

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2024**

**Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #107 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

GREETING

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Congregation: And also with you.*

*L: The word is near you,*

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

*L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,*

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

*L: Faith comes from what is heard,*

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOV)

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?**

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

SALUTATION

*L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 22:1-18

Pew Bible pg. 21

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-10

*L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

**C: Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

*L: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.*

**C: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.**

*L: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.*

**C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

*L: Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

**C: He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.**

*L: All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

**C: For your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my sin, for it is great.**

SECOND LESSON: James 1:12-18

Pew Bible pg. 1266

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

**C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15

(Spoken before reading) *L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Spoken after reading) *L: The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.*

*L: Keep yourselves in the love of God*

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:*

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

*L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*L: Gracious God, C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*L: Let us pray. Gracious God, C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

*L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen*

## SENDING HYMN

**LBW #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

## DISMISSAL

*L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Shorty Baugher    Rena Shebesta

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

|                   |                      |                   |                  |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Loretta Overholt  | Jennifer Birkey      | Joan Mathis       | Robert Flessner  |
| Sondra Sipes      | Earl Smith           | Cindy Williams    | Rosemary Bennett |
| Gabbi Reynolds    | Ben Moser            | Denny Doyle       | Beth Tally       |
| Mary Jean         | Rich Friemel         | LouAnn Baugher    | Lynn Moser       |
| Roy Huff          | Joane Wilson         | William Benton    | Ruth Benton      |
| Kim Wyre          | Steve Ritchie        | Ella Osterbur     | Leon Rocker      |
| Paul Wolters      | Martha Stanfill      | Kyrsten Valentine | Marla Osterbur   |
| Sharon Loeh       | Mary Mallicoat       | Nick Shepherd     | Joyce Keith      |
| Karen Derges      | Bob & Jenny Hobby    | Gus Robertson     | Kathy Anderson   |
| Gordon Peterson   | Debbie Peterson      | Fred Sommer       | Bob & Sue Selby  |
| Bonnie Henderson  | Jessica Hawn         | Merrill Wattjes   | Velma Armstrong  |
| Sandra Ackerman   | Kathleen Cooper      | Joan Percival     | Irene Galindo    |
| Michael Markarian | Courtney Schoolcraft | Joyce Williamson  | Pat Gallahue     |

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

|                |               |                  |           |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Keith Dohleman | Rita Buenting | Mildred Flessner | Ruth Lutz |
| Ilene Ackerman | Genet Dixon   | Janet Withers    |           |

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Kelly Williamson | Jon Stiebner   | Alex Short     | Brandon Elrod |
| Kasey Fenimore   | Justice Long   | Brian Griswold | Levi Loschen  |
| Ryan Falletti    | Riley Falletti |                |               |

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| <b>TABLE GUILD</b>       | Sally Bauer, Sondra Sipes      |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>          | Carson McClain, Connor Suits   |
| <b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b> | Donna Hustedt, David Hulse     |
| <b>GREETERS</b>          | Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris     |
| <b>LECTOR</b>            | DeAnn McMorris                 |
| <b>PRAYER LEADER</b>     | Jim Cheek                      |
| <b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>   | Terry Doyle                    |
| <b>USHERS</b>            | Olivia Graves, Jim & Pam Cheek |

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** There are two different Lenten devotionals on the table in the Narthex for you to choose from. Please be sure to take one home today!

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed this Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of President’s Day.

**WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER** There is a morning prayer service held in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. each weekday morning during Lent. The service is based on the LBW Morning Prayer, runs about a half hour, and allows for those employed or with other obligations to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner. A time of coffee and fellowship is offered for those who can stay.

**COUNCIL MEETING TIMES** The elders will meet this Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Transitional Council Meeting (all old & new council members) at 7:00 p.m.. The new council will then hold their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**MIDWEEK LENT MEAL/SERVICES** Starting this Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a light meal followed by a Bible Study, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die", to be held entirely in the Youth Hall. The light meal/fellowship time will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 6:00 p.m. (The Wednesday evening prayers will be incorporated into this gathering.) A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help provide soup, sandwiches and desserts for these meals. The entire evening of fellowship and study will be approximately 1-1/2 hours. If you have questions, please contact Sally Bauer at 217-778-5232.

**GRMD YOUTH GREATER CALLING RETREAT** scheduled to be held here at ALC on February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. But there is a change from last week’s bulletin, communion WILL be served next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** In an attempt to keep our prayer list current, we are asking that an update be given to the church office by the end of February for anyone that you have placed on the prayer list. In March, the prayer list will be consolidated to include only the names of those that we have received updates on. Please understand that we are in no way trying to have you remove your name or a loved one’s name from the prayer list. We want to keep all names on the prayer list that are still in need of prayer. We are just trying to make sure that our list remains current. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 124

**CANTEEN RUN** Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS** are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** The remainder of the 2024 offering envelopes are available to pick-up in the church office. If you would like envelopes and none were provided, please contact Judy Peck in the church office.

**STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS** (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 18**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

**Monday, February 19** OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

12:30 p.m. Quilting

**Tuesday, February 20**

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Elders Meet

7:00 p.m. Transitional Council Meeting

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21**

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

**Thursday, February 22**

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Friday, February 23**

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

**Sunday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the First Sunday in Lent**  
February 18, 2024 – February 24, 2024

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

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| Sunday    | Exodus 35:20-36:19         | Psalm 78 | Matthew 27:45-56 |
| Monday    | Exodus 36:20-37:16         | Psalm 79 | Matthew 27:57-66 |
| Tuesday   | Exodus 37:17-38:23         | Psalm 80 | Matthew 28:1-20  |
| Wednesday | Exodus 38:24-39:26         | Psalm 81 | Mark 1:1-13      |
| Thursday  | Exodus 39:27-40:15         | Psalm 82 | Mark 1:14-20     |
| Friday    | Exodus 40:16-Leviticus 1:9 | Psalm 83 | Mark 1:21-34     |
| Saturday  | Leviticus 1:10-3:17        | Psalm 84 | Mark 1:35-45     |

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen