# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** "God Loved the World" Aaron D Miller

Confession and Absolution



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- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- $\mathbf{C}$
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- $\mathbf{C}$ who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



For zeal for your house has con- sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- en on me.

O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!\*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;\*

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- ary!

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 forever. Amen.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- en on me.

# **Pew Edition**





C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 26:8–15

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! 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. 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. 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." 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. 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. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. 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."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\* for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\* Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\*
How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\* the LORD hears when I | call to him.

Be angry, and | do not sin;\*
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

Offer right sacri- | fices,\*
and put your trust | in the LORD.

There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?\*
Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!"

You have put more joy | in my heart\*
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\* for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

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 forever. | Amen.

In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\*
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

Epistle Philippians 3:17—4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 13:31–35

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 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. 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.' 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! 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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.





Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg

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# Sermon "A Simple Summary" Psalm 4:1

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

#### **Prayer of the Church**

## Offering "O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days" Kevin Sadowski

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

#### Service of the Sacrament

### **Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** LSB 208 ho - ly Lord God of C Ho - lv. ho - ly, Sab - a - oth a - dored: Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho san - na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord; Tru - lv blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
  - ... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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.

# The Words of Our Lord

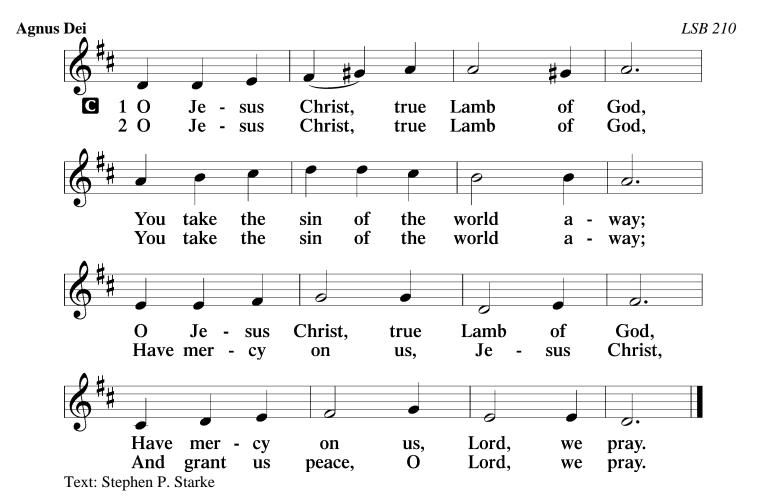
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 209

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

C Amen.



#### **Distribution**

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je-sus, cru-ci-fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion! Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758

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- 1 The day is sure ly draw-ing near When Je sus, God's a-noint ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o pened then to all, A rec ord tru ly tell ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear judge whom God As ap-And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures! Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on But all who live will in that hour, By God's alev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the



flames shall ray - age earth As might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be known as they have been In judg - e's stern com-mand To

Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
  And for my sin was smitten;
  Within the Book of Life I know
  My name has now been written.
  I will not doubt, for I am free,
  And Satan cannot threaten me;
  There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
  And through His blood and merit
  Read from His book that we are free
  With all who life inherit.
  Then we shall see Him face to face,
  With all His saints in that blest place
  Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.

O hear and grant our fervent plea:

Come, mighty judge, and set us free

From death and ev'ry evil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

- **A** Let us pray.
  - ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
  - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



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Postlude "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" David Lasky

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** Philippians 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES:** Wednesdays in Lent, Emmaus will host the 11:30 service and the 6:30 service will be at Jehovah (1566 Thomas in St. Paul).

**CARPET PROJECT HELP:** We need your help. We are planning on removing the carpeting in the Sunday School area the weekend of March 22-23. On Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. we are going to pack up all the items in the various cabinets in the area and move all items in the area into the old Nursery. Sunday after Bible Study we will be ripping up the old carpet and disposing of it in the dumpster. If you are able to join us either of these days that would be great. Saturday we would need boxes to pack items in and Sunday we would need ice scrapers (to scrape glue off the floor), masks, utility knife and duct tape. *UPDATE:* We have received a Thrivent Grant for this project so we will be having *PIZZA*, beverages and snacks as we work on removing the carpet! Thank you.

LWML SPRING GATHERING AT EMMAUS: All are welcome to join us for a morning of fellowship, refreshments, singing, speaker, Bible Study and LWML news at the Spring Gathering hosted by the St. Paul Metro Zone LWML Lutheran Women in Mission on Saturday April 5, 2025. The morning begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments, and ends at 11:00 a.m. Emmaus Lutheran Church will be hosting, and Pastor Vue Lee will be the speaker. We are looking for some volunteers to help with registration and refreshments for the event, so please talk with Pastor Kooi. Please also note we will be collecting "Gifts from the Heart," food shelf items: kid-friendly snacks – granola bars, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks etc.; baking supplies – flour, sugar, oil, dessert mix; condiments – mayonnaise, salsa, peanut butter, etc.; meals – mac and cheese cups, chili, stew, soups etc.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** We will be having a potluck continental breakfast this year on Easter Sunday, April 20 after the 9:30 service. Stop by for a quick bite or stay longer to visit with friends and family. Can you help? Watch for the sign up sheet coming soon.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY:** On the first Monday of each month a few of us get together to study a book of the Bible using the Concordia Publishing House LifeLight series. On April 7th we are starting a new 9-part series on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. If you are interested in joining us for this in-depth study of these books, please contact Nancy W. for more information and to get a study guide ordered for this study.

**TICK TOCK!** We are still waiting on your time/talent/interest survey. It would truly be appreciated if you fill out a survey (if you have not already done so) and return it by the end of the month. Surveys are available in the narthex.

**BIRDS, BEES, FLOWERS, TREES** - these are a few of the things that you can buy with a Gertens gift card. Okay, maybe not the bees, but if you plant flowers you may get a few of them as well! The flower fundraiser is open until April 3rd. Some plants are limited so order today!

**LENTEN READING PLAN:** For the season of Lent, a historic tradition is to give up something. This season, let's try something different: adding something. And what would that be? The Word of God! From Ash Wednesday until Easter, we will be going through a reading plan that highlights key Old Testament passages, goes through six letters of Paul, and two Gospels. If you have any questions on the readings, please reach out to Pastor Kooi, or bring them to Bible class on Sunday morning. Copies are available on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

**HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Even Me, Even You" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

WHERE DO YOUR LWML MITES GO? LWML Mission Grant #30, "Showering Love on the Least of These" for \$100,000 for the Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in Sacramento, California, will increase the frequency of mobile hot shower services and haircuts from two to three days per week and serve 2,000 more people annually. A mobile clothing trailer will be purchased and operated to give away clean clothing and hygiene kits. God's Word will be shared by distributing 10 to 15 Bibles and prayer books every week. In the last several years the homeless population in Sacramento has about doubled to 10,000 people. These services will enhance the feeling of worth, provide hope in Jesus, and give counseling to aid the homeless in applying for jobs or securing an apartment. All people are created in God's image, loved by God in Jesus Christ, and need to experience that love every day in a multitude of ways. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-30.

**CA MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK REGISTRATION:** Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to participate in Concordia Academy's BEAMS track program, which includes short sprints, long-distance running, throwing, jumping, and hurdling. Visit www.concordiaacademy.com/beams to get details and register.

**CA SUMMER CAMPS:** Looking for unforgettable summer fun? Students entering Grades 1-12 can unleash creativity, develop skills, and have a blast at Concordia Academy Summer Camps. With more than 30 athletics, arts, and STEM camps for students entering Grades 1-12, there's something for everyone. Get all the details and register at www.concordiaacademy.com/camps.



#### THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon: 9 a.m. April Newsletter Deadline

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 9 a.m. Carpet tear-out project

12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study Carpet tear-out project

# **SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi ALTAR GUILD: Roxann M ORGANIST: Rebecca F SOUND TECH: Eric R VIDEO TECH: Randy W

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Jon K USHERS: Dave H, Jordon S COUNTERS: Eric R, Don V

LECTOR: Aaron H

GREETER: Magdalena B

ACOLYTES: Hannah K, Surraa Y, Rebecca Y