

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



CRUSHED:
OUR TEMPTATION IS CRUSHED
BY CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022



Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



It was a custom known as "battle by champion." Two opposing armies would each send out their best warrior to fight each other. That is what we see this week. The demons send their champion: Satan. Humanity's best warrior, Jesus Christ, steps forward to meet him. In this fight he does not use his divine power. He uses the same weapon we have, God's Word. Because Christ fought the battle against Satan as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. Jesus is our perfect substitute. Even as the devil still seethes in rage against us, we can face him and his temptations unafraid, confident that our champion has already won the victory.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 7 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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The Service: Setting Two

Welcome

Hymn

538 Jesus, My Great High Priest

Pastors will sing verse 1. Please join to sing the rest of the hymn.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Υ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

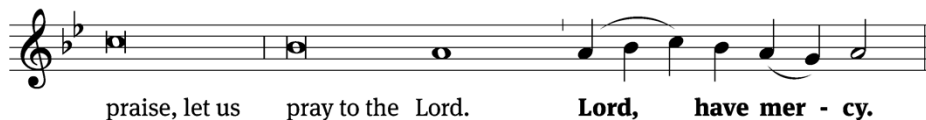
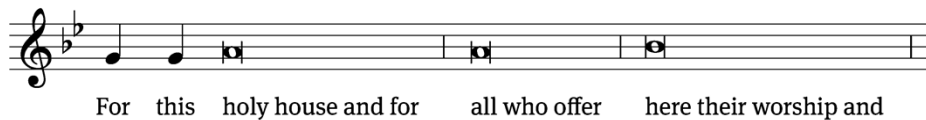
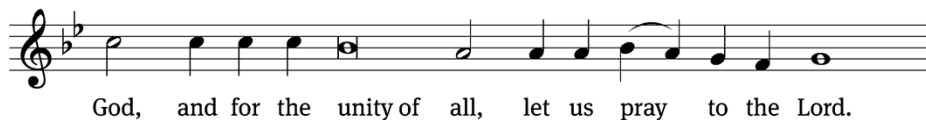
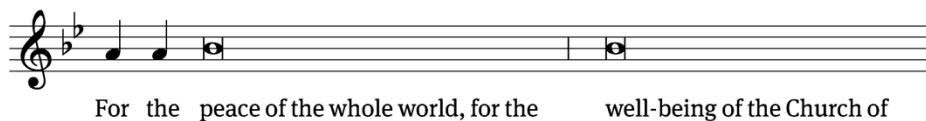
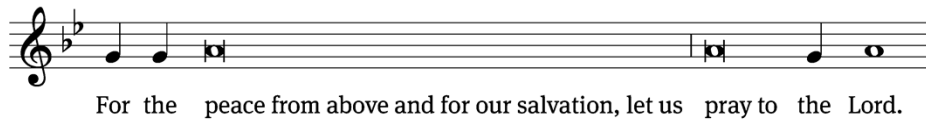
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Υ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



Response

529 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49

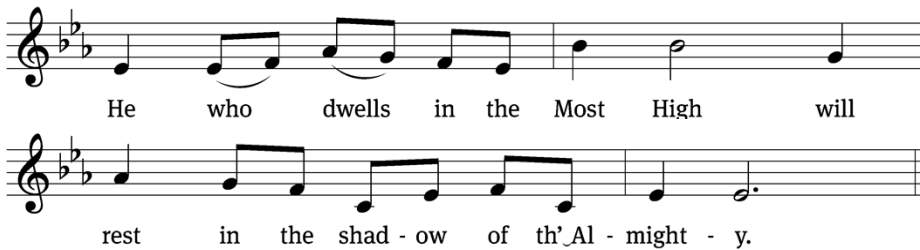
David's victory over Goliath shows that the battle is the Lord's.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

91A *The Shadow of the Almighty*
Join to sing the refrain and the “Glory be...”

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,
nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, “The LORD is my / refuge,”
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,
no harm will over- / take you,
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you
to guard you in / all your ways;
they will lift you up / in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**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. *Refrain***

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus understands how hard life is because he faces every temptation we have faced, and more.

The Word of the Lord.

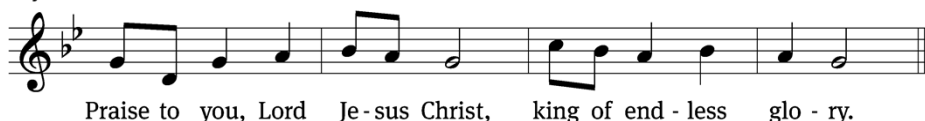
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 3:8

Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus faces and overcomes Satan's temptations.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

Prayer of the Church

This morning each petition of the prayer will be prayed and then concluded in this way:

...Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The final petition of the prayer will be concluded in this way:

...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



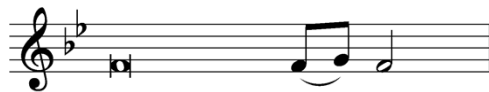
Musical Offering

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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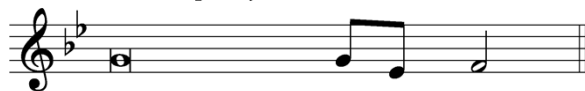
The Lord be with you.



