

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

O God, teach me to see you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot see you unless you first seek me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing; and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love and love you in finding. Amen. (St. Ambrose of Milan, c.339-397)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

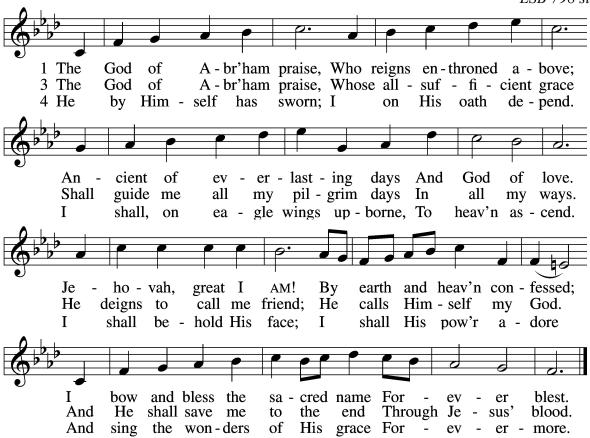
Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LSB 798 sts. 1, 3-4



Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Psalm 124:8

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

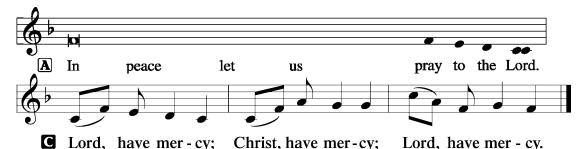
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie *Mark* 10:47; *LSB* 204



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



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; 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.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Solo Psalm

"Lord, Make Me to Know," by William Byrd

Psalm 25:4–5a

Lord, make me to know thy ways, O Lord.
O Lord, teach me thy paths;
lead me in thy truth and teach me,
for thou art the God of my salvation.

Epistle James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

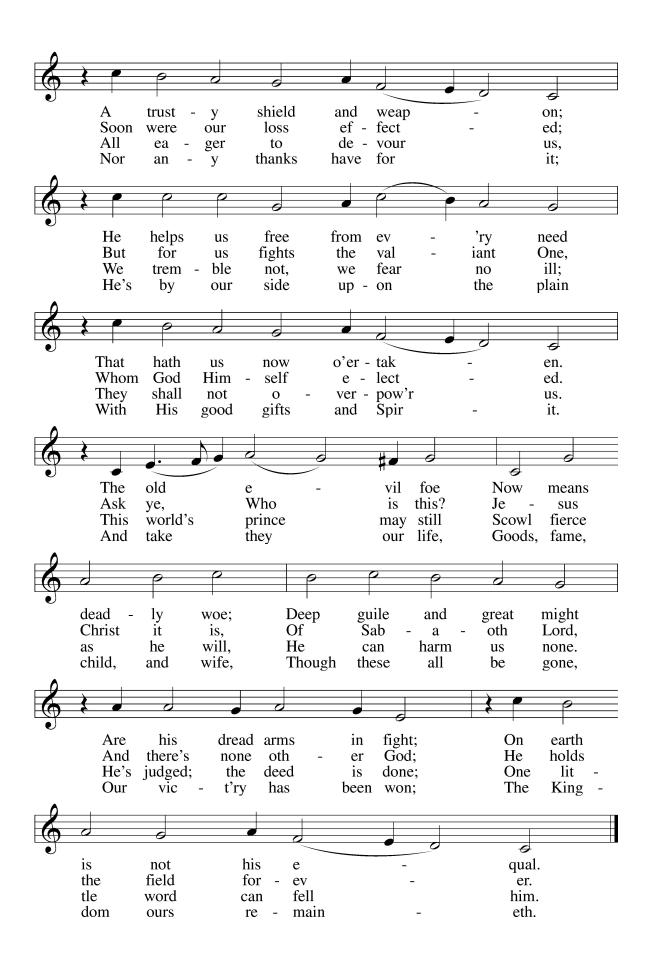
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit Hymn of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656





Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering Omitted

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, baskets have been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Stand

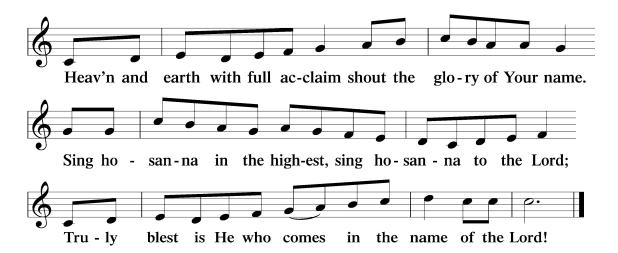
Preface

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2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

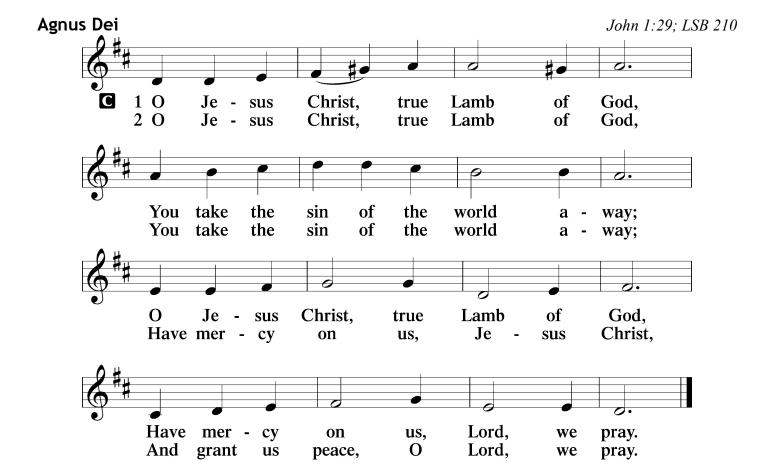
Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Sit





Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211



- **P** Let us pray.
 - O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus [Psalm 103:1]

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you

 and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look when you with fever and Marine you
 - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.





