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**WELCOME TO ALL
who join us today for worship!**

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available. Please ask an Usher for assistance.
- **Everyone's encouraged** to record your name on the attendance sheets found in the attendance folders at the end of each pew. Any special requests (prayers, visits, inclusion in mailings, etc.) may be written on these sheets.
- **We will be passing offering plates during the service.** Wooden offering boxes for are also available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

Offertory on "Jesus Loves Me" - Gordon Young

Based on a melody by William B. Bradbury

Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I'll Do My Best

Love, I'll love, I'll love the Lord forever

Love, I'll love, I'll love the Lord forever

Chorus: I'll do my best, I'll do my best, whoa!

I'll do my best for you, Oh, oh oh!

I'll do my best, I'll do my best, whoa

I'll do my best for you

Trust... Praise... Serve... Keep... Love...

*** OPENING LITANY**

P As God draws us together here, let us celebrate the wardrobe God gives to us.

C **God has given us hands to be kind [lift hands] and feet to walk humbly [stomp feet].**

P When life is not what we expect . . .

C **God invites us to pause and breathe [hands on chest, breathe deeply] and enjoy the calmness found in God's steadfastness.**

P And when we make mistakes and hurt one another [tense shoulders] . . .

C **God releases us [roll shoulders back] and embraces us in forgiveness [stretch arms open] and love [hug self].**

C **Let love be our all-purpose garment!**

P God, your kindness is all around us. Help us share your love with everyone—strangers and friends. When we feel empty, remind us that you are our endless source of love. Fill us, renew us, and send us to show your grace.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING SONG**

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high
(Lord, I lift Your name on high)
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
(Lord, I love to sing Your praises)
I'm so glad You're in my life
(I'm so glad You're in my life)
I'm so glad You came to save us
(Came to save us)

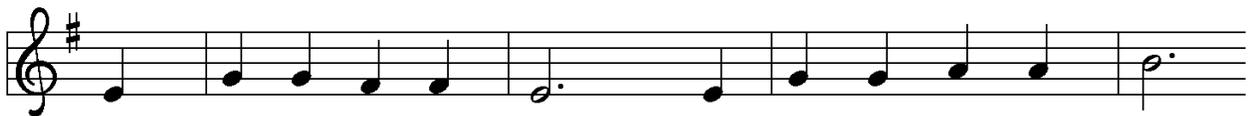
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

*** GREETING**

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

*** KYRIE**

ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with joy. Know that the Lord is God and God has made us. We are God's people and the sheep of God's fields. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

C **The light breaks over the mountains and it opens our new day. That's like the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. He comes to us and makes all things new. Lord God, lead us forward in the new life you are giving us. Open our eyes to see your presence and your love around each corner, and in all things great and small. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 6: 6-8

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-15

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 19: 13-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the nineteenth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Mr. Chad Hershberger

SERMON

Mr. Chad Hershberger

* **HYMN OF THE DAY**

He Came Down - ELW #253

*** THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

A brief silence

P God of kindness, through Elijah and the widow, we learn about your love. Show us how to wear love through kindness today and always. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of humbleness, Jesus washed the feet of his friends. Show us how to wear love through humbleness today and always. Lord in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P God of calmness, through the story of Jesus in the boat during the storm, we learn that you bring calmness. Show us how to wear love through calmness today and always. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of forgiveness, through the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, we learn about your forgiveness. Show us how to wear love through forgiveness today and always. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God, you created us to be one with your creation. We pray for everyone who comes to Camp Mount Luther. May the staff preach the good news of Jesus. May campers receive God's good gift of faith. May they all experience the beauty of your creation, and may they come back to their communities as resurrected disciples and servants of your ministry. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God, you create us to be so many different things. Most of all, you created us to be loved. May we know your love every moment of every day, and may we show your love to the world.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through Vanco by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering in the wooden offering boxes located in the back of the sanctuary.



* **DOXOLOGY** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - ELW # 803 Stanza 4*

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and healthy that we should at all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And here in this place, where your Word is taught and heard and treasured, where your people hear the voice of your Son—just as he once spoke by a lake, on the hillsides, and on the roads—so too, we are welcomed into his presence. As he walks near us, our hearts burn within; for he opens to us, and is, the Word of life. And so with the church on earth and all the community of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P By foot he walked through the land. He slept first in a manger in a barn. He told stories on a lakeshore, and climbed a hill to teach us to love, be peacemakers, and do justice. Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head and rest. And so he gives his whole life eternally, making peace to the last, a wanderer among us, yet walking so close.

P In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his followers, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you."
Do this in recalling and walking with me.

P In the same way, he took a cup, gave thanks and gave it to them to drink, saying, "This cup is the new promise in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in recalling and walking with me.

P And so Christ Jesus is present in this meal, in this place, among God's people, because Jesus Christ has nowhere to lay his head and rest, but is busy always, gathering us like a shepherd, leading us through our wanderings, and bringing us, at last, home with God.

P We who wander bless this place where we are now as a manger, a hill, a cross, an empty tomb, a table for nourishing us to go on, in Christ's abiding presence, love and forgiveness.

C Amen! Christ wanders among us. Come Lord Jesus!

P Send now, we pray, your holy Spirit, O Lord, the Spirit of truth and power, that we may know your Son in the breaking of the bread, in his Word and promise in his faithful death and resurrection and in his faithful ministry to each one, our community here, and our world now.

C Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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.**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Children of the Heavenly Father - Robert Lau
Joanne Vasey, organ

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - ELW # 708

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Lord God, we thank you for the refreshment you have given us here. We go from Christ's presence into Christ's presence, as we walk forward in your world, and finally home to you. We are beacons and reminders of your grace; helpers and comforters in your love; and courageous witnesses of your truth, among all with whom we travel, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Believe, I Do Believe

John Ylvisaker: Traditional South African Tune

Chorus: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it

1. I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator
Mighty Lord Creator, might Lord Creator
I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator
Mighty Lord Creator, might Lord Creator

Chorus

2. I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people
I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people

Chorus

3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit
 Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit
 And I do believe in the power of the Spirit
 Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit
Chorus

*** DISMISSAL**

A As we depart from worship, remember to take this message with you: You’ve been chosen by God for this new life of love. Go in peace. Wear God’s love!

C **Ok. We will!**

*** POSTLUDE**

Lord, I Lift Your Name of High - Rick Founds
 Joanne Vasey, piano

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THANKS to Chad Hershberger, camp staff, campers and friends for leading today's worship service.

THANKS to Heather Miller for serving as cantor for Holden Evening Prayer this past Wednesday.

Our last **LENTEN DINNER** on March 25th will be a **Pot Luck dinner** with Congregation Life providing the meat. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert or covered dish to share.

EXPENDITURES & CONTRIBUTIONS ANALYSIS

	<u>Month of Feb. 2026</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions Made	\$ 15,187	\$	52,773
Actual Expenses	22,130		56,949
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (6,942)	\$	<u>(4,176)</u>
Actual Expenses	\$ 22,130	\$	56,949
Budgeted Expenses	26,240		57,126
Expenses Over (Under) Budget	<u>\$ (4,111)</u>	\$	<u>(178)</u>

CELC CALENDAR - March 15-22, 2026

<p>Sunday, March 15 4 Lent-CML Sunday Pastor Katy preaching</p>	<p>9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - UIC</p>
<p>Monday, March 16 Deadline for April newsletter</p>	<p>Mini Mission Monday - Troop Care Packages 9:15am Counters 6:00pm –9:00pm Transitions Meeting-Parlor 6:00pm –9:00pm Trout Unlimited - LCH 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR 6:45pm Parish Peal Handbell Ensemble 7:15pm Parish Choir</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 17</p>	<p>2:00pm –4:00pm Transitions - LCH 6:30pm Lenten Study – UIC</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 18</p>	<p>9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 12:00pm Soup & Scripture - Presbyterian Church Lwbg. 6:00pm Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer Service</p>
<p>Thursday, March 19</p>	<p>11:00am Lent Reflections Brunch @ Silvermoon 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Parlor</p>
<p>Friday, March 20</p>	
<p>Saturday, March 21</p>	
<p>Sunday, March 22 5 Lent Pastor Justin preaching WC for Lois Diehl</p>	<p>9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Kunkel/Finance 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm –8:00pm UYG Movie Night @ Beaver UMC</p>

ATTENDANCE: March 8, 2026: 9:30 am: 64