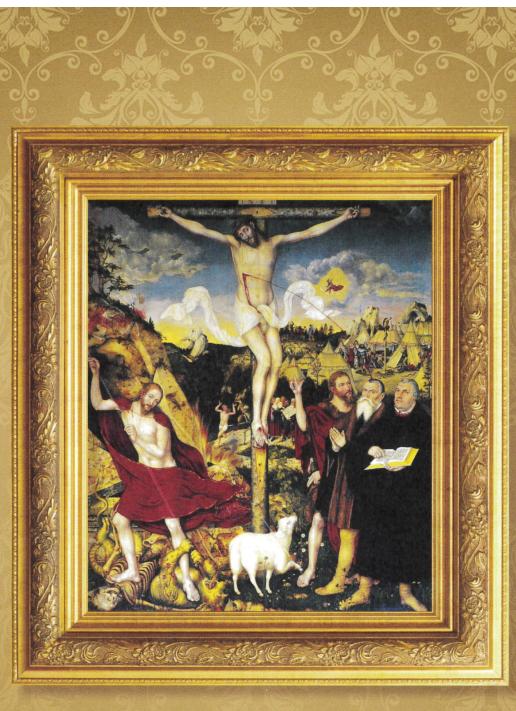
Lord of Life Lutheran Church Plano, Texas



MORE THAN THAT, WE ALSO REJOICE

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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

Come Holy Spirit, You who illuminate our hearts, and allow us to see the glory of Christ. Come to Your Church and help it witness with power and joy about God's love that drove Him to give His only Son so we would be saved. Let the Gospel be preached with power and authority, as joyous as it is, so everyone's eyes will be opened and everyone's hearts will be filled with a longing for your salvation. Let Your light shine in the darkness so we are drawn to the glory that shines forth from Christ's face. Holy Spirit, save us. Amen. (Bo Giertz, 1905-1998 Lutheran Bishop of Sweden)

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. 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." 1 Corinthians 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.

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837



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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

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Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

[Luke 18:13]

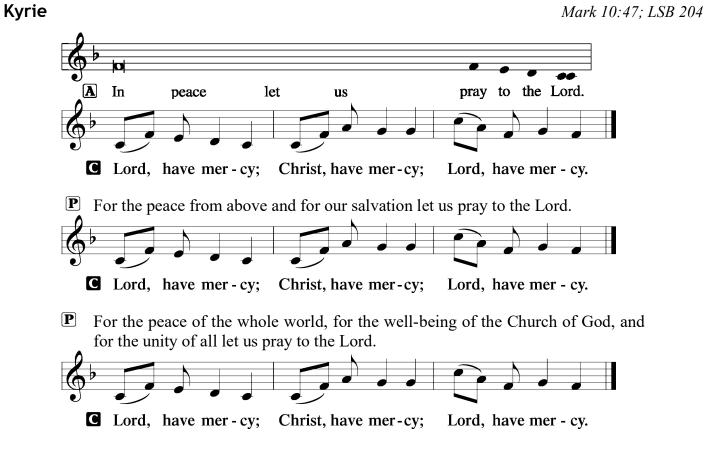
■ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that 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.

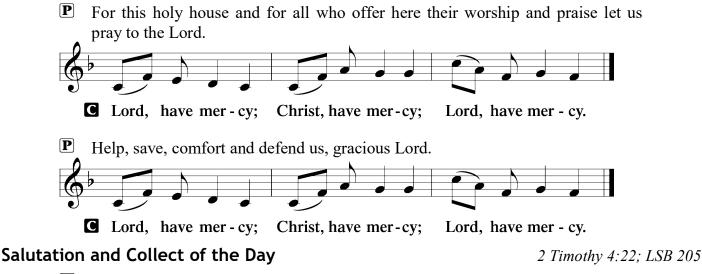
[John 20:19-23]

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+++



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

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

"Make Me To Know Thy Ways, O Lord," arr. by Fred Gramann

Make me to know thy ways, O Lord. Teach me thy paths, Lead me in thy truth, And teach me for thou art the God of my salvation.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

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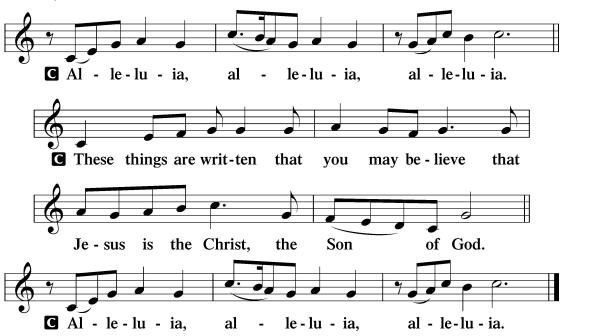
¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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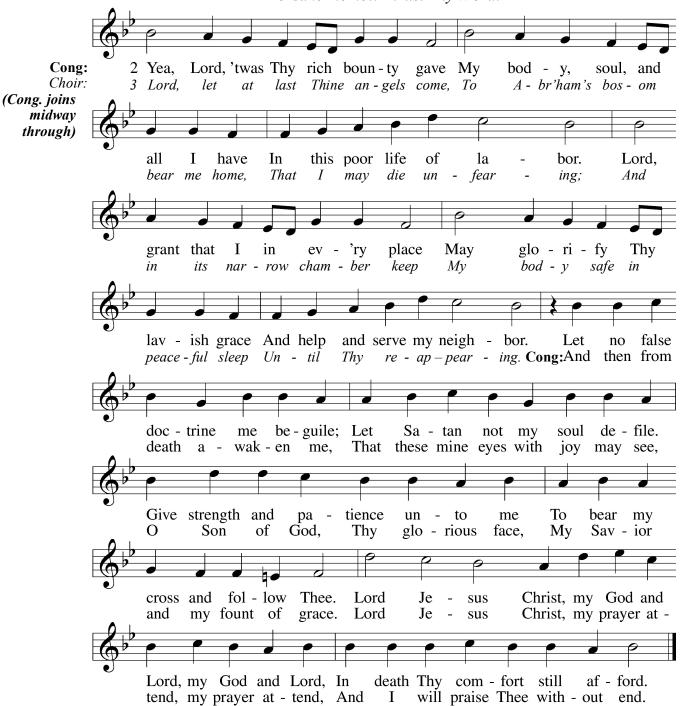
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Choir only: 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.



