

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS



LENTEN SERVICE OF LIGHT

FIFTH GOSPEL

March 12, 2025

6:20 pm

LENT

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Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa, Minnesota

Rev. Drew Bakken Rev. Michelle Ruen

WELCOME TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS!

On Ash Wednesday we began our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of repentance. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DIALOGUE

L: Behold, our light has come, **C: Behold, our light has come,**

L: Death is no more, **C: Death is no more,**

L: Though the sun fades from our sight. God has sent sustaining light.

L: Behold, our light has come, **C: Behold, our light has come, Shine on us.**

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HYMN OF LIGHT

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Voice

1. O Trin - i - ty, O bless - ed light, O Un - i - ty of sov - 'reign might: as
you our morn - ing song of praise, to you our eve - ning prayer we raise; to

5
now the fi - rey sun de - parts, shed ho - ly light with - in our hearts.
you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, e - ter - nal - ly.

11
2. To
3. All glo - ry be to God a - bove and to the Son, the prince of love, and

17
to the Spir - it, One in Three! We praise you, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

EVENING PSALM

“Psalm 139”

see page 6

1 PETER 1:18-21

Pastor: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Pastor: The Light shines in the darkness

C: And the darkness has not overcome it.

LENTEN HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

HYMN #338 vs. 1&3

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask not other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

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READING

Psalm 139:14a & 16

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Like an open book, you watched me from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN MESSAGE/FIFTH GOSPEL

Gloria Thomas

HYMN/OFFERING

“He Hideth My Soul”

see page 7 vs. 1,2,4

(please stand as you are able, during the last verse)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

Refrain

**Watch, O Lord, with all those awake this night, watch, O Lord, with all those who weep;
Give your angels and saints charge over all who sleep.**

1. Tend your ailing ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Rest your weary ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Bless your dying ones; **in your love, O Lord of all.**
2. Soothe your suff'ring ones; **in your love, Lord.**
Heal afflicted ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Shield your joyous ones; **in your love, O Lord of all.**
3. Hold your grieving ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Raise your fallen ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Mend your broken ones; **in your love, O Lord of all.**
4. Guard your little ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Guide your seeking ones; **in your love, Lord;**
Grant us all your peace; **in your love, O Lord of all.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(please stand if you are able)*

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.
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.

(please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

Generous God, 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

"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"


1. O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

2. Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light,
Till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
Till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore,
Where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

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Pastor: Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious & merciful.

C: Thanks be to God, we will.



If you are visiting or interested in joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, please leave your contact information on the Welcome to Worship cards and place in the offering baskets. If you have questions about LCC, please feel free to call Pastor Drew or Pastor Michelle at 218-963-2564.

Lent services will be held Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9th at 6:20 pm in the Sanctuary. Soup & Sandwich Supper served by various ministry teams will be held each Wednesday during Lent from 5:30 to 6:10 pm in the Celebration Center. Many thanks to the following members for sharing their Fifth Gospel with us during Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship:

Gloria Thomas—March 12	Pete Mogensen—March 19	Mallory Maine—March 26
Robert Brown—April 2	Wanita Holsapple—April 9	

life renewed Lenten Devotional - StoneHouse Friday - 12:00-1:00, March 7-April 18

Please pick up the **Lent Devotional, life renewed**, in the narthex to accompany you on your Lenten journey: Ash Wednesday - Easter. Come for a peaceful time in God’s Word at the **StoneHouse Coffee shop in Baxter next to Target on Fridays** as we travel through the season of Lent leading up to Easter. Bring your devotion book. Come for a coffee and a scone. Discussion led by Pastor Michelle. Fridays, March 7-April 18, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

PRIMETIMERS - tomorrow—MARCH 13, 12:00 Noon—1:30 pm -Our program on March 13 will be **Tim Leagjeld, production set designer and builder for local theater productions**. Tim Leagjeld has been involved with theater for most of his life as a performer and actor. He now builds sets for the CLC, Pequot Lakes, Stage North and other local theater productions. Tim Leagjeld was written up in the Lakes Country Faces in the Echo Journal in the June 19, 2024 edition. We are honored to have him speak to us in person. **Come for a wonderful and entertaining program on Thursday, March 13, at 12:00 Noon**. Bring a sack lunch if you desire. Coffee, lemonade, and dessert are provided. Program will begin at 12:20 PM. See you March 13!

Rummage Sale: Donations accepted Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 8:30 am – 4 pm. Donation site closed Mon., Fri., Sat., & Sun. Please review the list of accepted/not accepted items available in the church office/website. Important: Call Laurie at 218-963-2564 prior to dropping off items. Thank you! **Note: Spring Rummage Sale Volunteer Information meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8 at 4 pm in the Celebration Center.** All are welcome ... new and experienced volunteers.

Psalm 139

Lord, You Have Searched Me and Known Me

Allen Pote

Voice

Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know ev-'ry-thing I do. When I rise__ up, when I lie__ down, you are with__ me through and through. Be-fore a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your pres-ence fol-lows me day by day. When can I flee from your spir-it?__ Where can I go to run a-way? If I go to heav-en__ or live in hell, you are there, you are there. Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know ev-ry-thing I do. When I rise__ up, when I lie__ down, you are with me through and through. Be-fore a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, Your pres-ence fol-lows me day by day.

vs. 1,2,4

He Hideth My Soul

Fanny J Crosby

William J. Kirkpatrick

Chords: D \flat G \flat D \flat

A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, A
 A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, He
 With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment He crowns, And,
 When clothed in His brith - ness, trans - port - ed I rise To

3 Chords: E \flat 7/C D \flat A \flat A \flat 7 D \flat

won - der - ful Sav - ior to me; _____ He hid - eth my soul in the
 talk - eth my bur - den a - way. _____ He hold - eth me up, and I
 filled with His ful - ness di - vine, _____ I sing in my rap - ture, "O
 meet Him in clouds of the sky; _____ His per - fect sal - va - tion, His

6 Chords: G \flat D \flat /A \flat A \flat A \flat 7 D \flat

cleft of the rock, Where riv - ers of pleas - ure I see. _____ He
 shall not be moved; He giv - eth me strength as my day. _____
 glo - ry to God For such a Re - deem - er as mine! _____
 won - der - ful love I'll shout with the mil - lions on high! _____

9 Chords: A \flat 7 D \flat G \flat /D \flat D \flat A \flat 7 A \flat /C

hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shad - ows a dry, thirst - y

12 Chords: D \flat D \flat 7 G \flat

land; _____ He hid - eth my life in the depths of His love And

15 Chords: D \flat /A \flat A \flat D \flat /A \flat A \flat 7 D \flat A \flat 7/E \flat D \flat /F G \flat D \flat /A \flat A \flat 7 D \flat

cov - ers me there with His hand, _____ And cov - ers me there with His hand. _____

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Lutheran Church of the Cross - News and Notes March 12—March 19, 2025

PRAYER REQUESTS

LCC Members: Karen Holmen, John Wallin, Gary Boche, Steve Suer, Dan & Kristin Neale Family, Joel Mailand, Terri Langerud, Bonnie Anderson, Mark Boesen, Nancy Schmidt, Kathleen Warden, Keith Both, Sarah Aga, Sue Pratt

Friends & Relatives of LCC Members:

