

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to those who are here in person, and all those joining us via our Live Stream, and Listen to Church.
- Welcome to Ted Bensen and Jason Hausler, our LCM Board representatives!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN I Want Jesus to Walk with me 325

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;	3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

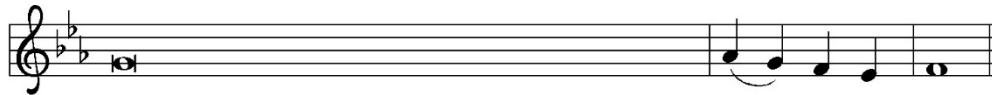
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



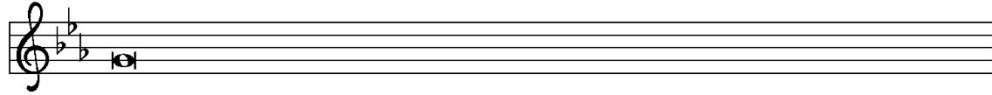
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



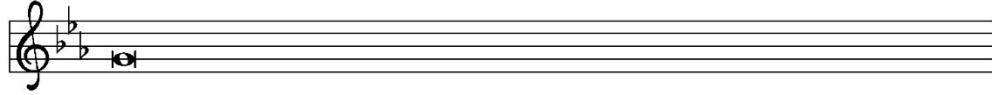
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Reader**

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked. A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ² 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 middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not 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 loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Let your steady - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ 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, ‘One does 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 placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do 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, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**HYMN OF THE DAY When We Are Tested ACS 922**

1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers
stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your
way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain
belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

4 When we have struggled and searched
through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the
right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge systems of injustice, especially those working around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, *especially Bill Miller, Teresa Kraft, Loren Barker, Annette Weiss, Rich Moen, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster and Erica Peterson*, and give peace to all who groan in grief *especially the family of Charlene Amundson and to Howie Slinden and family at the death of his brother, Bruce*, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all joy, bless the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-Stout. May LCM be a place where all students feel welcome and have the opportunity to explore and grow in their faith. Strengthen the bond between Our Savior's and LCM and help us to be faithful partners in sharing the good news of the gospel with students. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you (*especially Charlene Amundson and Bruce Slinden*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT **Lutheran Campus Ministry – Ted Bensen and Jason Hausler**

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL**OFFERING** **Blessed Is the One – OSL Choir****OFFERTORY** **Create in Me 188****Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the
paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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HOLY. HOLY. HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant tp preach the good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcasts and the despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 324

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.	3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.	4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery 334

1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,	still you rise with ev'ry morn.
2 We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;	

ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,

we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

4 From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray,

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
☩ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song 808:1, 3, 4

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I
journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our
love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I
journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your
servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your
burdens and tears.

For you saved me by giving your body and
blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your
servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my
journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your
steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your
love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our
journey.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

9:00am Service

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS
Bill Miller (Glen Miller's brother), Teresa Kraft (Laila Davis' daughter), Loren Barker, Annette Weiss, Rich Moen (Becky Behren's father), Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother), Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros' brother), Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT
Elijah Stuart, in Air Force basic training
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

IN SYMPATHY
To the family of Charlene Amundson on her recent passing.
To Howie Slinden and family at the death of his brother, Bruce.

YOUTH MINISTRY Kwik Trip gift cards & car wash cards on sale in February! Order forms available in Friendship room. Return completed forms with payment to the office or Denise.	
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Join us for an Informational Meeting on the OSL Canoe Trip Down the Namekagon River. Wednesday, March 4th 7:00-7:30pm

<i>Communion Instruction is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th from 4-5pm. Communion Blessing is on March 30th during worship. All ages welcome. Email Denise@oshme.com for pre-registration.</i>

<i>New Member Class</i> If you are interested in becoming a member of OSL, join us April 19th in the conference room following worship for a new member class and a chance to learn more about OSL. Then join us in worship on Sunday, April 26th, as we formally welcome you to the congregation!
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THIS WEEK AT OSL	
Sunday, Feb 22	Worship, 9am Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Fiber Friends, 10:30am
Monday, Feb 23	Women in Action, 9am
Tuesday, Feb 24	Tuesday's Table, 5:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 25	Communion instruction, 4:00pm Lenten Supper, 5:15pm Lenten worship, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7:00pm High School Fellowship, 7:00pm Choir, 7:00pm
Thursday, Feb 26	ADRC meal prep, 9:00am Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm

THANK YOU to OSL Choir for sharing your gifts with us and enlivening our worship.

Calling all vocalists! Join us in leading Holden Evening Prayer service on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. Rehearsal begins at 6pm prior to worship. Contact Michaela with any questions.

Midweek Lenten schedule at OSL
Lenten Supper 5:15-6pm
Worship 6:30pm
With Holden Evening Prayer

Funds collected this month in our Little church will go to support the **Menomonie area School Lunch Angel Fund**. The Angel Fund provides assistance to families struggling with meal debt. Every donation, no matter the size, goes directly to a family that needs assistance.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Jan	January
Income	\$383, 878.81	\$35,931.07
Expenses	\$309, 691.49	\$33,432.92
Over/short	\$54, 187.32	\$2,489.15

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