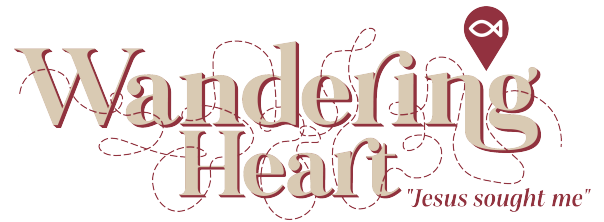


**February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
Lord of Life Lutheran Church**



**WELCOME
MUSICAL OFFERING**

Suzanne Bowen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in.
Feel your feet on the floor.
Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath.
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.
Relax the tension in your jaw,
for Christ is here.
God never stops seeking us.
We have been found.
Let us find God in return.
Let us worship the God of deep waters.
Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, You hear everything. You hear the rush of the wind through the trees. You hear a baby's first cry. You hear the crickets chirping, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables. You hear it all! We don't need that same capacity, but we do need to hear your Word, O God, for we cannot live on bread alone. So today we pray: give us the ability to truly listen. Give us the ability to listen with our hearts, and may the truths revealed in your scripture today change us. With hearts full of gratitude, we pray, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-11

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

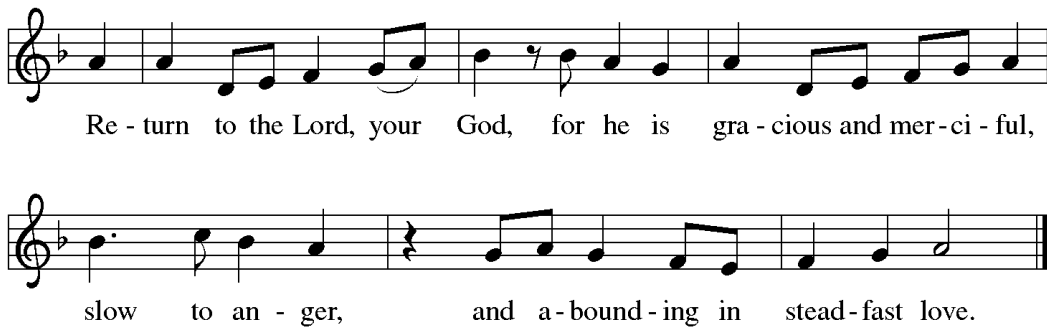
⁸ **Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'

⁵ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

vss 1, 2, 4, 5

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of abundance— a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope. I believe in a God who comforts— a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters. I believe in a God who invites—a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.” I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

One Bread One Body

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Just As I Am, without One Plea

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