

**"The battle is
the Lord's..."**

1 Samuel 17:47, NIV

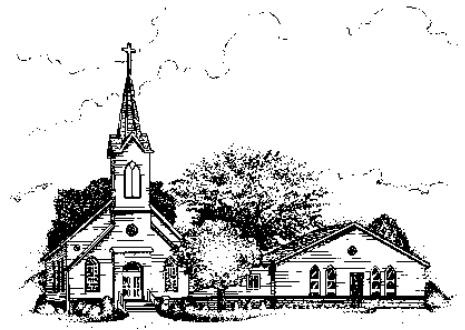


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to God's House

Normally in a family, everyone does their part. . . pitches in. . . pulls their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of *one* on behalf of *all*. In God's house, God's Son—our brother, Jesus—stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously.

This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father #502

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like
lost sheep.**

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus

Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49

⁴A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified...

³²David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went

after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine...

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

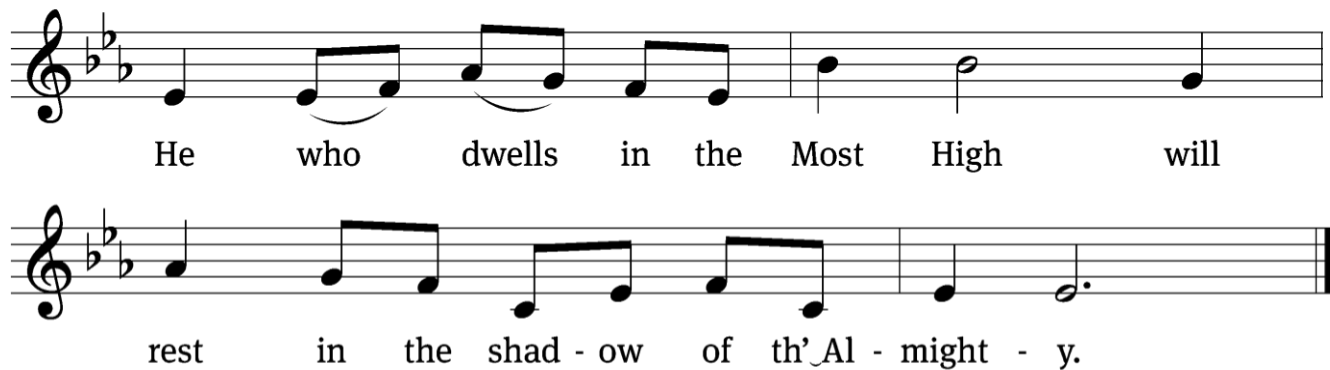
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The Shadow of the Almighty - 91A

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,
nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. **Refrain**

If you say, "The Lord is my / refuge,"
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,
no harm will over- / take you,
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you
to guard you in / all your ways;

they will lift you up / in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #864

Sermon

1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our refuge and fortress, our God, in whom we trust. You defeated Satan's schemes and won the victory for us. And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Help us when we are tempted and give us your grace to help us in every time of need.

And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Look on those who are in Satan's clutches, bound in sin and unable to free themselves. With your powerful Word, drive Satan from them, bring their hearts to life with your Holy Spirit and give them freedom in your victory.

And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Satan, that ancient serpent, seeks to lead the whole world astray. Govern and guide the leaders of the nations. Guard them against selfish ambition. Lead them to work for the good of all, that your Word may have a free course and your kingdom expand through the preaching of your Word.

And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Look on Christians around the world who face temptations, trials and persecutions because of their faith. Keep them from all harm and danger.

Keep your Word in their hearts and in their mouths.

And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Great High Priest, you know our human weakness and you are sympathetic to all our hurts and needs. Have mercy on those who suffer in pain, weakness and illness, [especially...]. Strengthen them in all trials and preserve them in your love.

And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts...

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Lord Jesus, since the devil always prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us, shield us by your holy angels from all his cunning and terror. Through your Holy Spirit give us repentant hearts, that we may serve you in all soberness and vigilance; in your holy name we pray.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:**

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus #534

1 Hail, O once-despised Jesus!

Hail, O Galilean King!

You have suffered to release us,
hope to give and peace to bring.

Hail, O universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame;

by your merits we find favor:
life is given through your name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on you were laid;

by almighty love anointed,
you have full atonement made.

Ev'ry sin has been forgiven
through the power of your blood;

open is the gate of heaven,
we are reconciled to God.

3 Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you,
seated at your Father's side.

Crucified this world once saw you;
now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading,
and our place you now prepare,
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
you are worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On #842:1, 3, 4

1 Jesus, still lead on
till our rest is won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand
to our fatherland.

3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on
till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us
till we safely stand
in our fatherland.

This Week at Zion

- Today:** 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship
8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study
2:00 p.m. LPS Sacred Concert, Watertown
- Mon:** 7:00 p.m. Council meeting
7:00 p.m. KML Call meeting
- Tue:** 1:00 p.m. OWLS at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac
6:30 p.m. KML Sacred Concert in the PAC
- Wed:** 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship
- Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship
- Fri:** 7 – 9:00 p.m. WELS Youth Night at KML
- Sat:** 10 – 11:30 a.m. St. Lucas Preschool Open House, Kewaskum
- Sun:** 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Lenten Worship Ash Wednesday is not the only midweek worship service during Lent. These special services continue for the next five weeks, each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. They will be following the theme "*Reflections on Repentance*," focusing on Psalm 51 and Jesus' Passion. Please join us for these special services which put a spotlight on the love of Jesus which led him to the cross for us.

Easter Flowers It might seem a long way off, but if you'd like to beautify

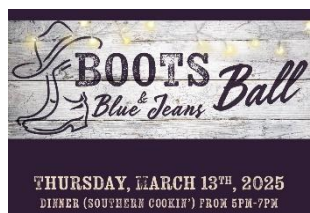
our altar on Easter Sunday with an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, there are order forms and information on the cabinets in the entryway. Fill one out and place it in the ladies' aid mailbox (top center).

We thank Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organist this morning.

Projects & Pizza All Sunday School children are invited to a night out on Friday night, March 28th at church. They'll be making cards to give to our shut-in members, watch a movie and / or play some games and have plenty of food and fun from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sign up to attend or provide some of the needed items and refreshments by going to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45ACAD28A64-55125198-zions>

St. Lucas Spring Gala St. Lucas Lutheran School's PTO will be hosting its annual spring Gala, Boots & Blue Jeans Ball, *this Thursday, March 13th, 2025* at Foundry 45 just north of Kewaskum.



Dinner will be from 5 pm – 7 pm, with live music after 7 pm. Enjoy a down home southern dinner catered by *The Antidote*, then kick back and enjoy some music performed

by *FM Rodeo*. Participate in the silent auction and raffle to win some amazing items donated by individuals and businesses within our community. All proceeds from the Gala will go to purchasing new playground equipment for the school. Tickets cost \$50 per person. Go to <https://stlucaspto.com> to visit the website for the Gala and purchase your tickets.

Preschool Open House If you're thinking about preschool this fall for your child, St. Lucas in Kewaskum is hosting an open house this Saturday from 10:-11:30 (1417 Parkview Drive)

LWMS Rally The Spring LWMS Rally is on April 5 at St. Paul Neosho with Bethany Hustisford co-hosting. 8:30 a.m. is registration and it will officially begin at 9:00 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m. The speaker is Rev. John Borgwardt who will give an overview of our WELS district mission work

and share mission work being done at his home congregation of Living Word in Waukesha, WI.

WELS Youth Night Teenagers, this Friday from 7-9 p.m. at KML in the PAC you'll enjoy games, worship, a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, and snacks. Register by scanning the QR code on the bulletin board. 8th – 12 grades are invited.

Overcome Evangelism Anxiety You are invited to attend the remaining webinars of "*Preparing to Proclaim*." It will address barriers, myths, and fears of evangelism by examining how Jesus prepared his disciples to proclaim the Good News. Go to www.zionallenton.org – and you'll find a link to register for the remaining sessions.

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