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**3rd Sunday in Lent**

March 3, 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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Hobby)

*The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. Each week we will extinguish candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world. This week the Christ Candle and only 4 candles on either side of the Altar Candles will be lit.*

**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,

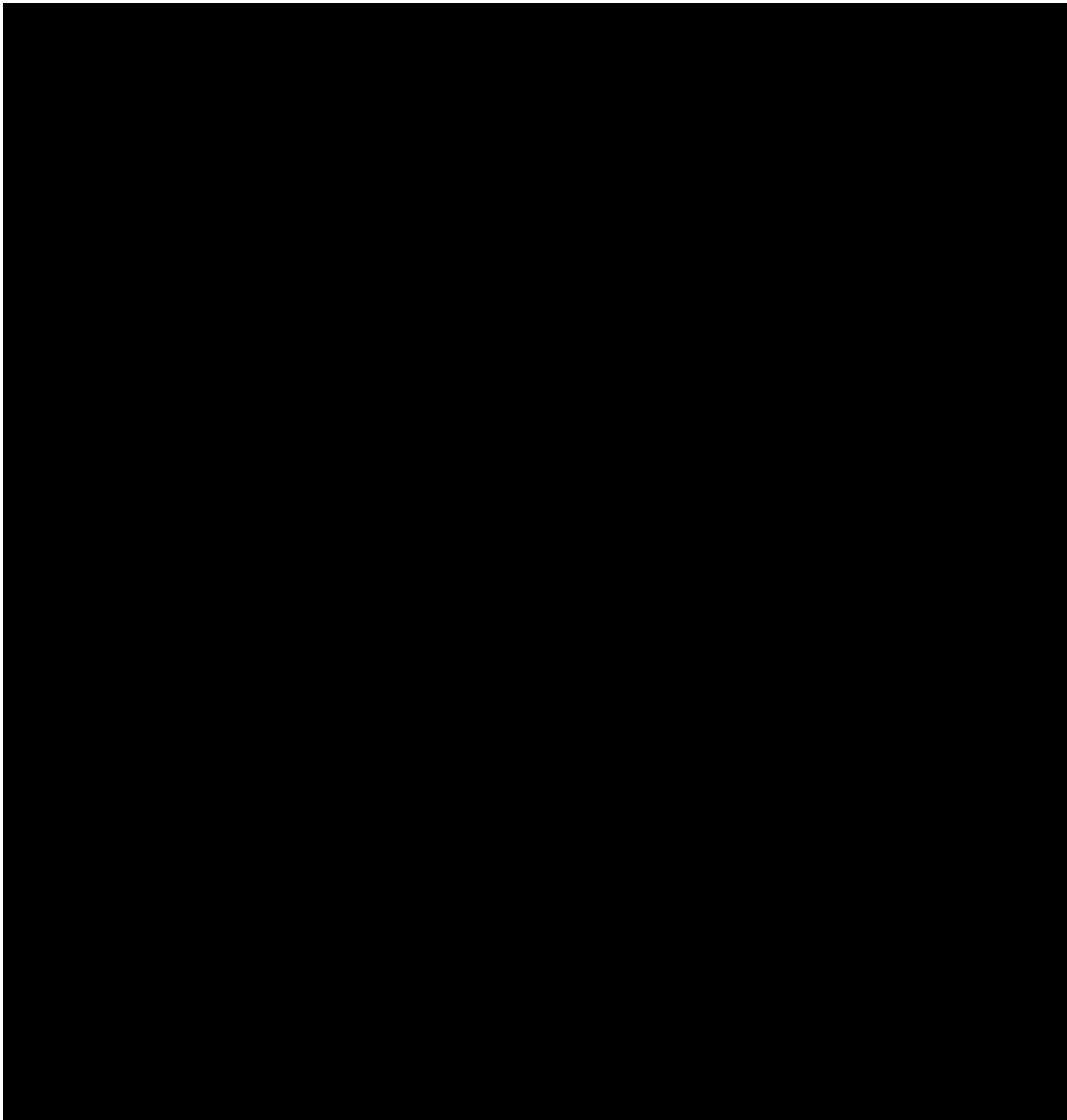
**C You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather 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.**

\* Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



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\* 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, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **WORD**

### Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.<sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his

name in vain. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L Here ends the reading.

*Psalm 19 sung in unison ~ During Lent we will be using Psalm Tone 2 found on page 291*

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,\*  
and their voices | are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends | of the world.
- <sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of | it again;\*  
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;\*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;\*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often | he offends?\*

cleansing me from my | secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion | over me;\*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |  
in your sight,\*

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

## Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."  
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD."

L Here ends the reading.

Children's Message

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. John the 2nd chapter.

**C     Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* Holy Gospel: John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. <sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P     The Gospel of the Lord.

