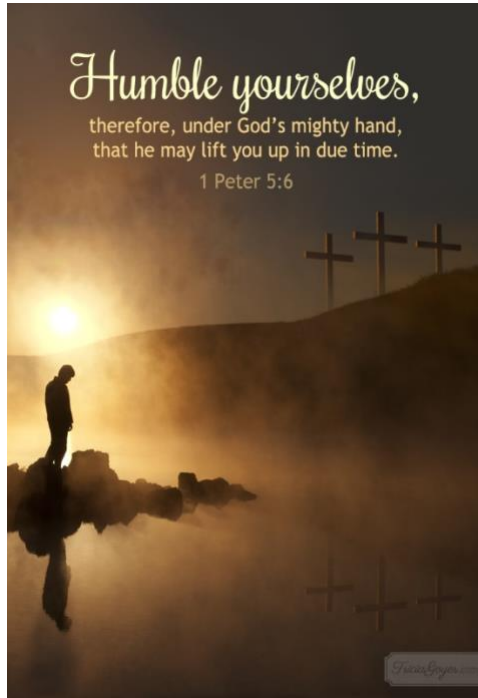


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## The Second Sunday in Lent

### The Order of Service (Responsive Prayer 1, p. 282ff. in LSB)

#### The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship and the Announcements

#### The Opening Hymn: LSB 876, "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -  
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm, And o - ver  
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pur  
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -  
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
all ex - tend Your arm; Let Sa - tan cause me  
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's  
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do  
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.  
no dis - tress Nor bring me shame and wretch - ed - ness.  
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.  
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.  
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

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#### The Opening Suffrage (LSB p. 282)

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,  
C **have mercy and hear us.**

#### The Lord's Prayer (on the back cover of the hymnal)

#### The Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**A Hymn:** "Lord, I Need You" (Maher)

**Verse 1**

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

**Chorus 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**Verse 2**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me **(Chorus 1)**

## **Bridge**

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

## **Chorus 2**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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## **The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!  
<sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 555, "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"  
 (verses 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10) – Please stand for verse 10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -  
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand, For  
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
 And rests in Him unceasing;  
 And by its fruits true faith is known,  
 With love and hope increasing.  
 For faith alone can justify;  
 Works serve our neighbor and supply  
 The proof that faith is living.

D 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg  
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## **The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

# The Sermon Hymn: LSB 423, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel Text and tune: Public domain

## The Sermon: 1 Peter 5:6/Mark 14:32-42, "Lent: A Time for Renewal of Obedience"

### 1 Peter 5:6

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

### Mark 14:32–42

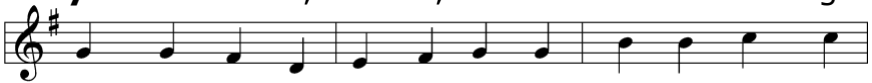
<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And



he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

## The Offering

### A Hymn: LSB 420, "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,

I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt Text and tune: Public domain

## **The Morning Suffrages (LSB p. 283)**

- P I cry to You, O Lord;  
C **in the morning my prayer comes  
before You.**
- P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
C **and with Your glory all the day.**
- P Every day I will bless You  
C **and praise Your name forever and  
ever.**
- P By awesome deeds You answer us with  
righteousness,  
C **O God of our salvation, the hope of all  
the ends of the earth and of the  
farthest seas.**
- P Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
C **and all that is within me, bless His  
holy name!**
- P He redeems your life from the pit  
C **and crowns you with steadfast love  
and mercy.**
- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
C **let my cry come to You.**

## **Choir Anthem “Kyrie”**

## **The Prayers**

## **The Morning Prayer** (LSB p. 283)

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

## **The Blessings** (LSB p. 284)

- P Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
C **Amen.**

## **The Closing Hymn:** "His Mercy Is More"

### **Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Chorus**

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

### **Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

### **Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Events of the Week: March 13 – March 20**

- TODAY:** **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd  
**11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour  
**11:00 a.m.** **Equality Act** Bible Study  
**11:00 a.m.** Friends in Faith
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship  
Service w/ Holy Communion
- Tuesday:** **6:00 p.m.** ISJ Board Meeting
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell  
**7:00 p.m.** **LENTEN WORSHIP**
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
**9:30 a.m.** COMMUNION WORSHIP at St James & FBL.  
**KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd  
**11:00 a.m.** Bible Study

**What is the Equality Act?** How will it impact our ability to practice our religion in the USA? We will watch a pre-recorded webinar **TODAY** following our

Sunday morning service. All are encouraged to attend.

