mar. 6

10:30 a.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service
Lunch hosted by Cathy Kluttz Painter.

4:30 p.m. Haiti Pastors Bible Study online

No Confirmation Class this week.

6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Pastor Heidi Punt will be on vacation from Tuesday, March 5-Friday, March 8.

While Pastor Heidi is away if an emergency arises please contact Rev. Ernie Sheldon, Interim at Salem Lutheran Church.

Saturday, Mar. 9 Don't forget to set your clock ahead before going to bed.

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir (5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Forever Food ~ Luke 22:7-23

By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us. 1 John 3:16

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Testing Our Faith ~ Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24; 2 Corinthians 13:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

250th Anniversary Guest Pastor: Rev. Tom Corbell

*2024 Yearbooks will be available, one per family,
for pick up on Sunday, March 10.*

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

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Section 3: Service of the Sacrament ~ The Words of the Lord (Verba Domini: Latin for “the words of our Lord.”)

The Pastor speaks **The Words of Our Lord** to consecrate, or set apart, the bread and the wine for God’s special use. In the **Sacrament of the Altar**, Christ gives His true body and true blood under the forms of consecrated bread and wine. Once again, God’s grace comes to us in the Divine Service. Jesus Himself is present and forgives our sins.



(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 22)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Tommy Goodman and Family on the death of his mother, Earleen Holshouser Goodman.

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Arnold Cauble, Glenn Eagle, Rachel Earnhardt, Tommy & Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery – Brenda Cauble, Lucinda Fraley, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, John Knight, Wade Leazer, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Janet Overcash, Doris Page, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne Vellines & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer – Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning’s daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Brenda Killby (Jennifer Curlee’s mother of a friend), Pat Pat Kluttz, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmands: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

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*This Lent, we invite you to take on something instead of giving up something!
A REVERSE CALENDAR will be distributed that will have an item to bring every week. These items will support the NALC Disaster Response and Food Pantry at Organ Lutheran Church, Salisbury.*