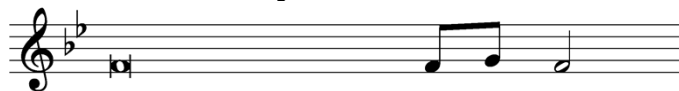
And al - so with you.



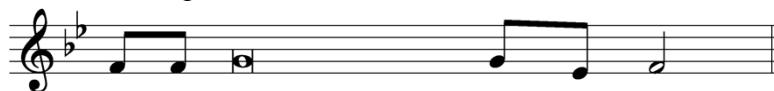
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

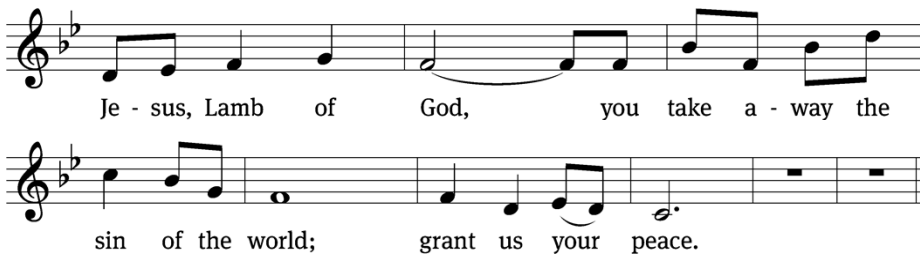
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

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The musical score for "Jesus, Lamb of God" is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first phrase of the lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth and fifth staves contain the second phrase: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

670 I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

842 Jesus, Still Lead On

Take Home Questions

1. Reread the selected verses from 1 Samuel 17 and compare them to Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. Make a list of similarities between David and Jesus and between Goliath and the devil. In what ways does this demonstrate that this Old Testament account is much more than just a story for children?
2. Hebrews 4:14-16 compares Jesus to the Old Testament high priests. In what ways are they the same? In what ways are they different? For what reasons are these similarities and differences comforting to us in our lives?
3. According to Luke 4:1-13, what tool did Jesus use as he defeated the devil's temptations in the wilderness? What are some lessons we can take away from that?
4. At first it may seem like the three temptations Jesus faced were unique to him and foreign to us, but in what ways are these temptations identical to the temptations we face and those human beings have faced since the Garden of Eden?

Special Prayers This Week:

- Barb Matthews is battling cancer
- Kirstie Schroeder's mother is having back surgery
- June Jepson has been having health struggles
- For Deb Buelow who was called to serve as our 1-2 grade teacher
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News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study: Called to Serve – Final Discussion

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

March 13 | 9:15 AM

Next week, we will begin a study of the book "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?" This book, written by LC-MS Pastor Matthew Richard, not only reminds us who the real Jesus of the Bible is, but it also reveals to us twelve false christs who are embraced, loved, promoted, and revered-- even by well-meaning Christians. So who exactly are these false christs? Do you know them? Do you worship them? You might be surprised by the answers.

Help Refugees in Ukraine

WELS is financially assisting two congregations of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC), WELS' sister church body. These churches in western Ukraine are setting up refugee centers to welcome Ukrainians who are fleeing war-torn areas in the east. Money is also being sent to help buy supplies for refugees. If you'd like to give a gift to support these relief efforts, visit wels.net/wmgift and select "Ukraine" from the dropdown menu.

Youth Group Serving Supper

March 9 | 4:45-6:00 PM

St. Paul's Youth will serve the fellowship supper on Wednesday. Chili is on the menu. The freewill offering from this meal will help the youth attend the WELS International WELS Youth Rally held this summer in Tennessee.

Help with Easter for Kids

April 2

We still need several volunteers for Easter for Kids, which is on April 2. Descriptions of the positions and a signup sheet can be found on the Ministry Table.

NLHS Friendraiser/Fundraiser This Afternoon

March 6 | 12-3PM

Help Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) raise \$12,000 for their tuition assistance fund. There will be a soup competition and silent auction. Join the fun and make some new friends.

NLHS Concert Next Week

March 13 | 3PM

The band and choir at Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) invite you to their Lent/Easter concert next Sunday. Bring a music-loving friend!

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Bible Study in church
 9:15 AM Catechism Class in the West Wing
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship
 12:00 PM Together We Shine at Northland Lutheran High School

Monday 6:00 PM Men’s Devotional Basketball in the gym

Tuesday 6:45 AM Men’s Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 9:45 AM Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
 6:30 PM Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center

Wednesday 8:55 AM School Chapel Service
 4:00 PM **Midweek Lenten Service**
 4:45 PM **Fellowship Meal**
 6:30 PM **Midweek Lenten Service**

Thursday 7:00 AM Men’s Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop

Saturday 9:00 AM Budget Meeting in the Resource Center

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Catechism Class
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week’s Attendance: 174

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 192

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 528,500

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 493,296

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 109,791



Fellowship Meal Menu: Chili
 Served by St. Paul’s Youth





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