

Second Sunday in Lent – March 13, 2022

0 Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is **steadfast love**, and with him is **plentiful redemption**.

PSALM 130:7, ESV



Welcome to Our Savior's

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

Our Communion Practice: Close Communion

Holy Scripture admonishes us to be fully 'prepared' to receive the Lord's Supper: to 'recognize the "Real Presence" of the body and blood of the Lord', 'examine ourselves', and join together as 'one body', united in public confession of faith. On that basis, we practice *Close Communion*.

First time WELS or ELS visitors, please announce to the pastor. All other visitors, please refrain from participating until you have the opportunity to meet with our pastor and thoroughly study these scriptural truths.

Close Communion in no way means to judge anyone's personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to studying these scriptural beliefs so that together we can celebrate this expression of our true unity at the Lord's Table. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for worshiping with us.

Prayer: Before Communing

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.

Prayer: After Communing

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.

Our Worship

854 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

 Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race, called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace; know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds, tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness into his most marv'lous light, brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

 Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love, but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heav'n above.
 Let his love flow out to others, let them feel a Father's care, that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

 Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends, strong in faith and swift to answer each command your master sends. Royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer; give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love declare. Stand

In the name of the Father and of the $\top\,$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession

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 \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



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The Word

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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! 9Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. "Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

¹²Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

130A Out of the Depths





Out / of the depths

I / cry to you, O LORD; Lord, / hear my voice. Listen closely as I / call on you for help.

LORD, if you kept / track of sins,

O / Lord, then who could stand? But with you there is for- / giveness, in order / that you may be feared. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits, and in his / word I put my hope. More than watchers wait for / morning my / soul waits for the Lord.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD, for with the / LORD is faithful love; with him is complete re- / demption. He will redeem Israel from the / guilt of all their sins.

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 for- / ever. Amen. Refrain

Second Reading

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

'Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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

Stand



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Gospel

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³²He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Be seated

817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, ne'er from me depart, with tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share;
yea, heav'n itself were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust thy Word. Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave my body, soul, and all I have in this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place may glorify thy lavish grace and help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile; let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me to bear my cross and follow thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come, to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home that I may die unfearing; and in its narrow chamber keep my body safe in peaceful sleep until thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me that these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, thy glorious face, my Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, and I will praise thee without end.

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Sermon

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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross. We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart. **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying. **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence. Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sacrament

Stand



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 \top 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 \top 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.**



Distribution

670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

 I come, O Savior, to your table, for weak and weary is my soul;
 O Jesus, you alone are able to satisfy and make me whole. (Refrain)

Ref Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good.

- 2 O grant that I in manner worthy may eat and drink and be restored, and, dwelling on your boundless mercy, look only unto you, O Lord. (Refrain)
- I should not be your sheep, dear Savior;
 I stray in sin's accursed terrain.
 And yet you pardon my behavior;
 my faithful Shepherd you remain. (Refrain)
- 4 O let me loathe all sin forever

 as death and poison to my soul,
 that I through willful sinning never
 may see your judgment take its toll! (Refrain)
- Your holy heart has one obsession, one blessèd thing it burns to do to cleanse the sinner from transgression; so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)
- My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me, by all this weight of sin oppressed!
 Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me and feed me as your grateful guest. (Refrain)

- Within me, Lord, your vision traces

 a heart of deep humility
 that mourns its sin and yet embraces
 the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)
- 8 By faith I call your holy table the testament of your deep love, for by your gift I now am able to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
 to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
 to angels joy, to hell confounding,
 and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)
- My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, your praises telling, shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

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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 \top give you peace. **Amen.**

397 My Song Is Love Unknown

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- My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
 but such disdain! So few the longed-for Christ would know!
 But oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need
 his life did spend!
- Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff ring goes that he his foes from death might free.

6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

 7 Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine, never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

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Thank you for worshiping with us! May God richly bless your week.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ					
Today -Food Pantry	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion NLHS Lent/Easter Concert			
Monday	7:00 PM	Coordinating Council			
Wednesday	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Lenten Worship Catechism			
Sunday 3/20	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship			

Divine Calls Our congregation has called Pastor Matthew Stuebs to serve as our pastor. He currently serves at Calvary Lutheran Church in Abrams, WI. St. Peter Lutheran Church in Modesto, CA has also called him to serve their congregation. Please keep Pastor Stuebs and his family in your prayers, as well as all congregations affected by these calls. If you'd like to reach out to Pastor Stuebs, you may email him at mattstuebs@gmail.com

Pastor Franzo has also received a call to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in LaCrosse. Please also keep him and his family in your prayers, as well as Redeemer in Weston and Grace in LaCrosse.

<u>"The Crucial Hours": Lent 2022</u> Our Wednesday Lenten worship services continue this week with Pastor Glenn Seefeldt from Grace, Ringle leading our worship. The theme is "A Part for the Whole?"

If you're unable to attend our 1:00 Lenten services, we encourage you to attend one of our sister congregations' Lenten worship services. If all goes well, our services will also be posted on our Facebook page.

Memorials We thank Elaine Radtke for her gifts given in memory of Ron Woelfle and Lucille Schulz. Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

Baptized into Christ We pray for God's richest blessings for Holden Michael Cihlar as he receives the blessings of life and salvation through Holy Baptism in a private ceremony following our worship service. May God grant him and his family continued grace each day of their lives.

Funeral Service for Lucille Schulz A funeral service for Lucille Schulz is planned for Friday, April 29 at 11:00 am. A luncheon will follow. Members and friends are invited as we celebrate God's grace.

Thrivent Update Over the past couple months we received notices of deposits totaling \$1,968.00. We thank our members and friends who have designated Our Savior's church or school for their Choice Dollars: LaVonne Conklin, Dennis Grammer, Janice and Robert Gresens, Joann Raasch, Elaine Radtke, David Reissmann, David and Kelly Schultz, Sue & William Unruh, Judith Wastrack.

Please note that the deadline to designate your Choice Dollars this year is March 31.

Red Cross Blood Drive A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 to be held at Our Savior's School. You may sign up for an appointment (noon-5 pm) at <u>www.redcross.org</u>.

NLHS: Local Deals Coupon Books for 2022 are available in the narthex. Cost is \$20 and proceeds support Northland LHS.

<u>MLC Open Positions</u> Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for the positions of Executive Assistant (Student Life and Administration), Human Resources Generalist, Human Resources Assistant, Resource Development Manager, System & Network Administrator, Women's Volleyball Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, and ECLC Substitute Assistant Teachers.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: March 6, 2022							
<u>Weekly</u> \$6,066.00	<u>Vision</u> \$825.00	<u>Debt</u> \$430.0	00	<u>Plate</u> \$59.00	<u>Ash Wed</u> \$1,055.00	<u>Lent</u>) \$230.00	
Bldg Maint \$50.00	<u>NLHS Ope</u> \$250.00	erating		<u>sions</u> 5.00	<u>Memorials</u> \$20.00	Truth in Love \$20.00	
Publication: \$15.00	<u>s School</u> \$144.00		-	<u>nteen</u> 31.50			

Attendance:	Sun., March 6 – 89	online – 20	Total = 109
	Wed., March 9 – 60	online – 21	Total = 81

Serving Today

- Minister Pastor Andrew Franzo
- Organist Marie Kurth
- Ushers Bob Gresens, Rolain Scharbarth (Next Sunday Stelzer)

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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