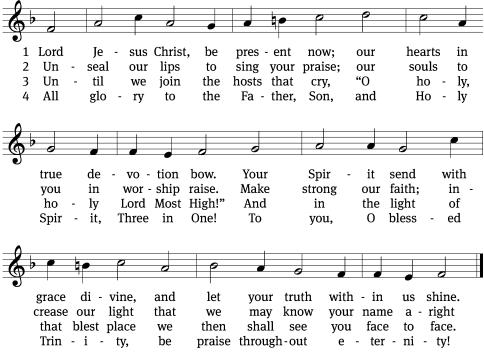
March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday in Lent

OUR GREATEST NEEDS

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

918 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



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Stand

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

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



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The Word

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1-7 (EHV)

The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink." Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Come, LORD, with 1 let us praise the jov our God ac 2 Our God of match - less worth, King be - yond our com -3 In wor - ship bow the knee, glo - rious God our con ceive what love 4 Come, hear his voice day, im to re claim, his broad and bless his great - ness tell а hills, pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the are LORD fess; the great Cre а tor. he, the our his ho - lv will bev and hard parts; 0 en 0 Lift be sav ing name. high vour songs in his He all de who care. crees, Right reigns his eous ness. He un seen: not His ways your hearts. are best and fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be longs. bv his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas. flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green. lead per - fect at last, all trou - bles past, to rest.

95C Come, Let Us Praise the LORD

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Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8 (EHV)

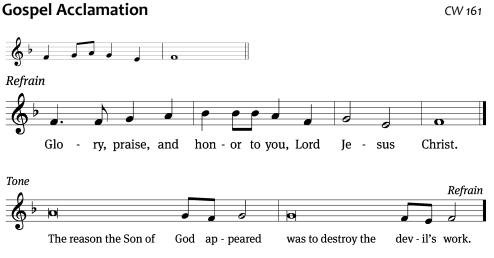
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And 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.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It 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. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand



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John 4:5-26 (EHV)

Gospel

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹⁴"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? ¹²You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

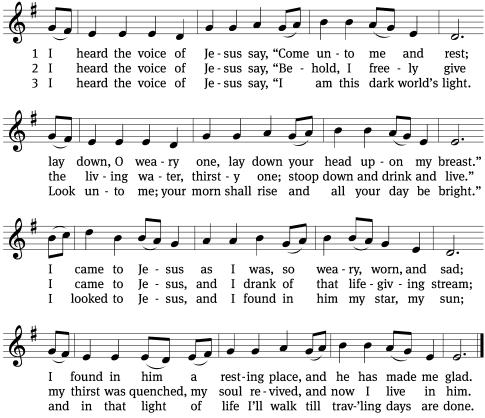
²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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Sermon

Water for the Thirsty

John 4:5-26

Stand

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near. **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **Amen.**

Be seated

Good News for Kids/Offering

The Sacrament

Stand Preface

CW 165

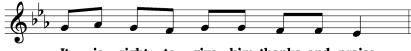
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



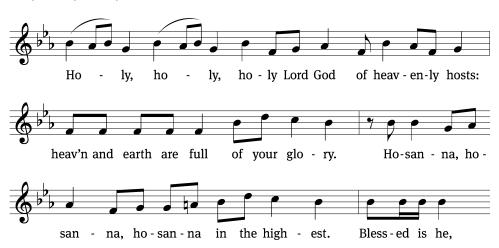


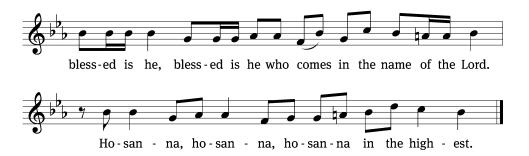
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, 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:

CW 167

Holy, Holy, Holy





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.**

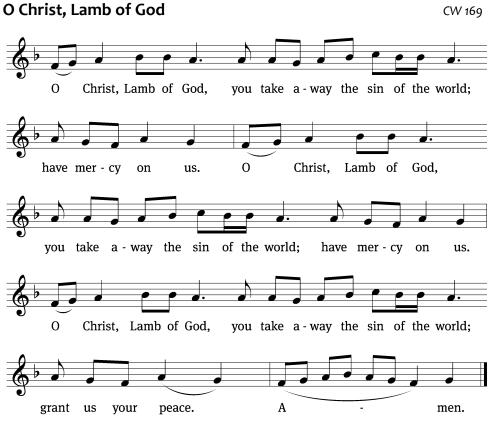
Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For 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."

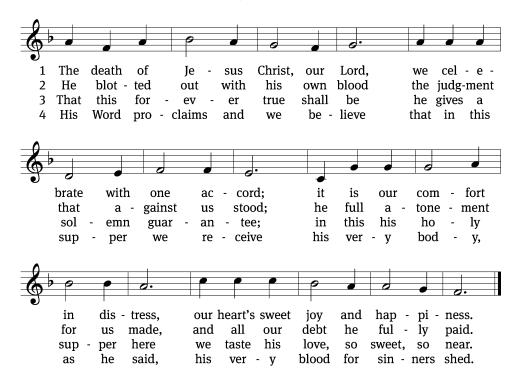
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



Be seated

Distribution

677 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- 5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!
- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find— may we this warning keep in mind!
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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526 What Wondrous Love Is This



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Stand

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.**



951 Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

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THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

March 12 - 19, 2023

Sunday	8:00 am 8:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School Adult Bible Class Worship with Communion Nuer Worship Kunama Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lent Worship Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	GLNA Meeting
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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, Roma Gould and Sherry Just- shut-ins Makenzie Phippen - health Morgan Winnekins - expecting in March

Zane's Mailing Address

Zane Holmen PSC 562 Box 6529 FPO, AP 96311 Custom forms are needed for any packages and are found on the USPS website.

Todd Bohlender with the Lord

Todd is the son-in-law of Clyde Sievers. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in December and passed away on March 4. The Lord comfort Todd's family with the sure hope of eternal life through the resurrection of Christ.

60th LWMS Convention

Registration is open for the 60th annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society convention. It will be held June 22 - 25, 2023 in La Crosse, WI. The theme for this year's convention is "Peace Like a River". Learn more about the featured speakers, activities, and registration at 60.lwms.org.

Online Giving

Thank you for your generous and cheerful offerings to the Lord.



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Next Sunday at 10:30 Luther Prep Singers

The Prep Singers are the singing ambassadors of Luther Preparatory School. This elite group of singers are joining us as part of their spring tour on March 19 at 10:30 am. They will sing many sacred songs and even let the congregation join in some with them! Join us for this special service.

Luther Preparatory School Mission

Luther Preparatory School has a single mission: to prepare and encourage young people to become pastors, teachers or staff ministers in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). That mission is central in everything we do - in the classroom, in daily worship, in the personal guidance given to every student, and in all our extracurricular activities.

To help fulfill that mission, we ask all our students to prayerfully consider enrolling in Martin Luther College upon graduation. About half of our students do become pastors, teachers and staff ministers in the public ministry while half serve God in personal witnessing and service.

Continue to pray for and encourage our members who are currently attending Luther Prep: James Norton III and Claire Norton.

Counting Schedule

Mar. 12: Clyde & Greg Mar. 19: Ashley & Karl Mar. 25: Cassandra & Leon

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:

Isaiah 42:14-21, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Lent Schedule

"His Final Steps" ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.

Mar 15 Lenten Worship His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks

- Mar 22 Lenten Worship (Pastor Smith) His Final Steps Led to His Enemies
- Mar 29 Lenten Worship (Pastor Neumann) His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree



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