



OUR  
SAVIOUR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2018*



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## WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God’s house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

## A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it’s the good news on every page of God’s Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

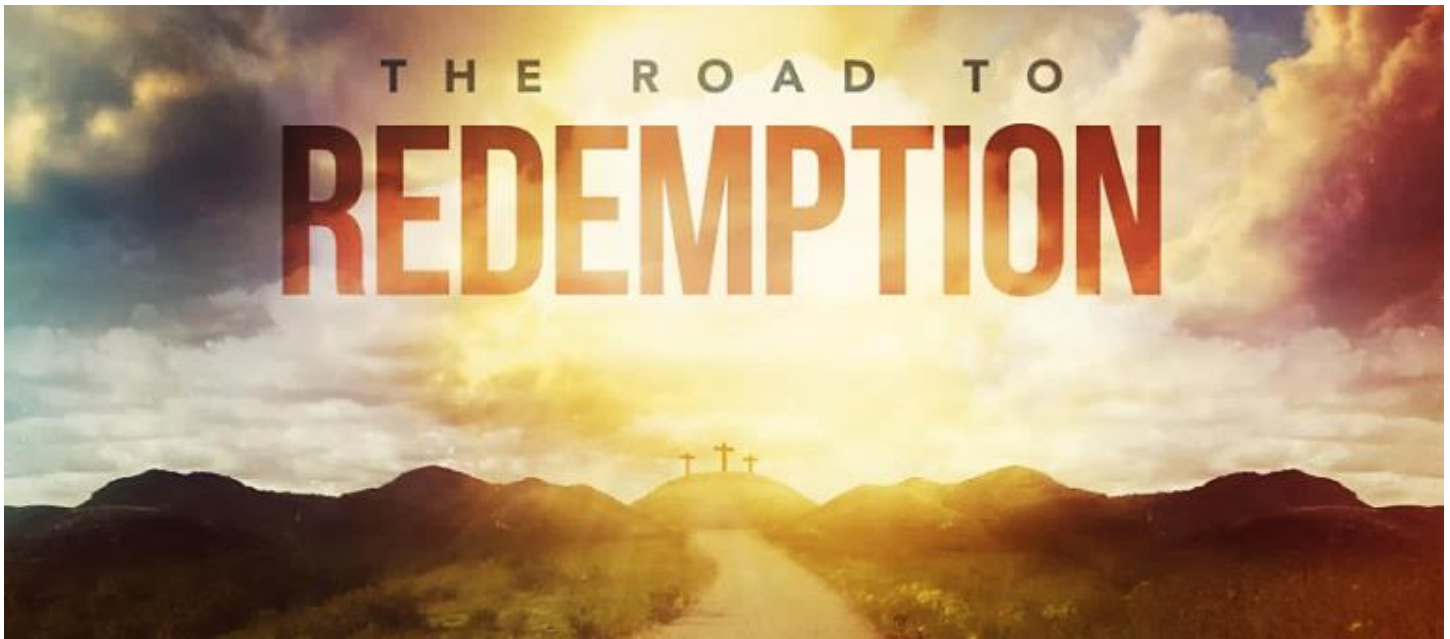
- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** [oursaviourwels.org](http://oursaviourwels.org)

## OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour’s proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod ([wels.net](http://wels.net)). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).



## WORSHIP SERIES



February 18	Turn Around
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Speedbumps</b>
March 4	Staying on Course
March 11	Keep Your Eyes Up
March 18	Remember the Final Destination

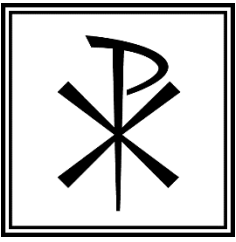
We all have a path in life. Robert Frost once penned these famous words, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Jesus took the path that no one else could, and it makes all the difference for us. He saved us from the wide, easy road to hell. We now have a new life and a new road. It may not be easy, but Christ has given this road to us for our eternal good and it makes all the difference for us. Be committed to following his way. This week is a reminder that Jesus took the road that was not smooth and easy so that we would have forgiveness and life forever. As we follow Jesus on the road he has laid before us, we have the same reminder. Our road is full of self-denial and perseverance through difficulties. This helps us cherish the perfect glory that Jesus provides in heaven and it keeps our focus on him.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

*Presiding & Preaching*      *Pastor Tom Moldenhauer*  
*Organist*                      *Deb Selland*  
*Ushers*                      Dick Gimbel – Elder, LeRoy Humann – Leader, Don Martin, Scott Overson, Kaden Overson

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please stand.

A Gathering Rite is a memorable way of putting together song with confession and absolution. Often it also heightens awareness on the theme for the day or the season of the Church Year. This Gathering Rite focuses our faith where it needs to be in preparation for Holy Week.

This hymn was written by German lawyer, Johann Franck, in the late 1640s. A WELS church band, Koine, gave it a new melody and setting in 2014 for use as a gathering hymn for confession and absolution.

## GATHERING RITE

## Lord, to You I Make Confession

**L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** (spoken) **Amen.**

**L** (sung) *We have come into God's presence, Maker of the heavens and earth. He created us to love him; to serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and erred, thus deserving wrath and anger.*

**L** Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion:  
 I have sinned and gone a - stray;  
 I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
 Cho - sen for my - self my way.  
 Led by you to see my er - rors,  
 Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

L

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.” Therefore, we repent together:

2 Corinthians 7:10

C

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.



C Lord, on you I cast my bur - den



Sink it in the depths be - low!



Let me know your gra - cious par - don;



Wash me, make me white as snow.



Let your Spi - rit leave me ne - ver;

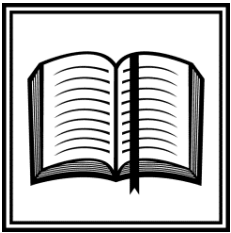


Make me on - ly yours fo - re - ver.