**Those who serve Today:**

**Deacon:** John Weiss

**Ushers:** Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

**Lector:** Kelsey Butler

**Organist/pianist:** Beth McKay

**Video/Sound/Recording:** John and Marjie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

**Those who serve Lenten Worship: March 16**

**Deacon:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Jim & Nancy Spears

**Those who serve March 20:**

**Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden & Heath Urbanski

**Lector:** Carol Bifulco

**March Altar Guild:** Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

<p><b>HELP WANTED:</b> We are in need of a person with Microsoft computer skills for software support/upgrades. This tech support opportunity does not involve significant time. If you have these skills, please see either John Weiss or Jim Spears.</p>
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**Masks:** The signs on the doors encouraging worshippers to wear a mask regardless of vaccine status have come down. Mask wearing is optional.

**Interested in what other religions teach?** The February 2022 edition of *The Lutheran Witness* has short but insightful articles on a variety of world religions and how they differ from Christianity. A copy of *The Lutheran Witness* is available on the table in the lobby by the church office.

**Midweek Lenten services** will be held on March 16, 23, 30, and April 6. They begin at 7:00 p.m. and will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

<b>FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: March 2 &amp; 6, 2022</b>	
General Fund	\$9,390.00
Future Building Expansion	175.00
Plate Collections	125.00
ISJ Academy	60.00
<u>Tessaro Ministry Nigeria</u>	<u>25.00</u>
	Total: \$9,775.00
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>958.75</u>
	Total: \$10,733.75

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE: The LCMS Office of International Mission** is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to donate: Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444; [Give online](#); or call [888.930.4438](tel:888.930.4438).

**Lutheran World Relief** received news from a Lutheran congregation in Wisconsin that will double all gifts from congregations—up to \$100,000—for our neighbors suffering in the Ukraine crisis. Right now, LWR teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. Your congregation’s gift will deliver urgent support and care and other critically needed items. Gifts will be matched **through March 15**. You can give online at [www.lwr.org/match](http://www.lwr.org/match) or by mailing to LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “Ukraine Match” in the memo line.

**Fine Art Sale** to raise money for Ukrainian Refugees in Moldova. **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, 10am-5pm, at St. John Lutheran Church. Donations needed. For more information, please contact Pastor Marin

Cerchez, 616-201-7305 or [stjohn.pastormc@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn.pastormc@gmail.com).

**Dying Well.** Pastor Schaeffer will begin a new Sunday morning Bible study on **Sunday, March 20th**. The theme of this Bible study is "*Dying Well.*" Some of the topics we will discuss include:

1. Why do we die?
2. What is death?
3. What is an advance-directive? What do we need to be aware of?
4. What is wrong with medically assisted death?
5. What happens to our body and soul at death?
6. What is the appropriate way to bury the dead?
7. What is the purpose of the funeral service? **NOTE:** *We will have opportunity to complete a funeral preparation form that will identify the hymns and Scripture readings we want read at our funeral.*
8. What do we believe about the resurrection of the dead?

**9. What will everlasting life be like?**



It may not feel like Spring now, but it will soon be here and so will the next **Friends in Faith 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale!**

It will be held **May 4-6**. A **Drop-Off Day** has been planned for **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 p.m.**, but items can be brought any time the church is open. Contact Walt or Dale if you need to drop off donations or have questions.

A Volunteer is needed to take over Bee Ruble's mission of raising money for the Tessaro/Nigeria Bible translators. Each month Bee would place an envelope into the mailbox of members having a birthday that month. That's all there is to it!



If this is something you feel you could do, please see Karen in the office, or Jim Spears.