

## IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Ill/Hospitalized: Carl Neuenfeldt Sr.

✠Birthdays: Russell Mallory – 98 on March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Joyce Crosby – 80 on March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Bluemer – 80 on March 21<sup>st</sup>

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Second Sunday in Lent*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
Special Voters' Meeting  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Information Class 11:00 a.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church conference)  
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)  
Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Office conference)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Ladies Aid 12:00 p.m. (Craft room)  
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.  
Lifelight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church conference)  
Lenten Supper 5:00-6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Midweek of Lent 2 Service 6:30 p.m.  
Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)  
Handbells 6:00 p.m.  
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Third Sunday in Lent*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Information Class 11:00 a.m.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris  
Liturgist: Rev. Richard E. Mundt  
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein  
Choir: Cherub Choir  
Acolytes: Loretta Wardin (5:00); Dean Thomas (9:30)  
Videographer: Anthony Wolter

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## Our Communion Practice

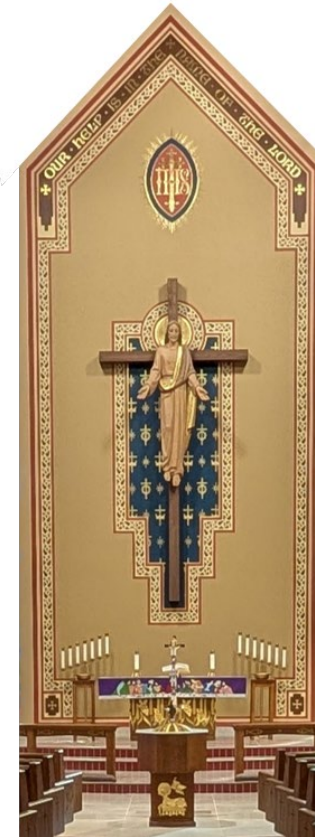
*We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit*

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“The Way of the Cross”

March 15 & 16, 2025

# † Second Sunday in Lent †

**Introit** *Psalm 74:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

**O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\***

**Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?**

**Remember your congre- | gation,\***

**which you have pur- | chased of old,**

**which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!\***

**Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.**

**Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;\***

**the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!**

**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.**

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

## **Collect of the Day**

**☩** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

<sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all

the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

## **Gradual** *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

## **Epistle** *Philippians 3:17—4:1*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## **Holy Gospel** *Luke 13:31-35*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

<sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

## **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1**

ENTRANCE HYMN: #547

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

VERSE FOR LENT: p. 157

HOLY GOSPEL

**☩ Glory to You, O Lord.**

**☩ Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED: p. 159

HYMN: #708 (choir v.1 Sunday)

SERMON

Text: Luke 13:31-35

Theme: “**The Way of the Cross**”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**☩** Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

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