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Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children Age 4 - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 parents may pick up 3 year-olds - K from Room 113; and 1st – 5th graders will be dismissed from Room 114.

Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122.

Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Shaltanis, meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30ish. This study is over the book of Mark.

Adult Instruction Class Forming

New member adult instruction/confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons. If you would like a refresher or know someone who is interested in learning more about Lutheran beliefs, please join us for our first meeting on February 28 at 1:00 pm.

Easter Lilies Sign-Up Starts Today



You may order Easter lilies to adorn the church Easter morning. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and indicate if you would like the lilies "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" particular individuals or ministries. A suggested donation of \$10.00 may be placed in the offering plate with an "Easter Lily" notation. Easter lilies may be taken home following the 10:45 am service on Easter morning.

Running to Lexington

Convention attendees will be proudly wearing the Photo Finish Mission Walk T-shirt (\$12 fee) as they Run the Race (or walk) on Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. You will be walking through downtown Lexington. This will be a wonderful opportunity to be Christ's witness in the Lexington community, get some exercise, and support the LWML mission program. Come walk with us at the 39th Biennial LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Lord of Life wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and can be setup for automatic giving intervals as well as one-time contributions. To set up electronic offering visit the church website at www.planolutheran.com, locate the "Giving" link and follow the instructions. Or search for our mobile giving app, "Give+ Mobile" at the App Store or Google Play. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Tabor at rhondatabor@verizon.net. Thank you!

Portals of Prayer/Lutheran Witness

If you would like to make a donation to cover your cost of the Portals of Prayer and the Lutheran Witness, please place a check for \$20 in the offering plate with the notation "Lutheran Witness".

2021 Flower Chart is in the Narthex - Many Dates Available!

The flower chart consists of monthly pages in a "Flower" binder on a table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the Sundays listed with space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize for each arrangement. A suggested donation of \$40 per Flower arrangement may be made when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a "flowers" notation.

amazonSmile Benefits Lord of Life

When you shop at Amazon, use the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2109773 when you log on and your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$230.00 as a result of AmazonSmile activity between April 1 and September 30, 2020! Thank you!

Tom Thumb A "Good Neighbor" to Lord of Life

If you shop Tom Thumb regularly, complete a Reward Card application (available from the cashier) and link your card to Good Neighbor Code #2775. From then on, your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$60.48 from Tom Thumb purchases between October 1 and December 30, 2020! Thank you!

Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection must be renewed every August (www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards are going. We received \$60.60 from 20 households with Kroger purchases between August 27, 2020 and November 26, 2020! Thank you!

THRIVENT MEMBERS: 2020 Choice Dollars Expire on March 31, 2021

Lord of Life has received thousands of Thrivent Choice Dollars from our Thrivent members over the last few years. These funds, unless directed otherwise, are deposited in our Endowment Fund. The deadline is approaching for directing your 2020 dollars. Once again, there are two ways to direct your dollars to Lord of Life: 1) On-line at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or 2) by phone at 800-847-4836 and say "thrivent choice" at the prompt. These grant dollars are awarded to Thrivent benefit members who can direct them to the church or charity of their choice. At Lord of Life, these dollars will play an important part in the future of our church and its ministries. If questions arise, see Dave Peters.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

"Do not lay your hand on the boy ... the Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:12-14). Don't mothers and fathers experiencing surprise pregnancies have the need—and the right—to hear this plea from God Himself? And what a privilege we have to repeat the holy prohibition and promise! Jesus Christ has stepped into every sinner's place (Mark 1:9, 13), and no other death is necessary or sufficient. His alone will atone for all of our shortcomings.

This week on KFUO.org

Join us for Midweek Lent Worship and Organ Concert on 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. CT, continue studying Ephesians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs at kfuo.org or on your podcast app.

Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

- 1. God loves you! "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 2. You are a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- 3. God punishes sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).
- 4. *Jesus took our punishment*. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (**Rom. 5:8**).
- 5. Jesus rose from the dead. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- 6. Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him. "Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30–31).
- 7. Salvation is free—a gift from God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8–9).



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:
Organist:
Victoria Frinsko
Soloist:
Carol Ozlowski
Altar Guild:
Lynda Abbott, Charis Bennett
Laurie George, Nevelle Vess

Elder: Greg Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Feb. 21, 2021

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (4yrs-5th Gr, Room 113)

Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Class (Room 122)

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary)

10:45 am Late Worship Service

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, February 25

7:00 pm Admin Council (Rescheduled)

Next Sunday's Readings February 28, 2021

Old Testament: Gen. 17:1–7, 15–16

Epistle: Rom. 5:1-11

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by the elders.





About the Cover: As Jesus began His public ministry, He announced that all things were finding fulfillment in Him. Now is the time for repentance and faith, for the Savior is here. As we begin this journey of Lent, this same Jesus encounters us today in His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no better day than today to hear His Word, repent, and believe the Gospel. "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).