



GATHERING

Welcome to worship at Lord of Life! As we prepare our hearts, please take a moment to silence any electronic devices. Portions for the assembly are in **bold**. ELW (red book) and Worship & Praise (purple book) *hymnals may be found under your seats.*

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Kiyo Watanabe

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God our dwelling place,

We have wandered far from home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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 ELW pg. 213

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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

Children's Message *Children are invited to come forward.*
Please be seated.

First Reading **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, pg. 10-11**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **Psalm 27**

Verses will be sung by cantor; congregation sings refrain.

Second Reading **Philippians 3:17--4:1, pg. 950-951**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon *Create in Me...Lament* *Pastor David Bauser*

Hymn of the Day *Canticle of the Turning* *Worship & Praise 26*

Please stand as you are able.

The 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 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. **universal*

Prayers of the Church

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence. Following each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Concluding Prayer:

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

We share the peace by greeting one another: Following the sharing of the peace, please be seated.

MEAL

Offering and Registration Booklets

At the end of each pew there is a registration booklet. We encourage you to sign it and pass it down the pew. Thank you.

Offering Music *He Did It Just for Me - arr. J. Joubert* *LOL Choir*

Offering Hymn *Create in Me* *Worship & Praise 35*

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

ELW pg. 189

Words of Institution

The 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.

Invitation To Communion

Come to the table where all are welcome.

Thanks be to God!

Communion *Please be seated.*

All are invited forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing. All who confess Jesus as Lord may receive the bread and wine. Parents decide whether their children understand the sacrament sufficiently to partake or should receive a blessing. Open hands will receive the sacrament. Prayerful hands will receive a blessing.

Communion Instructions:

Come to the altar from the center aisle and wait for an opening at the rail. After receiving the bread, take a glass from the tray (wine is red, grape juice is white) or go to the front of the altar to receive wine from the common cup. Please return to your seat by a side aisle. Gluten free wafers are available from the pastors upon request.

Communion Anthems/Hymns

Lamb of God ELW pg. 191

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Choir sings stanzas, congregation sings refrain.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Hymn 461

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Blessed Assurance* Hymn 638

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, 17 March 2019

8:20, 9:45, 11:05 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Hands of Faith Store Open
 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Classes
 9:45 AM Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 9:45 AM B90
 12:30 PM Band Practice
 12:30 PM Witness Committee
 2:30 PM Pack 883 Wolf Den Meeting
 4:00 PM Troop 89 Committee Meeting
 5:00 PM High School Small Group
 6:00 PM Youth Gathering
 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting

Monday, 18 March 2019

8:30 AM Church Office Open
 9:00 AM Kids of the Kingdom
 6:00 PM Women's AA Meeting
 6:30 PM Citizenship Class
 7:00 PM Troop 89 Meeting
 7:00 PM Augustine Fellowship
 7:00 PM LOL Wind Rehearsal
 7:15 PM Bells of Life

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

8:30 AM Church Office Open
 9:00 AM Kids of the Kingdom
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
 7:30 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen Meeting
 7:30 PM LOL Choir

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

8:30 AM Church Office Open
 9:00 AM Kids of the Kingdom
 9:00 AM Mom's Bible Study
 9:45 AM Ladies Bible Study
 6:00 PM Soup Supper
 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lent Service
 7:30 PM 4th Day Bible Study
 8:00 PM Confirmation

Thursday, 21 March 2019

8:30 AM Church Office Open
 9:00 AM Kids of the Kingdom
 9:30 AM RuthAnn's Remnants
 7:00 PM B90
 7:00 PM Men's AA Meeting, Women's AA Meeting

Friday, 22 March 2019

8:30 AM Church Office Open
 9:30 AM Spanish 201
 7:30 PM AA/Alanon Meeting

Saturday, 23 March 2019

7:30 AM Mens Breakfast
 9:30 AM Grace Lutheran Church Retreat
 9:30 AM Stitches of Love
 10:00 AM Hands of Faith Store Open
 10:00 AM Alanon Meeting, Women's AA
 10:00 AM LGBT Group

Sunday, 24 March 2019

8:20, 9:45, 11:05 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Hands of Faith Store Open
 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Classes
 9:45 AM Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 9:45 AM B90
 12:30 PM Band Practice
 2:30 PM National Charity League
 3:00 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
 5:00 PM High School Small Group
 6:00 PM Youth Gathering
 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting
 7:00 PM Federated Music Club Recital

