



**February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**9:00 AM**

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,  
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.  
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRELUDE

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

Robert Hobby



### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body. (silence)

P: God forgives and heals us.

**C: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

P: God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: be at peace.

**All: Amen**

### KYRIE

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### OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Love, How Deep"

#322 Verses 1,4 & 7



### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*R: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Monte



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*P: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**



## SERMON

Pastor Monte



## SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

#517, All Verses



## APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And 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.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

"Lord, listen to your children praying"

#752



## PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always*    **C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."*



## OFFERING

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.*

*Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Peter Niedmann

*The Voices of St. Luke’s*

*Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Open your hearts.*

**C: We open them to God and to one another.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



### 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.



**P:** Bread and wine: the gifts of God for the people of God.

**C:** May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

## DISTRIBUTION

*You will be invited to stand or kneel at the Communion rail.*

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.*

*All are Welcome!*



## COMMUNION HYMN

“Lamb of God”

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## COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Concerto No. IV”

Cornelius Van Vliet

*Cello Solo: Andrew Banman*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Generous God

**C:** at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen



## BENEDICTION



**CLOSING HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress”

#504, Verses 1 & 2

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are God’s Beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.



**POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Stanley

**+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +**

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



***Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!***

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by the Feucht family, in honor of Paige’s 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ETERNAL FLAME** for the second half of the month of February is given by ***Tom and Pauline Sneed in honor of their 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to wish the congregation a blessed Lent~***

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Monday, February 19**

9:00 am Quilters  
7:00 pm Dartball  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

**Tuesday, February 20**

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21**

1:00 pm Wednesday Worship  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:30 pm Soup Supper for the Soul  
7:30 pm Choir

**Friday, February 22**

**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, February 25**

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:15 am Education Hour

# Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL ONLINE SIGN-UPS CAN BE FOUND AT:** [www.slchurch.org/sign-ups](http://www.slchurch.org/sign-ups)

## **OUTREACH MEETING TODAY!!**

Today during Education Hour, in Upper Fellowship Hall. Come help us plan our outreach for the year!

## **SOUP SUPPER FOR THE SOUL**

Beginning on February 21, come for soup, fellowship, conversation and prayer on Wednesday nights, from 6:30-7:30, in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

## **FORGIVENESS: A LENTEN STUDY**

Join Jeri Smith in this Lenten Study with Marjorie Thompson's book on Forgiveness. Books are available at the Welcome Center (\$5/each; they are used!) We will meet during Education Hour on February 25, March 3, 10 and 24. For the first session, we will discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1. Join us!









## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – PLANNING MEETING**

Interested in helping out this year with VBS? Join us for our first planning meeting **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM** (Immediately following Education Hour) in Sunday School Room 105. Speak to Heather if you are interested, but unable to attend.

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

We will be welcoming new members in worship on Sunday, March 10. If you have considered joining St. Luke's officially, talk to Pastor Monte and find out more about it!

### **\*\* LENTEN PRAISE PACKS \*\***

-  Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.
-  Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.
-  Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.
-  Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.
-  While listening to Pastor's Sermon, take a look at your children's bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?
-  Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!
-  Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello
-  Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!

Let the little children come to me...  
It is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.  
MATTHEW 18: 14, 15

