

## Cluster Lenten Soup Supper/ Evening Prayer

### Holy Lament: A Worship Series for Lent

Soup Supper: 6 pm      Worship: 7 pm

April 2nd	Martin Luther	Pr Franley	Individual Laments
April 9th	Prince of Peace	Pr Klinker	Communal Laments

Offerings received during our Lent services will go to Lutheran Disaster Response and be designated for the Fire Disaster in California.

**Holy Week** will soon be upon us. We have opportunities to worship during this week.

Sunday,	4/13 Palm Sunday	10:15
Wednesday,	4/16 Healing Service	7 PM
Thursday,	4/17 Maundy Thursday	7 PM
Friday,	4/18 Good Friday	7 PM
Saturday,	4/19 Easter Vigil	7 PM
Sunday	4/20 Easter Sunday	10:15

**This Lent, Worship Board** would like to facilitate these types of prayer requests by providing small pieces of paper in your weekly worship booklets for you to write down a private prayer to God and then deposit into a container as you come forward for Holy Communion. That prayer request will be known only to you and God; it will not be read by ANYBODY. Pastor will clear out the container on Monday each week to make room for the next week's requests, but she WILL NOT be reading them.

**Year End Contribution Statements** are available in the file box on the round table in the narthex. Make sure to pick yours up.

**Altar Flower and Sanctuary Light Charts** have been posted. Please fill out an envelope with your name and the dedication you wish to be printed along with the money for the flowers and drop in the offering basket.

**Morning Prayer** has begun again and streams on our Facebook page on Friday mornings at 10 AM.

Online Giving from Vanco.

Just scan the code.



# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

*A Serving Community*

*God's work, our hands!*

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:15 a.m.



*The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

550 North Broad Street  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

330-533-3531  
e-mail: lordoflife550@gmail.com

**GATHER**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Amazing Grace*

Sylvia Oines

*Please stand.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Compassionate One,  
C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,  
God’s arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God’s house forever.

C **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**ELW 807**

Mon 3/31	Tues 4/1	Wed 4/2	Thu 4/3	Fri 4/4	Sat 4/5
Psalm 53	Psalm 53	Psalm 53	Psalm 126	Psalm 126	Psalm 126
Leviticus 23:26-41	Leviticus 25:1-19	2 Kings 4:1-7	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 43:8-15	Exodus 12:21-27
Revelation 19:1-8	Revelation 19:9-10	Luke 9:10-17	Philippians 2:19-24	Philippians 2:25—3:1	John 11:45-57

**Serving in Worship**

	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Woody Gingery</b>	<b>Zach West</b>	<b>Gabe West</b>	<b>Bob Soles</b>	<b>Jeff Dombroski</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Woody Gingery</b>	<b>Zach West</b>	<b>Gabe West</b>	<b>Bob Soles</b>	<b>Jeff Dombroski</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Norma Thomas</b>	<b>Diana Williams</b>	<b>Chris Eash</b>	<b>Alta Johnson</b>	<b>Larry Cohol</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Tom Drotleff</b>	<b>Tom Drotleff</b>	<b>Tom Drotleff</b>	<b>Tom Drotleff</b>	<b>Tom Drotleff</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Diana Williams</b>	<b>Diana Williams</b>	<b>Norma Thomas</b>	<b>Norma Thomas</b>	<b>Barb Drotleff</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Chris Eash</b>	<b>Art Thomas</b>	<b>Larry Cohol</b>	<b>Chris Eash</b>	<b>Art Thomas</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Gabe West</b>	15 <b>Aleah Hall</b>	<b>Aleah Hall</b>	

**Anthem** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Erik Meyer

*Please stand*

**Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray,  
Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Sending Hymn** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* ELW 763

**Blessing**

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Softly and Tenderly* David Cherwien

*You are welcome to stay for the postlude or you may leave the church at this time. Please be aware, however, that the livestream does continue through the postlude. We ask that you leave quietly so your conversations are not recorded.*

Acknowledgements Copyright and streaming permission given through Sundaysandseasons.com under license #22472 for seasonal texts, prayers scripture readings, ELW Setting 5 (Kyrie, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy, and Lamb of God), Psalm 63. ONELICENSE under #A-708717 for *Amazing Grace* piano setting by Sylvia Oines © *Now Is the Time of Grace* Text and music © 2009 Augsburg Fortress; *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* piano setting by David Chewien © 2000 Augsburg Fortress. St. James Music Press under license #27680 for *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* © 2011. Public Domain: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*; *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*; *Amazing Grace*; *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*.

