

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #365 “Built on a Rock”

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 WOY)

**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: Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; 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: Exodus 20:1-17

Pew Bible pg. 79

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 19

*L: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.*

**C: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

*L: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,*

**C: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

*L: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*

**C: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

*L: The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

**C: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

*L: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

*L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.*

**C: Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

*L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible pg. 1193

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: John 2:13-25

(Spoken before reading) *L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</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 #333 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

(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**

**WOV #776 "Be Thou My Vision"**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Shorty Baugher	Rena Shebesta	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 Rucker	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	Joyce Williamson
Courtney Schoolcraft	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):**

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>	Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Katie Holland, Aubrie Albers
<b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b>	Jack & Brenda Spitz
<b>GREETERS</b>	Andrew Benton, Mary Peters
<b>LECTOR</b>	Chrissie Hall
<b>PRAYER LEADER</b>	Justin Kaiser
<b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>	Richard Peavler
<b>USHERS</b>	Tom & Mary Edwards, John Lux

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care, and share his love with others.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**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.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL & STUDY** Our midweek Lenten meal and study continues this Wednesday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>. A light meal followed by our Bible Study, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die", is being held entirely in the Youth Hall. The light meal/fellowship time begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 6:00 p.m. 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 lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours. If you have questions, please contact Sally Bauer at 217-778-5232.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** In an attempt to keep our prayer list current, we are asking that an update be given to the church office by Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, for anyone that you have placed on the prayer list. After this date, 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.

**30 PIECES OF SILVER** During Lent, we would encourage you to give 30 Pieces of Silver... 30 dimes, quarters, dollars or a check as an extra gift of love for the cause of Christ. Please be sure to mark the outside of the envelope "30 Pieces of Silver".

**EDEN PARK CEMETERY** Reminder to all lot owners - spring clean-up will start on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Any decorations that you want to save must be removed by March 14<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to place flowers back at the grave sites after March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**BLOOD DRIVE** The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 143

**CANTEEN RUN** Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up to bring supplies, help make sandwiches or volunteer to go on the Canteen Run. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry.

**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.

**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:**

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00 a.m.     Worship Service

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

**Monday, March 4**

6:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer Service

12:30 p.m.    Quilting

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.     Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 6**

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, March 7**

6:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m.     Bible Study

**Friday, March 8**

6:30 a.m.     Morning Prayer Service

**Sunday, March 10**    Daylight Saving Time Begins

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**



## **EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The lilies will be displayed in the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.**

**The cost for each lily is \$15.00. You may place the money in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "LILY" (be sure your name is on it) and place it in the offering plate by Easter Sunday.**

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**(Please write your name below as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ***Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Third Sunday in Lent***

*March 3, 2024 – March 9, 2024*

*Prayer: Eternal God, Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them to again embrace the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen*

### **Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	Leviticus 11:13-47	Psalm 92	Mark 4:21-32
Monday	Leviticus 12:1-13:23	Psalm 93	Mark 4:33-41
Tuesday	Leviticus 13:24-59	Psalm 94	Mark 5:1-13
Wednesday	Leviticus 14:1-32	Psalm 95	Mark 5:14-20
Thursday	Leviticus 14:33-57	Psalm 96	Mark 5:21-34
Friday	Leviticus 15:1-33	Psalm 97	Mark 5:35-43
Saturday	Leviticus 16:1-34	Psalm 98	Mark 6:1-13

**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