# February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday in Lent

# Rethinking Religion

### **Prepare for Worship**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.

# Setting One P. 154

### 694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution CW 154

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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. **Amen.** 

### 658 With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord



# The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

### **First Reading**

Job 1:13-22 (EHV)

One day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, 14a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 when the Sabeans swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 7While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away." They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>8</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. 19Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" oThen Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. <sup>21</sup>Then he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. May the name of the Lord be blessed."

<sup>22</sup>In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### 22A O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### Refrain



O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down.

### Tone



My God, my God, why have you for-/ saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of / anguish?

I am a worm and / not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.

All who see me / mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.

"He trusts in the / LORD," they say,

"let the LORD / rescue him." Refrain

All my bones are / on display;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment.

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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### **Second Reading**

# Romans 5:1-11 (EHV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup>and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

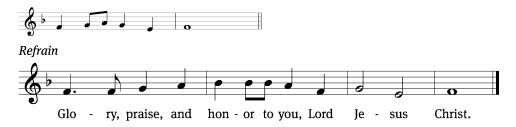
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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# **Gospel Acclamation**

CW 161





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### Gospel

# Mark 8:31-38 (EHV)

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men."

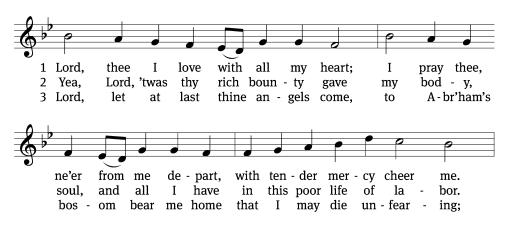
<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

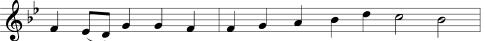
Be seated

### 817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart





Earth has no plea-sure I would share; yea, heav'n it Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me. fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor. safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can Let no false doc-trine me be-guile; let Sa-tan not my And then from death a-wak-en me that these mine eyes with



noth-ing shake. Thou art the por-tion I have sought; thy pre-cious soul de-file. Give strength and pa-tience un - to me to bear my joy may see,

O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, my Sav-ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with-out end.

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# Sermon Rethinking Suffering Under the Cross Mark 8:31-38

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### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise, you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life. You planned his path to the cross, and he followed it perfectly. Your Spirit led him to endure the temptations of Satan, but he triumphed. Your own people rejected his message, but he persevered. He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

Guide us to follow Christ by faith as we walk the road of temptation and trial. Spare us from falling into Satan's traps, and steel our resolve as his partners confront us. Teach us to use your Word as a weapon to fight against all devilish lies and deceptions. When we fall—and we surely will—lift us up again with your forgiveness and grace.

As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death, use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance. Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility, remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror. In his suffering show us our healing, in his grief show us our joy, and in his death show us our life.

Protect all who are bearing the cross of persecution and disdain. Supply your power to those fighting temptations and addictions. Watch over all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, and heart. We pray especially for children who are abused, forsaken, or ignored. Comfort all your troubled people with the sweet peace that only Jesus can bring.

Give wisdom and resolve to the leaders of our government that their rule may bring prosperity to our land and peace to our people. Supply insights to those who seek cures and invent devices to make our lives on earth better and safer. Inspire creative minds to touch our hearts in ways that reflect your creating love. You desire that we bask in the glory of your redemption; according to your will, may we also enjoy the wonders of your creation.

Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus, whose journey to the cross we remember during the days of Lent. Comfort and strengthen us by his life and death on our behalf, and thrill us as we look forward to celebrating his victory on Easter. Amen.

Be seated

### **Good News for Kids**

# Offering

# The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

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The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

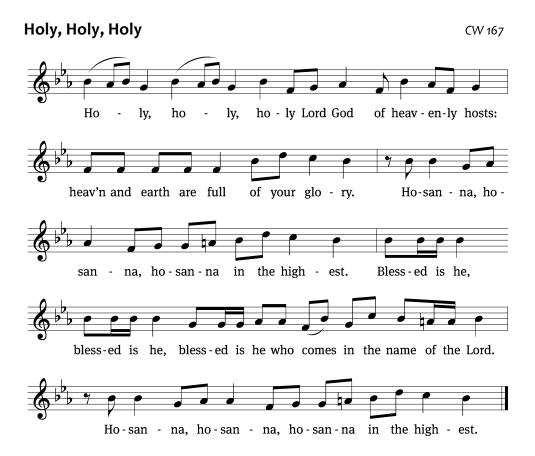


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### Lord's Prayer

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.

### **Words of Institution**

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 



Be seated

### Distribution

### 667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared CW 667 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre-pared this feast for 2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel 3 Sav - ior, you are not con - fined Yet, to an - y We eat this bread and drink this cup, pre - cious your it sal tion; bod our va is your V hosts are dwell ing, and your in pres - ence hab i ta tion, but you are pres - ent liev -Word be ing that your true bod V and your blood, and at your in vi ta - tion they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex cel - ling, ev - 'ry - where and with your con gre ga - tion. and your blood our lips are here re ceiv - ing. wea - rv souls, with sin op-pressed, we come to as and though your peo ple shall not see your glo - ry Firm as rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by a This re - mains there is Word for ev - er true, and for need-ed rest. for com - fort, and for par - don. you maj - es - tv dawns the judg-ment and your till morn - ing, dar - ing hand sub - tle craft and cun - ning. an V or naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

- Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces: your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.
  I leave to you how this can be; your Word alone suffices me;
  I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; help me when doubts assail me.
  Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.
  Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears and is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior, and, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior that we are thankful for your grace and day by day may run our race, in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord, be praised through out all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be a blessèd comfort unto me when living and when dying.

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### 660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660



- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

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### **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# **Blessing**

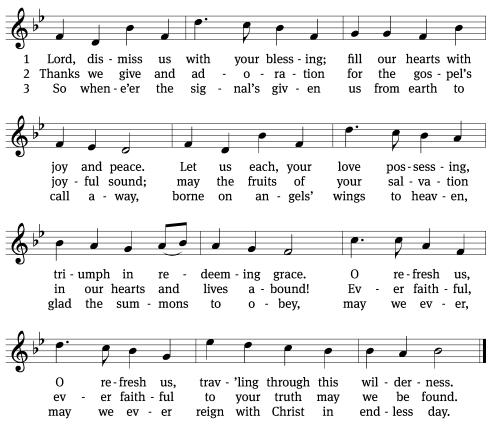
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

### 927 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



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# THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS February 25 - March 3, 2024

Sunday	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 pm 11:35 am	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Bible Class Worship with Communion Kunama Worship Handbell Practice
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Grand View Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	Catechism and Bible History Lent Worship
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Friday	5:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran College Concert at Bethany, Ames
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### Welcome to Lincoln Heights!

We are glad you are here today to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please speak with an usher for any help.

### Yellow Cards

Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Thank you.

### **In Our Prayers**

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

Gary Finch, Pat Oswald, Larry Borchert, Greg Lewis, Makenzie Phippen, and Tom Rea - health

### **Online Giving**

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# Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Buffy Kokke

Altar Guild: Cassandra Canny & Karen

Holmen

Counters: Karl Kuhrt & Steve Winecke

Streaming: Lee Bowman

Ushers 8 am: Paul Menzel & Peter Nolte 10:30 am: Greg Lewis & John Thielke

### **Next Sunday's Servants**

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Christine Pfeifer & Paula

Twelmeyer

**Counters:** Greg Lewis **Streaming:** Jon Schaeffer

Ushers 8 am: TBA 10:30 am: TBA

### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

### Bethany Music Students to Present "Virtuosity Tour"

This tour features students who are majoring in Music at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. They will perform a series of concerts in Iowa and Minnesota in March. Everyone is invited to this musical performance of great variety and quality, lasting about one hour. There is no admission fee, but a freewill donation will be taken at each location to help with tour expenses. The concert closest to us is Friday, March 1 at 5:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3113 Diamond Street, Ames, IA.

### **Easter Breakfast**

Lincoln Heights will be having the Easter Breakfast between services on March 31. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those wanting to contribute to the meal. Casseroles, fruit, pastries and beverages will be needed. All are welcome to gather for this meal

### Lent Schedule

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.

Feb 28 Lenten Worship (Pastor Schmidt)

God on Trial: Truth

Mar 6 Lenten Worship (Pastor Pfeifer)

God on Trial: Testimony

Mar 13 Lenten Worship (Pastor Neumann)

God on Trial: Restraint

Mar 20 Lenten Worship (Pastor Pfeifer)

God on Trial: Sympathy

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Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

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