Bill Weiss & family (Gary & JoAnn Rivers' friends), Roxie Blomstrom (Candy Barnack's sister), Jo Quam (Mary Cram's friend), Tom Woog (Missy Trees' dad), Keith Shepherd (Pete Mogenson's friend), Carl Boeder (Wanita Holsapple's brother), TJ Emerson (Pam Evenson's daughter-in-law), Julie Fink (Deb Van Roy's cousin), Frank Wastesicoot (Al & Linda Larson's friend), Bev Emery (Arlene Brodeur's friend), Shirley Huff (Tom Gerrety's fiancé), Harry Tollas (friend of Pete Mogensen), Shelli Farone (Annie Schmitz's sister), Grant Hanson (Sara Smith's friend), Jan & Pat O'Donnell (Mavis Zachary's sister & brother-in-law), Julie LaRose (Marv & Elvera Pelkey's friend), Pat Gunderson (Don Gunderson's wife), Judy Parkin (Mary Cram's friend), Martha Sather (Dick & Judy Rickbeil's daughter), Janelle Ellis (Sandy Hins sister), Mary Larson (Lisa Hagen's mom), Mary Kay Gergen (Colleen Both's friend), Joey Halvorson (Marty Halvorson's sister), Darrell Kempfert (John & Marilyn Quist's friend), Steve Hedtke (Chris Hedtke's dad), Brian Krawiecki (Kelsey Kuhn's father), Sabrina Lewandowski (Tracy Olson's friend), Dave Watson (Mark & Kari Erickson's friend), Merv Johnson (Kerri Nordby's dad), Pastor Tom Peterson (Keith & Colleen Both's friend), Annie (friend of Dave & Marie Olness), Karly & Caitlin Deal (Colleen Both's great nieces), Ronald Anderson (Jean Larson's husband), Andy Skjod (Dennis & Cynthia Skjod's nephew), LCC members in care facilities, all veterans and active servicemen and women, and those struggling with mental health or addiction issues.

Please call the church office to make updates to the prayer list. If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit, please call the church office at 218-963-2564.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

*Our sincere sympathies and prayers to family and friends on the passing of
LCC member Arlene Brodeur.*

Funeral will be held at LCC on Wednesday, March 19th at 11:00 am.

Visitation will be held one hour prior.

Please keep Arlene's family and friends in your prayers as they grieve.

March is Food Share Month —a donation bin is located in the narthex. Bring in non-perishable food items and toiletries. Monetary donations welcomed—be sure to put LAFS on your memo line. On March 23 and 26 we will host PACK THE PEWS and have a NOISY OFFERING. For this event we encourage folks to fill a grocery bag with donations and bring them to church to place in the pews as a visual reminder of our compassion and caring and what an impact we can make TOGETHER. This year we are focusing our collection efforts on seed & nut butters, canned meats, and toiletries.



Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU to all of our youth and families who helped at the Baked Potato Bar and to all of our wonderful members who joined us for supper and Ash Wednesday worship!

Summer Stretch registration packets will be mailed out in the next few weeks to all 4th—7th graders. We will be joining forces with Cross Lake Lutheran again this year for service work in the mornings and FUN in the afternoons! All are welcome to join us—dates are June 11, 18 & 25, July 9, 16 & 23. Check out Kari's bulletin board to see our tentative list of activities and plan to join us.

For older youth, completed 8th gr—HS grads, plan to participate in our 2025 Mission Trip the week of July 13—at St. Gabriel's Camp in Solen, ND. Watch for more details coming soon from Liz.

Lenten Mentors have started—don't forget to make contact with each other and make plans to meet five times. Mentors/mentees will meet in CC following worship tonight. See Liz with any questions.

First Communion Workshop on April 6, 11:30am—2:30pm. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Let Kari know if you would like to attend, and plan on helping with the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 17 at 6:20pm.

NO ROUTE 56 DURING LENT!

Creation Care Green Tip

Submitted by Laura Raedeke, Creation Care Team

Wetlands, Aquifers, Rivers, Lakes and Oceans: What's In Our Water?

Our oceans are crucial for preserving Earth's fragile ecosystems, but they are threatened by **overfishing, shipping, mining and mounting global pollution**. A study published in the PLOS one journal found that our oceans are filled with more than **170 trillion pieces of plastic**, weighing roughly 2.4 million metric tons and doubling about every six years. An explosion in plastics production since 2004 has resulted in the world's oceans containing more than **21,000 pieces of plastic for each person on Earth**. Twice this past year, the world came together to address this issue of common concern: **1)** nearly 200 countries agreed to a plan called "**30 by 30**" that would conserve 30% of land, sea and inland waterways by 2030 to allow wildlife to survive; and **2)** an **ocean pact** covering two-thirds of the sea's surface beyond the waters generally controlled by nations that would preserve ocean biodiversity and address pollution. These aspirational plans require ratification by each country, so encourage your elected officials to **give them a fair hearing and sign them**.

THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

March 12—March 19, 2025

WED,	3-12:	<i>B-days: Jim Kottke, Marie Olness, Michael Rude</i>
	8:30	Text Study
	11:00	Golden Girls Widow's Group
	1:00	Looney Ladies Book Club
	5:00	Bible in a Year
	5:30	Lenten Supper
	6:00	King's Kids
	6:20	Lent Worship with Communion
	7:00	Lenten Mentors/ HSYG
	7:00	Sr. Choir
THUR,	3-13:	<i>B-days: Jackie Kottke</i>
	8:15	Men's Breakfast
	10:00	Toning with a Purpose
	12:00	PrimeTimers
	7:00	Church Council
	7:00	A.A.
FRI,	3-14:	<i>B-days: Jeff Aga, Diana Heikkila, Alice Moore, Brenda Myers, Steve Osmera, Marc Williams</i>
		CHURCH OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON
	12:00	Stonehouse Friday in Baxter
SAT,	3-15:	<i>B-days: Walter Prahm, Tucker Williams</i>
SUN,	3-16:	<i>B-days: Emily Bachman, Eileen Holland, Angie Olson, Tracy Olson, Steve Suer</i>
		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
	9:00	Worship w/ Communion & Online
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Bible Confidence
	10:30	Worship w/ Communion
	11:30	Worship & Music Committee Mtg
MON,	3-17:	<i>B-days: Harvey Anderson, Mark Hahn, Dirk Henry, Dylan Paulson, Allison Timmons, Lyn Underdahl</i>
	8:30	Staff Meeting & Prayers
	10:00	Women's Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount
	11:00	Soul Sisters
	1:00	Prayer Shawl Group
	7:00	People for Racial Justice
TUES,	3-18:	<i>B-days: Renee Boesen, Lucia Broadbent, Jim Swanson</i>
	9:00	Computer Lab
	2:00	Rummage Sale/WELCA Mtg
WED,	3-19:	<i>B-days: Nolan Kuhn, Nonie Stumvoll, Olivia Trosdahl</i>
	8:30	Text Study
	4:00	Creation Care Team Mtg
	5:00	Bible in a Year
	5:30	Lenten Supper
	6:00	King's Kids
	6:20	Lenten Worship with Communion
	7:00	Lenten Mentors/HSYG
	7:00	CYFM Team Mtg
	7:00	Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Lutheran Church
of the Cross**

**Daily Bible Reading
from Lectionary C**

Thurs., Mar 13, 2025
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12
Psalm 27

Friday, Mar 14, 2025
Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20
Psalm 27

Sat., Mar 15, 2025
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39
Psalm 27

Mon., Mar 17, 2025
Exodus 33:1-6
Romans 4:1-12
Psalm 105:1-42

Tues., Mar 18, 2025
Numbers 14:10b-24
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Psalm 105:1-42

Wed., Mar 19, 2025
2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Luke 13:22-31
Psalm 105:1-42

Please take your bulletin home with you to use throughout the week as a reminder of upcoming events.



EASTER GARDEN

Please fill out the order form below to donate to the Easter Garden to help decorate our church and to memorialize or honor loved ones during this season. Your gifts will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The cost is \$15.00 per tribute. You may drop your form and payment in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by **April 16, 2025**. Please write "Easter Garden" on the check memo line.

Thank you!

Please print legibly.

Name _____

_____ # plants donated at \$15 = ___ \$ _____

_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Musicians	Cathy Taylor, Marilyn Quist
Ushers	Brad & Jen Henry
Altar Guild	Darrell Paske, Kari Erickson, Lyn Underdahl
Communion Asst.	Gregg & Rachel Gerhartz
Tech Support	John Quist, Roger Macy
Lenten Meal Ministry	Jan Geiger, Pam & Steve Osmera Creation Care Team– Ray & Betty Arveson, Bruce & Sherri Kunkel Lora Schneller, Mark Smith, Janet Bedard



To give with your mobile device, scan the QR code to the left. Online giving available at www.lccnisswa.org.

****Assistive Listening Devices are available in the Narthex. If you choose to use one, please leave it on the counter when you exit so it can be sanitized for the next use.**

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