**C     Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Glory of God Revealed*  
Punt

Pastor     Heidi

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, From the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

\* Apostles' Creed

LBW p. 85

**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 Social Ministry Fund. During the month of March, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on Water Missions. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

Anthem: *We Had a Share* (Sleeth)

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

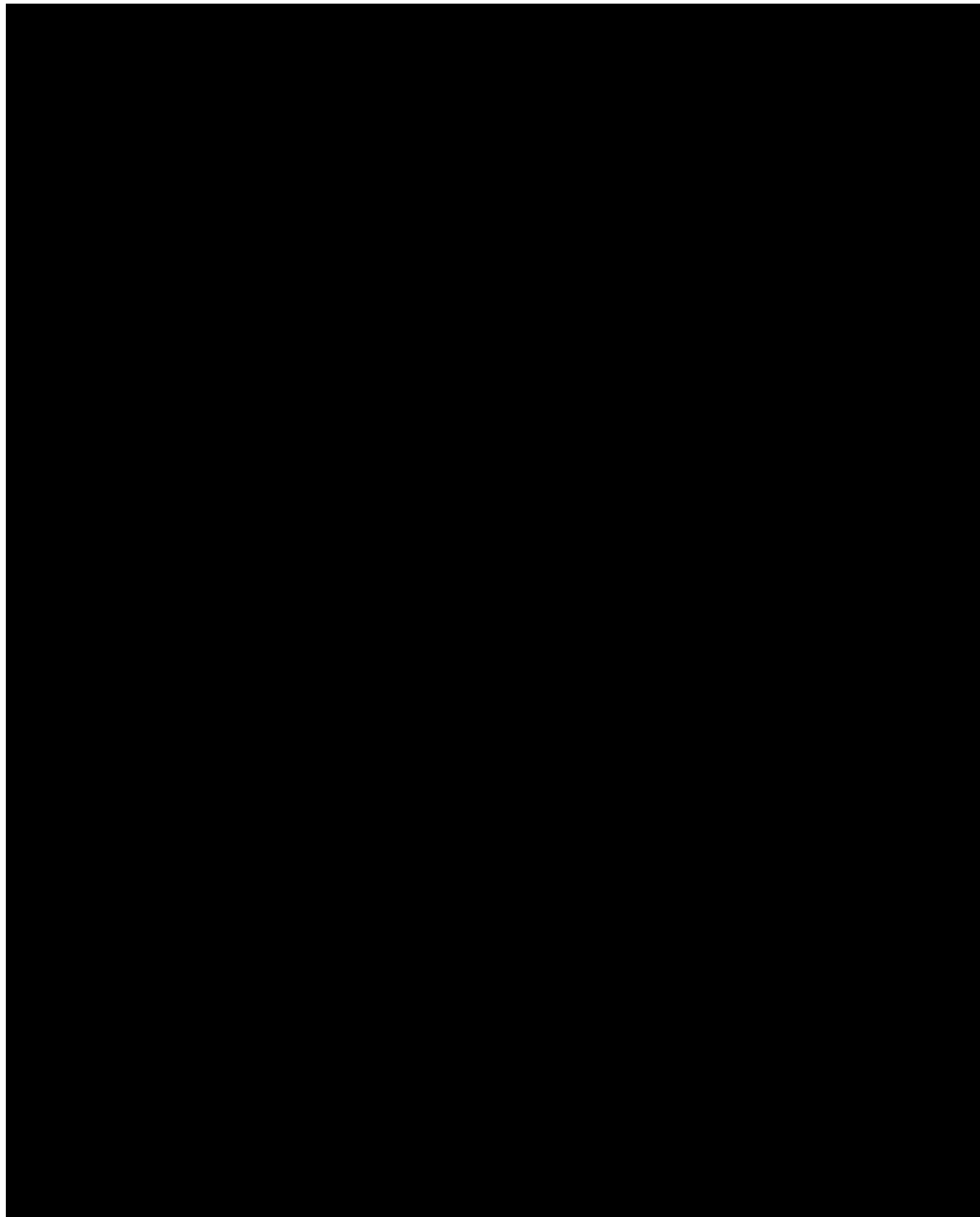
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: *What Wondrous Love Is This*  
LBW# 385



\* 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: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (Slowins)

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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 March**

**Acolytes:** Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

**Communion Assistants:** Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

**Lay Readers:** Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

**Ushers:** Steve Arey, Phil Cauble, Ali Davis and Don Davis

**Offering Counters:** Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

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## **Union News**

### **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  
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 at ULC

**6:30 p.m.** Love Dare Bible Study

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

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**This Weeks' Activities:**

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.

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**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

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

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guest Pastor: Rev. Tom Corbell

Following worship, a **Meet** and **Greet** will be held in the **small fellowship hall**.

*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 (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)

**6:30 p.m.** Love Dare Bible Study

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday, Mar. 12

**2:00 p.m.** Mary & Martha Circle at ULC

**5:45 p.m.** Lenten meal hosted by Robyn Arey, Dawn Merrell, and Megan Cline

**6:30 p.m.** Mid-Week Lenten Service

1 John 2:7-17; Psalm 119:89-104; John 18:1-12

Sermon: *I Am He*

Wednesday, Mar. 13 **10:30 a.m.** Mid-Week Lenten Service

Lunch hosted by Janie Lesley

**2:00 p.m.** Chapel Time at Autumn Care

**6:30 p.m.** Confirmation

**6:30 p.m.** Belles & Beaus

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir

Thursday, Mar. 14

**10:00 a.m.** Good Timers

Program: New England Travelog

Lunch: Lakeview Restaurant

### **Section 3: Service of the Sacrament ~ Proclamation of Christ**

*"As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26*

(A Simple Explanation of the Church Service, Concordia Publishing House, page 23)



## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

**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

### **Stewardship Update**

Sunday School (2/25)

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Worship & Holy Communion (2/25)

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Mid-Week Lenten Service evening (2/27)

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Mid-Week Lenten Service morning (2/28)

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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.*