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2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where will my help come?

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Everyone who believes in him will not perish but may have eternal life.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

But in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, **we confess that we fail to be open to your vision for the world. In our confusion amid all that is unfinished in our lives we close ourselves off from where and how your Spirit calls. Forgive us, and open our hearts and minds so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we may live into the new life you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, our sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, we are raised to new life. May almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“Jesus We Love You”

Old things have passed away Your love has stayed the same

Your constant grace remains the cornerstone

Things that we thought were dead Are breathing in life again

You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

(Pre-Chorus) For all that You've done we will pour out our love

This will be our anthem song

(Chorus) (Jesus) we love You Oh how we love You

You are the one our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope The orphans now have a home

All that was lost has found its place in You You lift our weary head You make us strong instead

You took these rags and made us beautiful (Pre-Chorus) (Chorus 2x)

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **Open the eyes of our hearts to the mysteries of your saving love, O God, that we might grasp the hope to which you have called us. Give us a bold understanding of your unfolding vision for us and for your world. Accompany us on our seeking journey, and lead us to where you would have us go. In the name of Jesus, ☩ Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Children’s Church

Char Loterbauer

Gospel Reading

John 3: 1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Song of the Day

“By His Wounds”

(Chorus 2x) He was pierced for our transgressions He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds by His wounds We are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice In the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved We are saved (Chorus 2x)

And by His wounds by His wounds

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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.

Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence, Lord

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Prayers of the Church

*Following each prayer... Leader: Lord in your mercy; Congregation: **Hear our prayer.***

*Hospitalized/ill: Melanie Schroeder, Joyce Green- Grandmother of Eric (Melissa) Muller
Joan Zarro- Sister of Joyce (Marv) McGillivray*

*Death: Doug Triplett- Father of Julianne (Todd) Decker
Dean Thompson- Father of Rod (Shellie) Thompson*

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Offering and Announcements

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: ELCA World Hunger

Lenten Offering: Milestone Ministries

Communion

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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

“Mighty to Save”

Ev’ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me Ev’ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

(Chorus) Savior He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures

Fill my life again I give my life to follow

Ev’rything I believe in Now I surrender (Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing For the glory of the risen King (Chorus)

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name as you leave today.

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Dave Nerdig; **Worship Team;** **Sound & Projection:** Darian Givens and Roger Whittle; **Greeters:** Lynn Langner, Darlene Bailey, Bruce and Colleen Hestad; **Ushers:** Chuck Langner, Diane and Mike Madsen, **Lector:** Pam Raeder; **Communion Assistants:** Amanda Kienow and Steven Ays, Bev Splinter, Ed and Cathy Gerrish and Diane and Mike Madsen; **Coffee Servers:** Terry and Brenda Rydell;

All that we have belongs to God.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).

Sundays in Lent

Unfinished: Discovering God's call in the not yet

Overview: We are not left alone to navigate this unfinished life by ourselves. God is here – present-tense, each and every day – calling to us, accompanying us, renewing and recreating us – over and over again.

Lent 2 Called to Openness (Nicodemus)

Lent 3 Called by God (Woman at the Well)

Lent 4 Called to Attentiveness (The Man born without Sight)

Lent 5 Called to Regret (Lazarus)

Wednesday Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held at 6:30pm each Wednesday throughout Lent. The Lenten Youth Music Team will lead at 6:30 p.m. services. Wednesday Lenten offering will go towards Milestone Ministries.

Week 2: Cross Road

Week 3: Cross Walk

Week 4: Cross Word

Week 5: Cross Reference



Spring Plants for Easter

Help beautify our sanctuary by purchasing an Easter plant in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Cost of each plant is \$20. Complete an Easter Plant order form (found at the Welcome Center). **Order deadline is April 2nd.** Please contact the church office if you have questions.

March Mission of the Month

ELCA World Hunger- More than 820 million people in our world today are hungry. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy and beyond. All Mission of the Month donations are intended to be above and beyond your regular giving. Clearly mark your offering "Mission of the Month."

Cookies for Sandwich Ministry

Sandwich ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the welcome center or church office. You are also welcome to bake your own and bring them in.

Craft Night- Spring Gumball Machine

Join us at LCOOR Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun seasonal craft! \$15 covers all supplies. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or church office. See Facebook for more info. Sign-up deadline is March 24th. Prepayment is required.

March Meals on Wheels

LCOOR volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels every 10 weeks – and we are always looking for additional volunteers. The next dates will be **March 13-17**. Please contact Twila at 605-886-2696 if you would like to be added to our list of helpers.

A NEW Look- HS Youth Group

HS Youth Group will have a new look starting in March!

Instead of our weekly Sunday night gatherings, we will now have the youth room and great hall available for Wednesday night High School hang-out time. **This will take place from 7:15 (following Wednesday worship) until 9:00 pm.** The youth room will be available for getting together to just hang out or to watch some TV or to even have a study group. The Great Hall will also be available for various games and activities. Drinks and snacks will always be available (for a small cost) as will hot chocolate and cappuccino. Bring some friends and join us for some awesome fellowship! **HS Hang-out will take place on March 8, 15, 22 & 29.**

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone not just church members. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the Pre-K classroom, or online.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Pastors Dan & Laura and experience the land of the Bible (July 6-19, 2023). Travel on a unique Holy Land experience and journey to Israel and Petra in Jordan on a spiritual combination tour of a lifetime. Visit with Pastor Dan or Pastor Laura for more information.

Serve Your Congregation- Help Needed during Lenten & Holy Week Services

There are many extra services throughout Lent and during Holy Week which offer many more opportunities to serve. Even if you are not scheduled to serve this month; please consider signing up online at www.lcoorwatertown.org → Serve → Volunteer at Worship in March...or contact Twila in the church office. Also, if you are a member of the Sound & Projection Team, please consider signing up to serve at these services. Let Robbyn know if you are interested in serving this important ministry or sign-up online at www.lcoorwatertown.org → Ministry → Worship & Music Opportunities → Sound & Projection Sign-up for Lent & Holy Week.

THIS WEEK: March 5 to March 12

SUNDAY March 5

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly

MONDAY March 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
4:00 p.m. HS Coffee & Conversations @ LCOOR
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

TUESDAY March 7

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
11:00 a.m. Text Study
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY March 8

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Circle
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out
7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY March 9

5:15 p.m. Al-Anon (Assembly B)

FRIDAY March 10

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
Church Office Closes at Noon

SATURDAY March 11

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship (Lay Led)

SUNDAY March 12

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Attendance & Offering

Feb. 19 Live Stream— 240

Saturday, Feb. 25 – 44

Sunday, Feb. 26— (8:30) 227; (10:30) 108

Wednesday, March-

Offering (2/26):

General Fund: \$3,788; **Church School:** \$21.10;
Mission of the Month: \$139.84; **Debt Reduction:**
\$40; **Ash Wednesday:** \$87;

Simply Giving Offering (2/20-2/24)

General Fund: \$4,960.03; **Debt Reduction:** \$30;
Mission of the Month: \$130; **Other:** \$104.49;



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MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



God loves us all through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4a	Call of Abram
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God's promise gained through faith
Wednesday	Zephaniah 3:14-20	A song of joy
Thursday	Psalms 5	Trust in God
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy and not our own strength and have faith that you save the ungodly through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, you who watch our going out and coming in each and every day, we thank you for protecting us and feeding us with this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and joy, now and always.



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MARCH 5, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Blessed Assurance



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you think you deserve everything you have? Explain.
- God cares for us through a whole community of care. How has God cared for and protected you through family, friends, or mentors?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17.

Even though the Gentiles were not descendants through the Torah (the law), Paul is seeking to help Jews understand that Gentiles can also be descendants of Abraham. It is important to establish that God is reliable. The promise God made to Abraham—including Gentile nations—is reliable because the covenant with Abraham was established through faith, not the flesh. It is the very character of God to include all people, not just Jews. Whether Jew or Gentile, whether good or bad, God makes a solid, reliable, and saving relationship with us through faith. God saves the ungodly sinners. How can this be? It is because we have the God who creates out of nothing. God does not need to create children of God out of our goodness through the law. God takes our broken lives and makes something new because God *"gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist"* (v. 17). God does this so that all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Discuss: Where have you seen God's love for others and does it surprise you that God saves the ungodly?

Pray: **Loving God, you who give life to the dead and bring into existence what does not exist, thank you for creating us as children of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you offer God's protective care to others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a period of forty days when we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Almsgiving is the tradition or practice of giving money or food to those in need. This week consider an amount you might spend on yourself, and instead add that amount to the Almsgiving Box placed in your home. The collected money is to be donated at the end of Lent.

Pray: **Loving God, we often forget about the needs of others. Help us to remember to give generously to those in need. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org