

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church
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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

WELCOME TO LAKESIDE We extend a welcome to share our worship service. Offering envelopes may be placed in the offering basket in front of the font. Your donations are appreciated. Please pass and sign the attendance sheet in the pews. We invite you to join coffee and fellowship following the service.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Stand as you are able

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Last verse, stand as you are able.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517
Stand as you are able.

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from

above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

God Loved the World

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World

ELW 323

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW 517

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW 494

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING SONG *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ELW 759

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

BENEDICTION ELW inside back cover
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
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DISMISSAL

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

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Webmaster	Tom Schneiberg
Counters	Bart & Joan Volkmann
Office Administrator	Marsha Bruner
Ministers	All Members

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Monday	3/6	No Yoga
Tuesday	3/7	9am Mission Quilting 7pm AA/Alanon
Wednesday	3/8	9am Bible Study on Lord’s Prayer 10am Lenten Service No Yoga
Thursday	3/9	8am Men’s Breakfast Fellowship @ JoMama’s 9am Women’s Coffee Fellowship @ JoMama’s
Saturday	3/11	Walking Together at Bethany in Rice Lake
Sunday	3/12	9am Sunday School and Confirmation 10am Worship Service

Symbols of the Faith to be Focus of Mid-week Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 10am. The mid-week Lenten services will focus on The Windows at Lakeside in Stained Glass. Ash Wednesday focused on the cross. The five mid-week services focus on the Word, Trinity, Jesus, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion. Plan now to attend these services.

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Saving Time Starts: Clocks are adjusted to spring forward 1 hour.

Commemoration of Patrick, Missionary to Ireland, on March 19. St. Patrick's Day is known for secular celebrations. Come to a service of worship and hear about his lesser known work as missionary to Ireland. Some of his writings will be included, and songs will be sung to Irish tunes. No matter your ethnic background, you can commemorate this missionary to Ireland.

Update on Call Process: The Call Committee has received the name of a candidate. The committee met via Zoom on the 24th to review credentials both on paper and what has been learned from conversations with the candidate so as to create an action plan for a Zoom interview with the candidate, which took place on the 28th. The committee asks for your ongoing patience out of respect for this candidate's current call and cannot/will not respond to "what is the name, male/female, current location, etc." The committee requests prayers for a very positive outcome for a qualified candidate and the Lakeside community. The committee includes: Chair Mick Peterson, Secretary Julie Swan, Ken Dobson, Laurie Lundeen, John LeMay, Jolyne Peterson, Anna Treague.

Plans for Vacation Bible School for the week of June 5 - 9 is being coordinated by our Education Committee. Please contact Committee Chair Kayla Margl-Chastek should you like to volunteer at 715-416-0472 or kaychastek@gmail.com. Registration forms will be available soon.

Wanted: Compensated choir pianist, part-time compensated bookkeeper, volunteer newsletter editor, volunteer event coordinator. Contact office.

Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers: We've been told this since our days in Sunday school: We want to give and we need to give gladly. A spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions. What else does Scripture have to say on the subject? Three kinds of financial giving are mentioned in the Bible: offerings, tithes, and alms. Understanding what they mean helps us achieve a thoughtful, balanced plan for our cheerful giving.

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**Thank you for your participation in and support
of the life and mission of this congregation.**

Earthquakes in Turkey | Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to generous people like you, Lutheran World Relief is delivering aid and support to survivors of the earthquakes in Turkey.

We are bringing our decades of experience responding to humanitarian crises together with the expertise from across our [Corus International](#) family to care for children, women and men devastated by the quakes.

According to the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and recent UN Flash Appeal, more than 9.1 million people have been affected in 11 provinces in Turkey (Türkiye) and more than 47,000 buildings have been destroyed or damaged.

Emergency Response to date

We have deployed members of our Humanitarian Action team to Turkey to support response operations and are coordinating with local organizations, UN agencies and other international humanitarian organizations to ensure aid is delivered effectively, without duplication, and meeting most urgent needs. Our Humanitarian Action conducted rapid needs assessments in affected areas. We airlifted urgently needed supplies including tents, tarps, winter clothing and solar lights. An initial shipment arrived in Turkey on February 20.

We are coordinating with local partners to distribute ready-to-eat food, hot meals, sleeping bags, sleeping mats and warm winter clothes.

We are working to ship [LWR Quilts](#), [Baby Care Kits](#) and [Personal Care Kits](#).

We will expand our response to reach more earthquake survivors as we secure additional funding.

Key Findings from Needs Assessment

Our Humanitarian Action team conducted needs assessments on February 16 in earthquake affected areas of Kilis, Islahiye and Nurdagi. The assessments included focus group discussions, key informant interviews and observations. In all areas, much of the population are sheltering outside in tents in winter temperatures, which often fall below freezing. There is snow on the ground in many areas. The team identified the following as the most pressing needs: Food; Warm bedding and winter clothes, especially large adult-sized clothing for women and men; Lighting for camps to improve safety and protect earthquake survivors, especially women and children; Hygiene kits, especially feminine hygiene products and underwear. Toilets and bathing facilities: There are a limited number of toilets and bathing facilities available. In many areas, it was reported that affected populations living in tents were returning to damaged homes to use bathroom facilities because they were not elsewhere available. Psychosocial first aid and mental health services. Child friendly spaces.

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