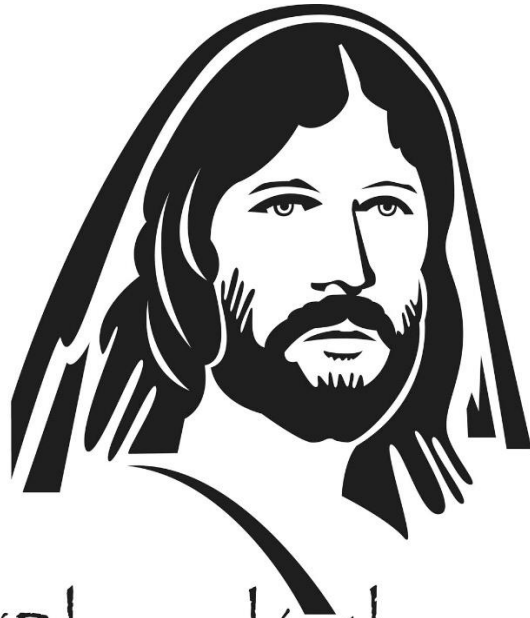


SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the name
of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, NRSV

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. After you place your tithes and gifts in the offering plate, please pass your Pew Card to the center aisle and the ushers will pick them up. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

AS WE GATHER

How’s your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said, “You will be hated by all for My name’s sake”? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11–12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember and observe examples of faith, such as the apostle Paul in his many struggles and even our Lord Himself whose faith and confidence in His Father’s gracious design made Him endure “the cross, despising the shame” with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours. Faith hangs on to the promise “I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown” (Revelation 3:11). Or as Paul says, “Therefore, my brothers, . . . my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord” (Philippians 4:1).

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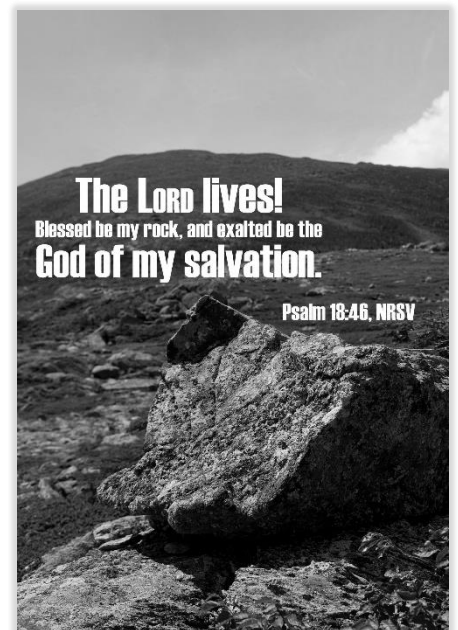
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

How Firm A Foundation

LSB 728 sts. 1–2, 4

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.



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THE INVOCATION

The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C **and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

P O God, why do You cast us off forever?

C **Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

P Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

C **Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.**

P Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins;

C **the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

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

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C **and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

T Confession and Absolution T

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk
in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of
the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

T Service of the Word T

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

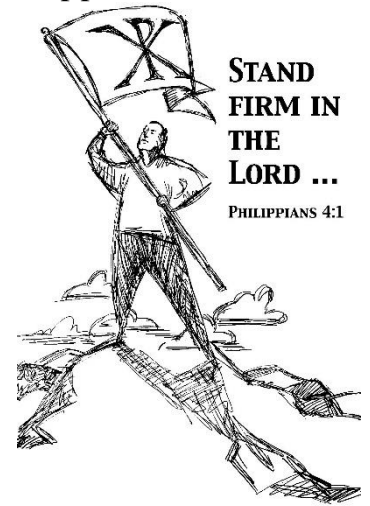
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Philippians 3:17—4:1



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’” ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O**

Christ.



"I am
casting out demons
and
performing cures
today and tomorrow,
and on the third day
I finish my work."
LUKE 13:32, NRSV

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Hen Her Brood Tucks Under Her Wing

1 The hen her brood tucks under wing. The fox to God's;
 2 And so our Lord turned not a side; With in God's;
 3 Re-joicing, see our path stretch o'er Time, space, and
 4 Glo-ry to God the Fa-ther raise, And to His

them no harm may bring. Though he may take a -
 plan He would a - bide. He gave His life and
 in fi - nite - ly more. He shall re - turn with
 Son e - ter - nal praise. They with the Spir - it

way her life, The chicks es - cape from dead - ly strife.
 rose a - bove That we might walk with Him in love.
 in our sight, And we shall know ce - les - tial light.
 ev - er one, Have for us all sal - va - tion won.

James Pierce

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SERMON

Religion & Politics

Rev. David Barber

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your gift and creation of faith in our hearts and minds. By this faith, we greatly rejoice in the power of Your Word and Spirit that gives us strength and confidence to face all the challenges we encounter. We live out that faith in praise of Your goodness and mercy and in love towards all who are in need of Your help and salvation. We ask You to hear our prayers and grant us Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For Your holy church throughout the world, all Christians redeemed by the blood of Christ, inspire firm and steadfast faith in Your truth that we all may remain faithful in the face of any and every challenge that would seek to cause us to fall. Preserve us and help us counter all false teachings that seek to contradict Your truth. Save us from all temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh that we may live with integrity and in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to all pastors, teachers, and all who serve in Your church Your wisdom and grace that they be instruments of Your mercy to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Bless all missionaries and faithful servants of our international fellowship of confessional Lutheran churches throughout all nations, granting them success in their ministries and safety, especially in challenging circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Inspire in our nation justice, honor, and peace. Grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land and help them to serve this people according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P By Your Word and Spirit grant healing and comfort to all who are in sorrow, sickness, or any adversity [*especially...the family of Sharon Day (sister of Dave Weaver), Tracy Fisher (daughter of Sue Heim), the family of John Greene (cousin of Gary Fleming), Sam Jackson, Gayle Kasch, Dale Kuhn, Jan Rittenhouse, Ron Scheff, Ronna Trueman, John Vogel, Kathy Weaver*].
Be with all those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give steadfastness of faith to all who endure any and every challenge to living according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Remembering all who have served You and have gone before us, now resting from their labors, we ask You to keep us in fellowship with them and with all Your saints and bring us at last to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> or scan the QR Code here. For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card located in the pew..



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80

Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010

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τ Service of the Sacrament τ

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
 2. O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.
 3. Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant
flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.
 4. There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.
 5. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.
 6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

1. What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
2. The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!
3. The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!
4. What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

(continued)



round - ed,
driv - en,
sto - ry
na - tion

With grace un - bound - ed.
Now are for - giv - en.
Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
His new cre - a - tion.

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SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.

Acknowledgments

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Please be aware that on Tuesday, March 11th, the church and FMC security systems were updated to a newer more technological advanced system. At this current time, we believe to have carried over all of the old user alarm codes, so the code you had previously should still work.

This will continue to be your code for a brief time, but in the coming weeks we plan to update **ALL USER CODES** to be a more efficient code, which will be set to user specific assignments. This will however mean **No More Sharing Of Codes**. Please be on the lookout for future notice of these changes to be coming.

Upon this time, you will need to contact the office to obtain a user new user code, once we initiate the new code system) you will have to contact the church administrator to be given your new user code. In the later part of 2025 the current older codes will be deleted.

We appreciate your patience during this time.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk

Guest Pastor: Rev. David Barber

Organist: Stephen Kopp III ~ Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk

Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering

Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman

Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

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Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

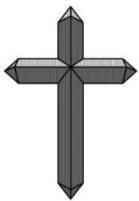
The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Jeff & Elisabeth Geltz in remembrance of

Howard & Ruth Geltz, Laurie Thiboutot & Robert Adam.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Gloria Cvelbar in loving memory of the birthdays of
her hero husband, Frank & Kasper, her fabulous father.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Cheryl Domingo, Sue Richard
Elders on Duty	Tim Boisseau, Jim McCabe
Communion Assistants	Brian Daily, Chris Trapp
Greeters/Ushers	Gary Fleming, Kay Helgersen, Donna Leach
Altar Servers	Pam Specht, Joyce Spier
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Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Kay Helgersen, Alex Scherer



