

WELCOME
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SAT. FEBRUARY 21 / SUN. FEBRUARY 22, 2026



“Led by the Spirit, Jesus Is Tempted”

AS WE GATHER

Only weeks ago, Jesus was called out by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now Jesus reveals what He must do for us and our salvation. He must stand where Adam stood, tempted by the devil. This time, however, Jesus refuses to surrender His righteousness in the face of evil but preserves it so that He might give it to you and to me. With confidence in Christ’s righteousness, which we wear by Baptism, and His forgiveness, which restores us when we fall, we know that the devil can harm us no more. We belong to Christ. In the power of Christ, we are made strong before the tempter’s power, and in Him we are brought through death to life everlasting.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/CPclGIRb4M8?si=Hh6SJjQ5Q9uRT&t=18>

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon,
He helps us free
from ev'ry need
That has us now o'er taken
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours
can naught be done
Soon were our loss effected,
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord.
And there's none other God:
He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils
all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not over pow'r us
This world's prince
may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.**

**He's Judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**The word they still
shall let remain
Soon were our loss effected,
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life.
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won,
The kingdom ours remaineth.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:5*

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You.

People: **I did not cover up my iniquity.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

People: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am**

heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>

KYRIE



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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1–21

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I

ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sat. – Tabra Gomski & Dawn Oswald

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

SUN. - CHOIR ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 426

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12–19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive

the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

LSB 157

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<https://youtu.be/aXuNAkWkJ44?si=BYq0kPrd-EmTDMtX>

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be

gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY **“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”**

LSB 562

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/oDmpDA49I8?si=5B8C1du0CHBsHqUo>

**1 All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.**

**2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.**

**3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.**

**4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.**

**5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.**

**6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength,
new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who

accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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 161

<https://youtu.be/ZobNgwoGKPs?si=6xU0ZdIbMhfdmOvW>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/TOYxjxhlQlQ?si=uFkk5V760vWbK5oz&t=11>

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/TeMtVLLks0?si=41IRB5ck6TiwmvAp>

**1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**2. He who His saints
in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread
He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3. Come forward then
with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised, remembering all that our Savior accomplished for us that we may not be alone or without the refuge of Your grace in time of test or trial; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

LSB 418

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/bhpZFG86nc0?si=NkSiXpZEdBJhM40b&t=18>

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**

**2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.**

**3 Though parched and hungry,
yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.**

**4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
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- **Preacher (Sat.): Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**

- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
 - **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
 - **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie,
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**
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- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
 - **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
 - **PASTOR'S NOTE ON COMMUNION: Just a loving reminder that taking Holy Communion together, is among other things, a public declaration of common faith.**
(I Cor 10¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? Acts 2⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together . . .)
So the expectation is that communicants have been taught what Lutherans believe, especially about this sacrament, that they believe it themselves, and that their intent is eventually to be in full fellowship by joining The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions or discussion, please ask pastor.
 - **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE - Join us in the fellowship hall for supper at 6pm then worship 7pm.**
 - **SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP, March 15 after Voters Assembly Meeting - Jesus called His disciples to go as witnesses throughout the world. But how do we do**

that when we are reluctant to even talk about our faith in everyday life? This workshop will help you assess your own readiness for witness and make a spiritual growth plan. We expect that we will spend at least 90 minutes in spiritual reflection during this video-based workshop. Lunch will be provided.

- **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN in Pleasant Prairie is hosting a marriage retreat March 7th & 8th. See Pastor Tim for details.**
- **HOPE'S TWIN LAKES FOOD PANTRY DONATION LOCATION-The donation location is moving from under the coat rack to the wire baskets at the top of the stairway to the lower level. Signs on the baskets identify which baskets are for Twin Lakes Food Pantry and which are for the Sharing Center. Thank you for your support of these ministries.**
- **LWML PRAYER SERVICE AT HOLY CROSS**
The members of Cross and Crown Mission Society invite you to join us Sunday, March 8th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3350 Lathrop Avenue, Racine, for this year's Prayer Service based on the acronym P.R.A.Y.E.R—Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice. It will be led By our LWML Zone Counselor, Rev. Lockie and Rev. Otten, and will begin at 2:00 P.M. After the service we will gather for fellowship in the classroom for refreshments. We look forward to having you as our guests in worship and fellowship!

THIS WEEK

Reader: George Kelm
Communion: Paul Trettin
Ushers: Paul & Beth Schneider
Fellowship: Kelli & Alana Fragassi
Altar Guild: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Brian Larie
Communion: Mike Gomski
Ushers: Brian Larie & Kyle Wachholder
Fellowship: Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: John & Peggy Tueting

BIRTHDAYS

2/23 George Kelm
2/24 Jaclyn (Tueting) Powell
2/26 Jeannine Clark

Calendar of Events This Week

2/23/26 – 03/01/26

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
7:00pm Lenten Service

Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting

Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Bible Study & Children's Sunday School
	5:00pm	Bowling @ Towne & Country Lanes, Burlington
	7:00pm	AA Meeting