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Member Concerns:	Gene Carter	Marilyn Palmer	Reagan Lancaster
Marlene Armintor	Pat Clough	John Patterson	Christopher Makinney
Jack Bark	Georgia Crawford	Nicholas Peters	Justin Millner
Pat Bergeron	Bobbie Dillow	Nancy Riley	Kyle Millner
Gwen Drews	Ignacio Dominguez	Andrew and Grace Ross	Jared Myers
Gordon Johnson	Elizabeth Frasier	Stu Schirmer	Scott Ogle
Pam Kazakevich	Stephanie Graham	Aubrey Shelton	Mario Palencia
Sarah Liberto	Elaine Harris	Shane Smith	Herbert (D.C.) Roberson
Michelle McLaren	Sage Haught	Don Steinbach	Lori Robinson
John & Ginny Meserko	Norm & Edie Hoffheiser	Jeff Tomasek	Tom Robinson
Anne Spaulding	Vanita Homer	Kathleen Walser	Marra Rodriguez
Gregg Zillmer	Richard Kreitz Sr.	Macy Workman	Stephen Scott
Relatives and Friends:	Eden Kobreski	Military:	Patrick Smith
David Alonzo	Pearl Kubitz	Brent & Emily Aldridge	Dwight Temple
Catherine Bailey	Cindy Lemon	Nathan Greaner	Kyle Wiesel
Tanya Baum	Marsha Madrid	Eric Hopkinson	Janny Wong
Millie Brown	Tim & Amanda Mercer	Martin Fox	Kevin Zwememan
Candace Callicott	Joan Montag	Adrian Karel	
Chris Carmichael	Irma Muniz	Nick Kemper	

Announcements

Celebrations Centered in Christ

Lent midweek services: Join us Wednesdays at 7pm: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10. Soup Supper starts at 6pm. To see more information about our Lent/Easter worship opportunities, go to LOLOnline.org/Lent.

Lenten Intentions: Set a daily intention to spend time with God. Sign up at WayToLead.org/lent-intentions-email/ to receive a daily Lenten intention in your inbox starting on Ash Wednesday. Each week's Intentions are drawn from the Revised Common Lectionary Psalm for the week.

BUNCO - Bunco at Lord of Life is back. This fun game will once again be hosted at the church. Come April 1st at 7:00 pm in the parlor. No this isn't an April Fool's Joke. Bring \$5.00 and your own drink. For more information call Holly Jo Deltgen at 860-823-0864.

Eagle Scout Project - Troop 89 Scout Ben English is working on his Eagle Scout project to beautify Lord of Life by building benches for the front of the church. Donations are being accepted to help offset these costs. For more information on how you can help, call Office Manager Rick Janacek at 281-367-7016.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Join us this week for Faith Formation Activities at Lord of Life!

Tuesdays: PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: 11:30am in the conference room.

Wednesdays: Ladies Bible Study 9:45 am Library. Mom's Bible Study: 9:15 am in Conf. Room.

Thursdays: DRAFT (Dads Refreshing And Fellowshiping Together). 2nd Thursday of every month at 8:00pm at Goose's Acre

Saturdays: MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Sundays: BIBLE, CHRISTIANITY & YOU: 9:45am in the Library (Rm 21) upstairs. Life Lessons with Max Lucado from the Book of Psalms. Upstairs in the Library (Rm 21). 2nd Class: Book Study, Michael Yaconelli's book "Messy Spirituality": 9:45am in Rm 23 Upstairs

Children & Youth

Important Dates:

March 30: Parent's Night Out
 April 7: Communion 101
 April 12: Kids Night Out; Club 56 Pizza with the Pastor;
 Game Night for Grown Ups 6-9pm
 April 18: Maundy Thursday Sedar Meal and First Communion
 April 19: Good Friday
 April 20: Easter Egg Hunt
 April 21: Easter Sunday-No Sunday School

Worship Assistants: - 8:20

Pastors: Rev. Gary Heath, Senior Pastor
 Rev. David Bauser, Associate Pastor

Worship & Arts Director: Dan Fenn

Acolyte: Liam Hughes, Jack Salander

Altar Guild: Caryl Reese, Keith & Shelley Bartenhagen

Comm Asst: Susan Gallup, Marlene Hoffheiser

Assisting Minister: Mike Gallup

Greeter: Keith & Margaret Hitchcock

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**Growing together in faith,
 Centered in Christ,
 Serving God's world with love.**

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Second Sunday in Lent

**March 17, 2019
 8:20 a.m. Informal Liturgy**



*Welcome to this community of faith!
 Explore the Welcome Center as you enjoy some coffee and refreshments. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest book in the hallway. Our greeters are also located there and will listen, answer questions and provide information.*

Today we pray for the volunteers assembling the Lutheran World Relief kits. Bless their hands as they prepare the supplies which deliver your comfort and care around the world.
 We also pray for Gethsemane Lutheran Church of St Bernard Parish, LA, and for Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, our fellow congregation in Kingwood, Texas.

We are to be content with what we have.

"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you'" (Heb. 13:5).

Available for use:
Nursery (through age 5) Cry Room (located in parlor) Hearing/Visual Aids (ask usher)