

Sunday, March 9, 2025
The First Sunday of Lent

With Sighs Too Deep For Words



*A Healing Service
based on Romans 8*

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love and Serve
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin 53405

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PRELUDE *(A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN - Bind us together, Lord hymn #748 With One Voice hymnal
The cantor will sing the verses. Please join on the refrain printed below.

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ on God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING LITANY

L: God alone is our refuge and our strength
A very present help in times of trouble

**C: Therefore we will not fear
Though the earth be moved**

L: Though the mountains shake
In the depths of the sea

**C: Though its waters rage
And the mountains tremble with its tumult**

L: There is a river whose streams
Make glad the city of God

**C: God is in the midst of the city
It shall not be shaken... God will help at the break of day**

L: The waters rage... and the kingdoms shake

C: God speaks.... and the earth melts away

L: The Lord of hosts is with us

C: The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE WORD

A reading from Romans

L 1: The Spirit helps us in our weakness...
For we do not always know how to pray as we ought.
But that very same Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit Intercedes for Us *Prayer Response*

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh." The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with

sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

L 2: How often do we find ourselves with insufficient words?

Our needs are great, and our longings are deep.

We do not know what to say to one another.

We do not know what to say to God.

So today, we will offer our selves as a prayer...

Clinging to the promise that the Spirit of the loving Christ

Not only hears our prayers, but works in us and through us

The Spirit Intercedes for Us *Prayer Response*

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with' and the second line contains 'sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.' The music ends with a double bar line and the word 'End' above it.

Text and music: Romans 8:26, adapt. Larry Olson
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L : It is God who justifies, who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, and who was raised from the dead

To sit at the right hand of God, to intercede for us

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution?

Will famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:33-35)

L 2: Will shame or guilt?

Will our doubts and fears?

Will our memories from the past?

Will our anxiety about the future?

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L 1: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:37-39)

L 2: What freedom this gives us in prayer;
Trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
We can now pray boldly and persistently.
We can pray silently or wordlessly because the Spirit of Christ is praying in us,
Pleading for us, and working through us...
to bring Christ's love to birth, to the earth.

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L 1: Sisters and brothers in Christ,
We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.
We received a spirit of adoption. We are all children of God.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER/HEALING

*You are invited to come forward to light a candle,
To offer a prayer for a loved one or on behalf of the world,
To receive a prayer and, if you choose, the laying on of hands.*

*For those of you who choose not to or cannot come forward, please know that your singing, your tears,
and your sighs are also prayers to God.*

Please follow the cantor and join in the singing.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

$\text{♩} = 90$

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face, -

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- And the things of earth will grow stange - ly dim In the light of his glo - ry and

15

grace.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus'. It features three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 90. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff starts at measure 8, and the third staff starts at measure 15, ending with a double bar line and the word 'grace.'.

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for 'Come and Fill Our Hearts'. It is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two systems. The first system includes the Latin phrase 'Confitemini Domino' and the English translation 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.' The second system includes 'Confitemini Domino. Alleluia!' and 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!'.

Calm to the Waves

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Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Calm to the Waves". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" and "Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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CALM SEAS
4 4 7 4 4 6

After everyone is seated there will be a brief moment of silence.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Children of the Heavenly Father/What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:14

¹⁴Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved;
for you are my praise.

Matthew 10:1

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

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You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*
 4 "I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
 Music: David Haas
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YOU ARE MINE
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OFFERING OF PRAYERS FROM OUR HEARTS

Please follow the cantor and join in singing O Lord Hear My Prayer between petitions.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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After the last prayer petition we sing...

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of all creation,

All you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your healing presence. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

“At This Table” by Menzel and Myrin

At this table, ev'ryone is welcome,
At this table ev'ryone is seen.
At this table ev'rybody' matter, no one falls between.

At this table you can say whatever,
At this table you can speak your mind.
At this table ev'rything's forgiven,
There's enough for ev'ryone.

So come as you are,
Remember that the door is always open.
Yes, come as you are,
The perfect gift that you could bring is your heart.
So come, come as you are.

At this table there will be no judgements,
At this table mercy has a seat.
At this table we're all sons and daughters,
There's no place I'd rather be.

At this table ev'ryone is welcome,
At this table ev'rybody cares.
At this table ev'rybody matters,
So come, pull up a chair.

COMMUNION HYMN

800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860
 Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of all compassion, you have bound yourself to us in a love that is stronger than death and deeper than tongues can tell. Gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, so that we may walk in the light and the peace of your Spirit. You, O God, are our strength, our hope and our salvation. Amen.

BENEDICTION “*Benediction As You Go*” (Selah)

May the Lord grant you peace.
May His love shine down, love shine down
And meet your every need,
And keep your feet from stumbling.
And fix your eyes on the mark, on the prize.
As you go, may you rest in Christ.

Receive His grace to love all men,
In spite of all our differences.
May your words be filled with life
That crumble walls of fear and pride.
Take up the cross to serve the least and the lost
As you go be the hands of God.

‘Cause He is your strength and your victory.
He comes behind you and heals.
He is the cup and the portion
Your banner and shield.

So be released, be blessed, be free.
Live and move as the Spirit breathes.
As you go, go with God, go in peace.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the lounge after worship for a treat and a cup of coffee!



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of all who seek healing.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave.

Communion By Intinction

We are once again serving Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of wafer into chalice of wine). We also have gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you prefer to commune in your pew there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for communion!

Youth Ministry Zone in March

5th - 7th Graders (We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month)

All of our 5th - 7th Graders are invited to join the pastors on **Sunday, March 9th. We will gather together following worship and meet til Noon.** We can't wait to see you all and have an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship and learning. Snacks will be provided.

8th Grade Confirmation Class (We usually meet on the third Sunday of the month)

We're beginning to wind down to our last three times to meet, so we hope all of you are able to join us this month on **Sunday, March 16th...we'll begin following worship and meet til Noon.** Snacks will be provided and we're looking forward to seeing you all!!!

(Please mark your calendars...Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday, June 8, 2025.)

High School Youth (We usually meet on the fourth Sunday of the month)

9th-12th Graders!!!! We hope you're able to join us on **Sunday, March 23rd from 5:00-6:30PM.** Depending on the numbers, we'll either dine in and cook dinner together or dine out. Please let Pastor Laura know if you plan to come. We're looking forward to our time together!

Wednesday Night Lenten Meal and Worship Service

Wednesdays during Lent we will have a meal in the Mark Hurn room at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00. Our Lenten theme this year is "Hanging on to Hope". All are welcome!

Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting on March 12th. We will be discussing Anxious People by Fredrik Backman about a bank robbery gone wrong and a group of people taken hostage. You can join us at Rondi Jenkins' home at 6010 Potomac Place at 10-11:30. Or you can contact Julie Burton at 262-639-5914 to get a ZOOM sign-in. Our April 9th book will be The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. A story about an unsung heroine who refuses to accept anything less than justice.

March Birthday Club This Thursday

Do you have a March birthday? All who were born in March are invited to join the Pastors in the lounge at 10:00 on Thursday, March 13th for a birthday donut, a cup of coffee, and some laughs as we celebrate you!

In person attendance Sunday, March 2, 2025 99 Online attendance 29

In person attendance Wednesday, March 5 9:30 a.m.- 20 In person 7:00 p.m. - 45 Online attendance -14

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet this Friday, March 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge. All men are invited to come join the discussion.

Easter Plant Orders

Order forms for Easter plants are on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and in office and Welcome Center. Each plant is \$16.00 and you can choose an Easter Lily, Tulip, Hyacinth, Mum or Regal Geranium. Plants can be picked up after the last worship service on Easter Sunday or during office hours the following week. If you choose not to pick up your plant you All orders must be in the office by Wednesday, March 19th. Please call the office, 262-632-8802, if you have any questions.

Cooking With Class, April 29

Stacy Joers will be here on Tuesday, April 29, with another cooking class. The cost is \$25 and your payment must be in the office before April 22 because Staci will bill us for the number of participants we register, we whether or not that number shows up. The menu included old fashioned pimento cheese with crackers, shrimp and grits, jalapeno cheddar cornbread with hot honey and chocolate pecan pie with bourbon whipped cream. Contact Marianne Jensen, marjen722@yahoo.com with questions.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

The study will meet by zoom on Tuesday, March 18th. The discussion will be on the Gospel of Mark, 14:27 to 14:72. In William Barclay it is on pages 397 to 412. It begins with the meaningful account of the Lord's Supper and ends with the Sanhedrin finding Jesus guilty of blasphemy and Peter denying any knowledge of him. Where are we when asked what we believe about Jesus? Contact Julie Burton, 262-880-1624, to get the Zoom link.

Food Pantry

For March the food pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. bags or boxes of rice, egg noodles, chicken noodle soup, jelly, spaghetti, and macaroni & cheese. The pantry will also use your clean, lightly used, plastic shopping bags and brown paper grocery bags, and greeting cards and pens or pencils you do not need. Our clients are very thankful to receive them. The pantry is extremely grateful to all who volunteer, bring in food and make monetary gifts. It would not be possible to continue this ministry without all of your contributions!

Diaper Ministry

If you know of anyone in need, please tell them about our ministry and invite them! We distribute diapers on the 2nd Wednesday from 11:00-1:00 and 4th Wednesday from 4:00-6:00. We have diapers from Newborn up to 4XL. New to the ministry is a monthly subscription to Diaper Depot & More in Kenosha. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Would you please consider sponsoring one month of Diaper Depot delivery? Sponsorship would be a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a specific month in honor or memory of someone, please let us now. Also if you have children's books at home you no longer need, please bring them in for the diaper ministry. Contact Kylee Albright (262-989-6433) kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen (513-720-8286) amylarsen2406@att.net for more information.

Prayer Team

How can we pray for you? The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net. If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails. **Prayer changes things!**

March Ketchup Club

On March 25th the Ketchup Club will meet at the Red Onion, 555 Main St. for lunch at 11:30 a.m. These casual gatherings are a fun way to “ketchup” with some old friends and make some new ones. Join us for soe good food and good conversation. Please RSVP to Pastor Laura or the office, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com, office.hclc@gmail.com or 262-632-8802 if you know you will join us so we can get a big enough table. However, if you unexpectedly find yourself free that day, please come! We will gladly make room for you at the table!

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

I know as you look out the window at the gray skies and bare trees it is hard to believe summer is coming..... but it is! And with that comes our Church Picnic and outdoor service! This year's picnic will be August 10th at Pritchard Park, Wieczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.) Please mark your calendars for August 10th, and plan to join us for our church service, followed by food, fun and fellowship! And of course Pastor Laura’s brother’s famous Pulled Pork! Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event! Summer will be here!!!!!!

Upcoming Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, March 9 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 5th - 7th Grade Youth Group
11:00 Family First Communion Class

Monday, March 10 - 10:00 Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
6:30 Worship & Music Team

Tuesday, March 11 - 1:00 Quilters

Wednesday, March 12 - 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry
6:00 Soup Supper
7:00 Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 13 - Birthday Club

Friday, March 14 - 9:00 Men’s Group
12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, March 16 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 Confirmation Class

Monday, March 17 - 10:00 Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 18 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, March 19 - 6:00 Lenten Supper
7:00 Lenten Worship

Friday, March 21 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, March 23 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
5:00 High School Youth Group

Monday, March 24 - 10:00 Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 25 - 11:30 Ketchup Club at the Red Onion
1:00 Quilters

Finance Update

January Finance Numbers	Year to Date Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$56,897.66	Revenue: \$56,897.66
Expense: \$59,742.75	Expense: \$59,742.75
Net Income: \$(2,845.99)	Net Income: \$(2,845.09)