L

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C** For your Son has suffered for me,  
 Giv'n him - self to res - cue me,  
 Died to save me and re - store me,  
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free.  
 Je - sus' cross a - lone can van - quish  
 These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.



## THE WORD

The Salutation has deep roots in Christian worship.

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray.

*Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).*

- C** (spoken) **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited up front for a brief devotion with Pastor.

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 28:10:17**

*All alone, the Lord refreshes weary Jacob with his promises.*

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 73 | pg. 94**

*Even though we are weary many things, the Lord is near.*

### SECOND READING

**Romans 5:1-11**

*Suffering shows us the nature of Jesus' saving work and produces the right path for our earthly life.*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

*Jesus' suffering is necessary for our salvation. So also, we deny ourselves certain things of this world as we trust Jesus and wait for heaven.*

GOSPEL

**Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

**L** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* | 465

SERMON

**Mark 8:31-38**



Please stand.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin "credo," which means "I believe." The faith God gave us publicly and regularly confesses the triune God as Lord and Savior.

Please be seated.

## THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of the pew.

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

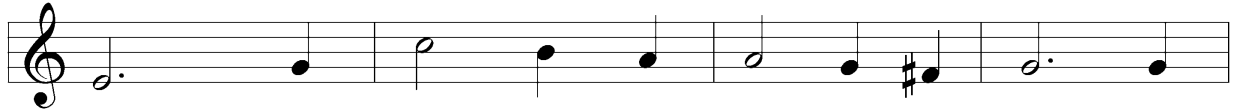
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



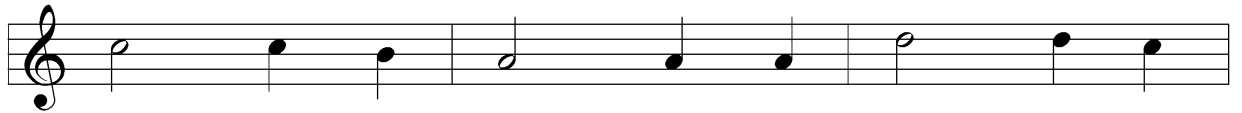
Please be seated.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



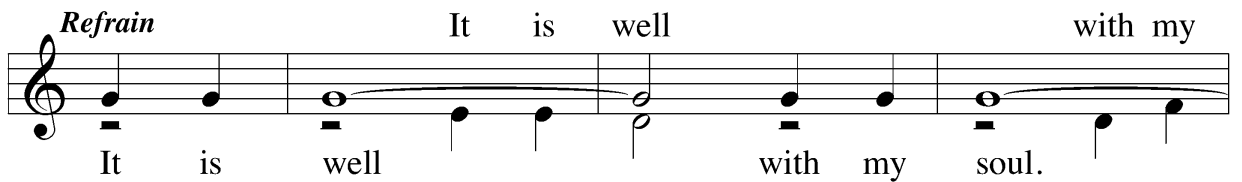
way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



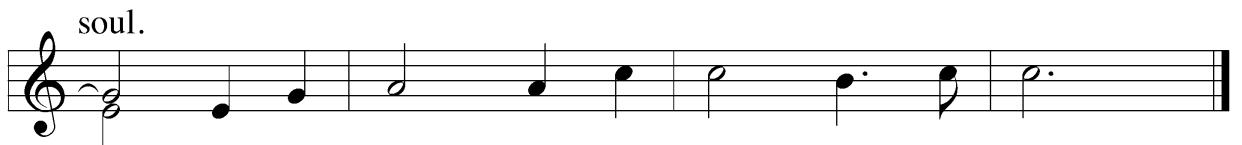
ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain* It is well with my  
 It is well with my soul.



soul.  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER

**L** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## THIS WEEK

Today Choir @ 8 am  
**Worship @ 9 am (Lord's Supper)**  
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

Monday Bible Basics @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday Catechism @ 5-6pm (at Redeemer)  
Lent Meal @ 5:30 – 6:45 pm  
**Lent Worship @ 7 pm**

Thursday Council @ 6:30pm

Sunday Choir @ 8 am  
**Worship @ 9 am**  
Bible Hour @ 10:15 am

## MIDWEEK LENT

Suppers from 5:30-6:45 available for everyone. Worship at 7pm. Pastors Wolfe and Juergens will again be involved in our midweek rotation.



## CATECHISM DURING LENT

Catechism students will still be meeting at Redeemer at 5 pm. If you need help with rides, please speak to Pastor. He can help organize a carpool.

## SEMINARY CHORUS HOSTS

We are hosting the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus on March 29<sup>th</sup> for a joint concert at Redeemer. If you would like to house a couple of seminary men, please sign up at the bulletin board. Indicate if you have pets in case of allergies.

## EASTER FOR KIDS

Register your child, invite your friends, and/or sign up to help us reach out to kids with the message of Easter. The event is scheduled for March 24 from 10am-12:30.

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sign up if you would like to bring a dish to pass for this fellowship meal on March 25.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for Easter flowers. Last day to order is February 25. Please pay Mariann Lang when you sign up. Make checks to Our Saviour's Mission Society.

## LITTLE TREASURES

Our playgroup will start after Easter. We will be holding sessions twice a month on Thursday mornings from 10-11am. If you want to help, sign up at the board.

## HOST REQUEST

Two students from our WELS college in New Ulm, MN, Martin Luther College, will be traveling through the Bismarck area from Canada and would appreciate a place to stay on March 9. If you have room, please talk to Pastor.

## BIRTHDAYS

Luther Moldenhauer – February 25  
Scott Woodson – February 26