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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Dale Kuhn, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Sandy	Strength & healing
Dennis Bialak	Friend of LCC; healing & recovery
The family of Sharn Day	Sister of Dave Weaver; peace & strength
Jim DeGroot	Recovery & healing
Marlin & Millie Doctor	Friends of LCC; healing & recovery
Tracy Fisher	Daughter of Sue Heim; recovery & healing
The family of John Greene	Cousin Gary Fleming; peace & strength
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Virderie Kaminska	Continued recovery & healing
Gayle Kasch	Recovery & healing
Dale Kuhn	Recovery & healing
Cathy McCabe	Recovery & healing
Howard Meissner	Strength & healing
Janet Melvin	Recovery & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Ron Scheff	Recovery
Grant Senkbeil	Nephew Steve & Lori Nelson; recovery & healing
Ronna Trueman	Recovery & healing
John Vogel	Strength & healing
Kathy Weaver	Recovery & healing
Ken Werring	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa DePalma	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery

Matt Doctor
 Randy Hornby
 Robert Jeffery
 John Kewn
 Todd Klietz
 Audrey Kowalski
 Patricia Ruiz
 Lisa Sayers
 Tracy Shattuck
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
 Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
 Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
 Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
 Battling cancer
 Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
 Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman
 Shawn Golembieski
 US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
 Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT **& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 03/09/2025		
On-Site Attendance	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 14,865
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Tues-Mar 18	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting – FMC
Wed-Mar 19		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Fri-Mar 21	9:00am	Sabbath Workshop: Dr. Joel Biermann – FMC
Sat-Mar 22	8:00am	Sabbath Workshop: Dr. Joel Biermann – FMC
Wed-Mar 26		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Sat-Mar 29	9:00am	Parish Life Workshop – FMC
Tues-Apr 1	1:00pm	Sarasota Circuit Meeting (Faith Lutheran, Parrish)
Wed-Apr 2		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Apr 3	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
	1:00pm	LWML Ladies Parish Guild Meeting (FMC)
Sat-Apr 5	11:00am	Memorial Service: Mueller (Sanctuary)



Wed. March 19 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Marked”
Wed. March 26 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Breaking Down the Gates”
Wed. April 2 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Get Out!”
Wed. April 9 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “One Little Word Can Fell Him”

WEEKLY RE-OCCURRING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- ✚ **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
Monday (Women Only)
Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- ✚ **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- ✚ **LifeLight Bible Class:** Romans Pt.1 begins Feb 13th in the FMC @ 10:00am
- ✚ **Handbell Choir Rehearsal:** Meets every Thursday in the Sanctuary @ 4:30pm
- ✚ **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- ✚ **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
Operates at 9:00am & following the 10:30am services
- ✚ **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am



God's Gift of Sabbath

Rediscovering Joy in Rest and Purpose

A Two-Day Workshop with Dr. Joel Biermann
Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary

March 21-22, 2025

There is still time to sign up to attend the 2-day workshop being led by Dr. Joel Biermann! Sign up in the narthex or by scanning this QR Code:



Workshop Details:

Friday 21st 9 AM - 4:00 PM [*Registration begins 8:30AM* & Saturday 22nd 8 AM - Noon

Here at LCC in the FMC

The fee has been updated to A Free Will Offering to attend this event.

SPRINGTIME POTLUCK LUNCH!

Our next congregational potluck will be held in the FMC building

Sunday, March 30, 2025 *Immediately following our late worship service*

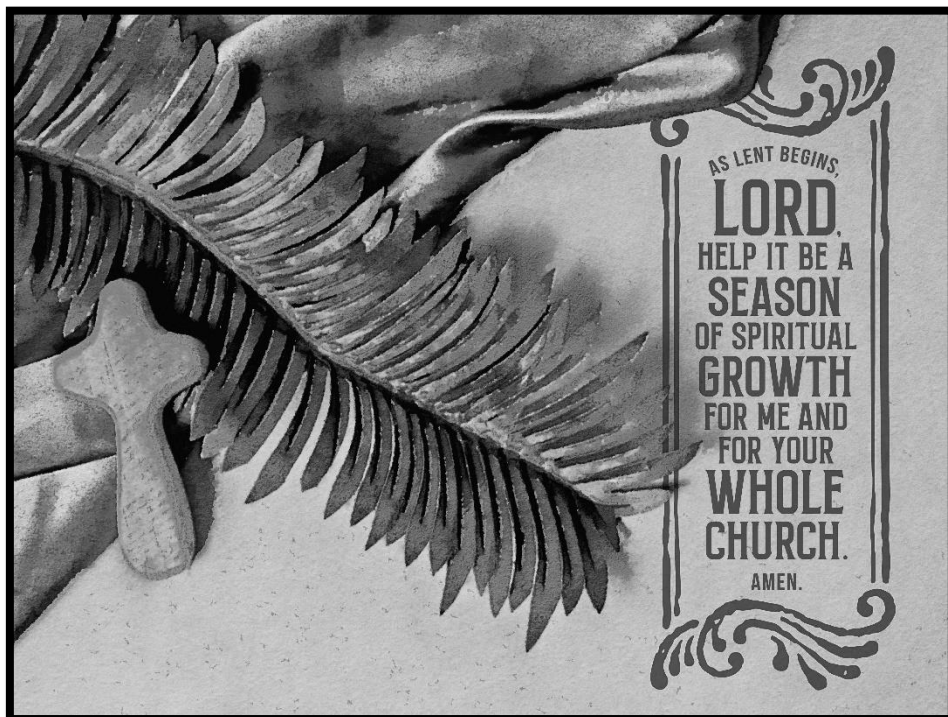
We are asking the congregation to provide meal items:

meat dish ~ pasta / potato dish ~ veggies

salads ~ rolls ~ desserts

In order to have an accurate attendance count for set up, a sign-up sheet is located IN THE Narthex — *be sure to note the amount planning to attend the event and what your supplied food dish will be on the sign up!*

A dish is not required to attend this event!





The LCC Prayer Chain is an important ministry at LCC and we have been blessed to pray for many people over the past years for a multitude of crises - health issues, surgeries, comfort and peace for grief and worries, and also thanksgiving for many prayers answered for healing and success to name a few..

It is time for the annual review of our active prayer chain and to seek out if anyone would like to join this highly important ministry!

Please reach out to Cheryl Domingo at:

Email: bygrace64@comcast.net or via Phone: 941-276-7744

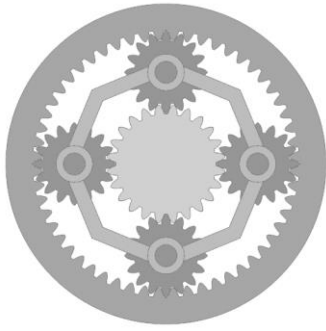
Or contact the church office at 941-627-6060 for more information or to join the LCC Prayer Chain today! **The new Prayer Chain contact list will be sent out in April, so please reach out by April 1st if you'd like to join or be removed from the chain.**

LAY READERS:

As we approach the summer months, Pastor Menk will return north, and Pastor Stolarczyk would appreciate your assistance with the Sunday Bible readings from **May - October**. We are looking for those of you who are willing to serve as a Lay Reader. This will require you to approach the altar during our services on Sunday mornings and read pre-printed layouts of our First Reading and Second readings each week. We assign one reader every other week for the Early worship and one reader every week for the Late worship, so your preferred service may be attended. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please contact the church office at (941) 627-6060 or secretary@lccross.org. Please let the church office know by **March 31st** to be added into the lay reading team for this year.



If you have already participated in the Lay Reader program and have previously indicated your intent to resume this summer – you do not need to contact the office. Your name is already on the reader list. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS ALIGNMENT MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

Please join us for an opportunity for:

- **FORWARD THINKING**
- **FORWARD MOVING**
- **FORWARD ACTION**

This is the third meeting in a series of alignment meetings but for this meeting our invitation is for broader input and engagement. As we move from a period of crisis and recovery to a period of renewal and realignment our refocus will be on the ministries of LCC and the critical areas essential to our church parish life. All these areas provide a filter through which all the activities of Lutheran Church of the Cross can be sifted:

- Worship
- Outreach & Evangelism
- Serving
- Christian Education
- Fellowship
- Property & Campus Use
- Stewardship

Our church & parish life is where we live as a community of faith, of hope, and of action. This is where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed, and all others are invited to share the Good News. Through the Gospel values and messages call us to discern how we all have been called to share our time, our talents and our treasures. Parish life calls us to make connections and live as we are called and commanded to do. Parish life is not a physical building, or an area defined by geographical boundaries but rather a ministry that is focused on building community inside and outside.

This gathering will be addressing:

- How to move forward
- How to create a new environment of doers
- Assuring sustainability
- Developing leadership
- Establishing ownership & accountability

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE**