



**Second Sunday in Lent**

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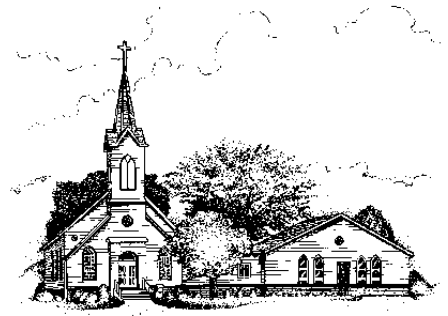
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## Welcome to God's House

We know that the cross was an instrument of torture and execution. However, Scripture also uses the term “cross” to refer to any suffering that one endures because he is believer: the painful denial of the desires of the flesh; ridicule and persecution from unbelievers; etc. This is one reason people reject religion. They see Christians struggling in life with these crosses, while non - Christians often seem perfectly happy. Even the prophet Jeremiah asked, “Why do all the faithless live at ease?” (12:1)

Today, Jesus asks us to rethink suffering under the cross. It is not pointless pain. Our crosses are not how we pay for sin. Jesus already did that on his cross. Our crosses are not redemptive, but they are constructive. Any suffering unbelievers face is only bad, a foretaste of worse to come. But the suffering believers face under the cross is only good, a way Christ connects us tightly to himself with fire-tested faith.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Opening Hymn

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken #694**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow you;  
destitute, despised, forsaken, you on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, all I've ever hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; you are not, like them, untrue.

And, since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!

In your service pain is pleasure, with your favor loss is gain.

I have called you Abba, Father; you my all in all shall be.

Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
all but heav'n is transitory, God's own hand shall guide you there.

Soon shall end this earthly story, swift shall pass the pilgrim days,

hope soon change to heav'nly glory, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

## **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*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

**Job 1:13–22**

<sup>13</sup>One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup>and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup>when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup>At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup>and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;  
may the name of the Lord be praised.”

<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## What Wondrous Love - Psalm 88C

### *Refrain*



What won - drous love is this, O my soul!

### *Tone*



Lord, you are the God who / saves me;  
day and night I cry / out to you.

May my prayer come be- / fore you;  
turn your ear / to my cry.

I am overwhelmed with / troubles  
and my life draws / near to death. ***Refrain***

Your wrath has swept / over me;  
your terrors have de- / stroyed me.

You have taken from me friend and / neighbor—  
darkness is my / closest friend.

But I cry to you for / help, Lord;  
in the morning my prayer comes be- / fore you.

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**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.**

## Gospel

Mark 8:31–38

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn

**Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart #817**

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray thee, ne’er from me depart,



with tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share;  
yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
my trust in thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave  
my body, soul, and all I have  
in this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
may glorify thy lavish grace  
and help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
to bear my cross and follow thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
in death thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last thine angels come,  
to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home  
that I may die unfearing;  
and in its narrow chamber keep  
my body safe in peaceful sleep  
until thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
that these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, thy glorious face,

my Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
and I will praise thee without end.

**Sermon**

**Mark 8:31-38**

***The Road to Victory Goes Through a Cross***

**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.

*Please be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Do not be far from your people, Lord, when trouble is near.

You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

When we must suffer losses or carry crosses, give us patience, and remind us that our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

You have demonstrated your love by giving your only Son to die for a world of sinners. Spread this peace to those who do not know and have not heard. Through your Word give them access into this grace in which we now stand.

You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

Give perseverance, character and hope to missionaries who bring your gospel to people in places where we ourselves cannot go. Let the love you have poured into their hearts flow through them to the people they reach and serve.

You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

Help those who are suffering with pain or losses or illness [especially...]. Give them patience and strengthen their faith in your goodness, that they praise your name in bad times as well as good.

You are our strength; **come quickly to help us.**

*Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow*

Lord God, heavenly Father, in your infinite wisdom you place your children on earth under the cross and we endure many troubles. Guard us against sins and lead us to believe, hope, and pray. In every affliction and need send us your gracious help so that we may know your grace and fatherly goodness, and praise and glorify you with all your saints in eternity, for you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit alone are the eternal God.

**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

### Holy, Holy, Holy #167



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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."

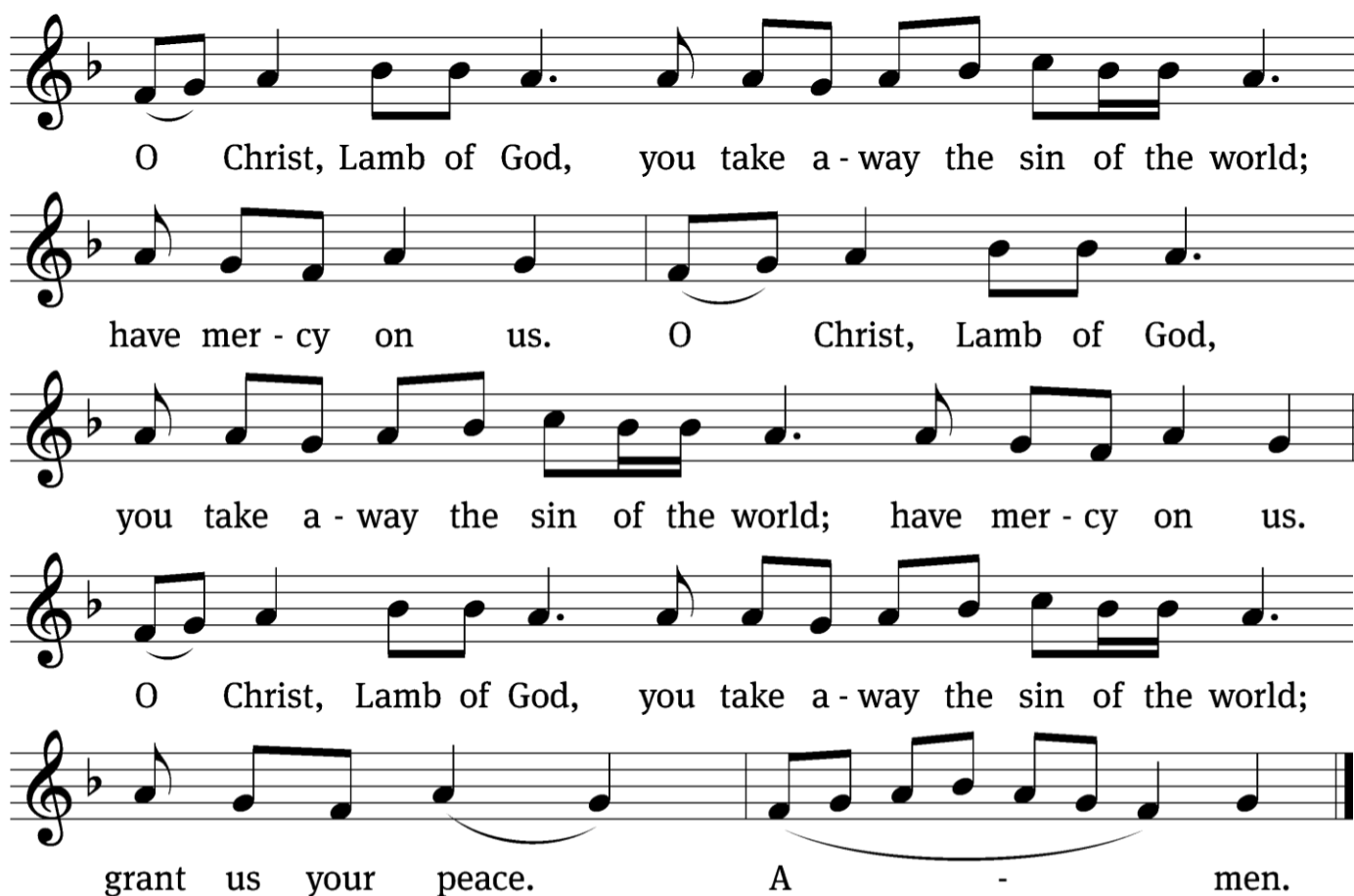
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

## O Christ, Lamb of God #169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

What God ordains is always good: his will is just and holy.  
As he directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.  
My God indeed in ev'ry need knows well how he will shield me;  
to him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good: he is my friend and Father.  
He will not let me suffer harm though many storms may gather.  
Now I may know both joy and woe; some day I shall see clearly  
that he has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking  
which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief God grants relief, my heart with comfort filling  
and all my sorrow stilling.

What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, for with his arm he will embrace and shield me;  
so to my God I yield me.

**Be Still, My Soul #847**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past;  
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you will better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.

Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you  
have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith,  
nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to  
live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your  
guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## **Benediction**

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**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus #704:1**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,

flee the world which would deceive us and to sin our souls allure.

Ever in his footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above,

full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead; I follow thee.

## **This Week at Zion**

<b>Today:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
<b>Mon:</b>	10:00 a.m.	OWLS at Peace, Hartford
	7:00 pm.	Endowment committee meeting
<b>Tue:</b>	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
<b>Wed:</b>	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	7:45 p.m.	Long Range Facilities committee
<b>Thu:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Fri:</b>	2:00 p.m.	Hope Nursing Home Devotion, Lomira
<b>Sat:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Catechism instructions
<b>Sun:</b>	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

**In Our Prayers** Debby Terlinden, at Froedtert – Menomonee Falls; Keith Kohlwey, back at home following heart surgery; Jim Ray, also back home following back surgery; Rhea Schmidt, at Cedar Lake Campus for rehab; and Dan Heinecke at Crossroads Care in Mayville.

**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** Join us this Wednesday for our midweek Lenten service at 6:30 p.m. We'll welcome Pastor Mark Rohrback from Redeemer in Cedarburg who will be focusing on the theme "God on Trial: Sympathy."

**Sunday School Singing** If you have a Sunday school child or two, please note that they will be singing on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the end of the early service and the beginning of the late service.

**We thank** Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Barb Olsen (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

**Make a Joyful Noise** Ladies, you're invited to a one day women's retreat focusing on select Psalms and Stories, presented by Branches Band. The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School in Hoenecke Hall on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. A registration fee of \$30 includes lunch and all of the presentations. We hope to see you there!

**WELS Youth Night** If you're between 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you are invited to a youth night on March 8, from 7-9 p.m. at KML in the Performing Arts Center. There will be a series of youth-focused activities to remind them that they are not alone and to encourage them to enjoy their faith as the blessing it is. Food and games will be provided as well. Register with the

QR code on the poster on the bulletin board. For more information, talk to Pastor Bode.

**Seminary Chorus** The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus will be at St. Paul's, Brownsville today (Sunday, February 25 at 10 a.m.) They'll be singing most of the songs that they'll be performing on their tour of southwestern states during Easter break. If you come to the Thursday or early service today, you're welcome to drive up to Brownsville and join the members of St. Paul's for this Lenten concert. St. Paul's will also be serving a meal for the choir and guests after the service. All are invited.

**Pick up some good reading materials** for March on the cabinets in the entryway. You'll find the current church calendar & newsletter, the *Forward in Christ*, as well as the new *Meditations* devotional booklets. Copies of the annual report are available there as well.

**Sign up to serve** in an easy but meaningful way by helping out as a greeter before one of our weekend worship services. You can do so by going to our website and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page ([www.zionallenton.org](http://www.zionallenton.org)) Thank you!

**Sacred Concert** Please join us as our KML bands and choirs glorify the Lord through song at the Sacred Concert on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM. Can't make it in person? Watch online at [kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream).

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