**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**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A-men.

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,  
God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

*Please be seated.*

### Lord's Prayer

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

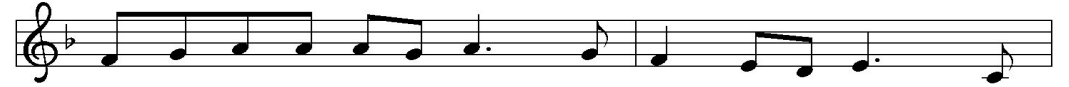
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

*This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!*

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

### Communion

*Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

**Communion Hymn**

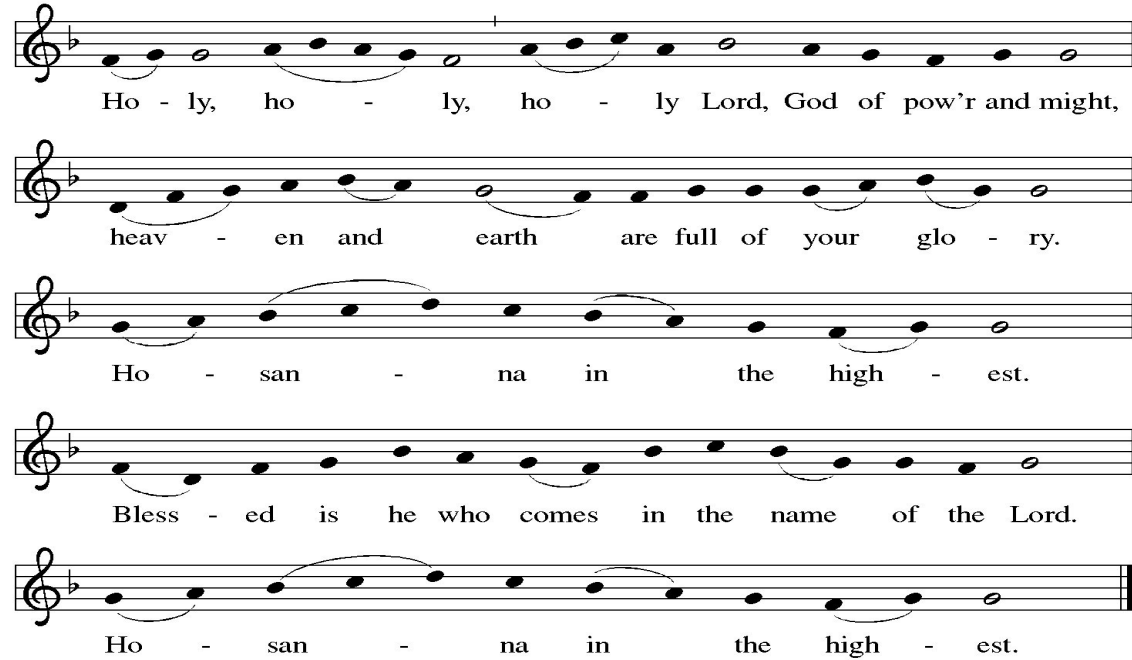
**Amazing Grace**

**ELW 779**

## Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

### Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe...  
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as  
we proclaim the mystery of life.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...  
...Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and all places...  
...we praise you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.



<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile! R**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-<sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the  
guilt<sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in<sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not reach them. R**

7

You are my hiding-place; you preserve<sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts<sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you<sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no<sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations<sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart. R

## MEAL

### Offering Response

#### Now Is the Time of Grace



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va-tion.



Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

*Please stand*

### Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,

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.

### Dialogue

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 God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion especially those we name out loud or silently:

**Martha Baluck, Barb Drotleff, Jackie Eash, Madolyn Elder, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Joye Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Janet Moucha, Marge Pancher, Emma Parker, Pam Parker, Bob Titus, David Titus, Kay Welch. The family of Rick Manges, The family of Gerald Eash.**

*(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days.*

*If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)*

Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

### Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.*

*Please be seated.*

### Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel

**Luke 15:1-3,11b-32**

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later

the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P The gospel of the Lord.  
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

*Please stand.*

**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 life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession**

- P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.  
 God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,  
 C **receive our prayer.**
- P God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,  
 C **receive our prayer.**
- P God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,  
 C **receive our prayer.**