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.) Stand

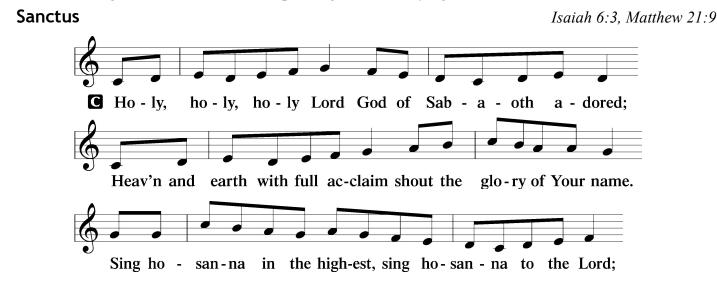


+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208

- **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 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:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

- P 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."

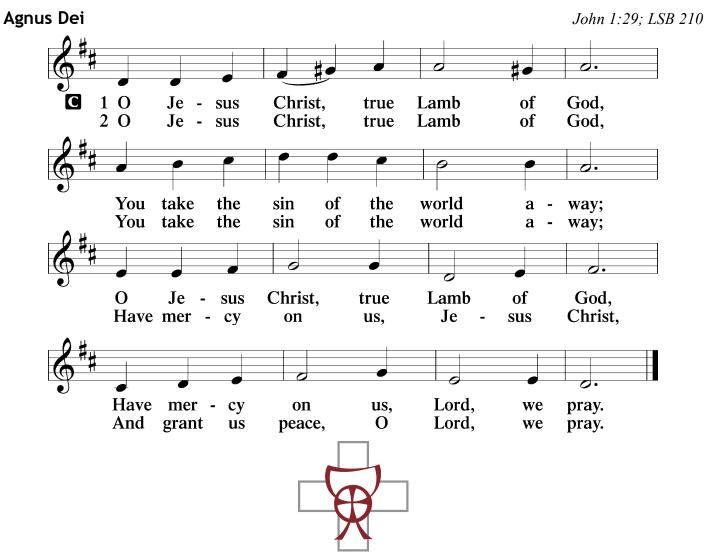
Matthew 6:9–13

LSB 209

Pax Domini

- **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.

Distribution Hymns

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

O Lord, We Praise Thee	LSB 617
All for Christ I Have Forsaken	LSB 753

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

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

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

Numbers 6:24–26

Benediction

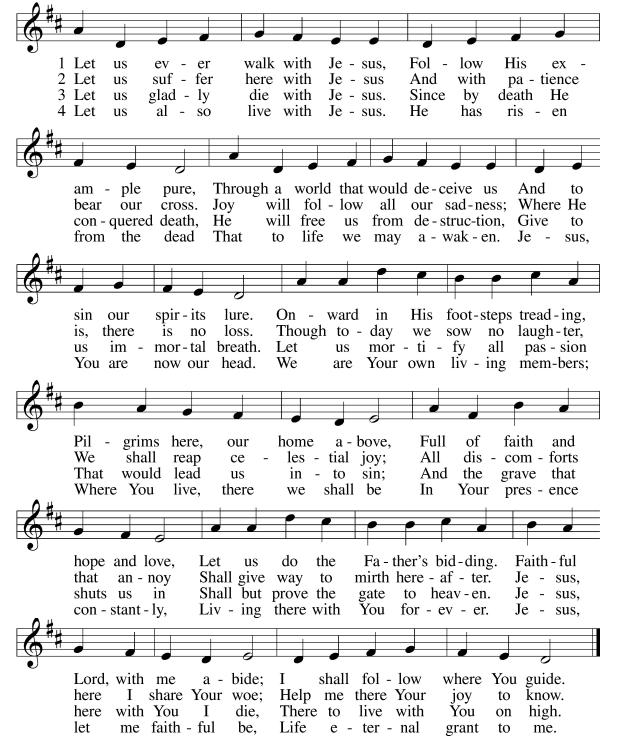
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Closing Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685



C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

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 K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K - 5th graders from Room 113.

Jr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 119 with Scott Peters.

Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet in Room 122 with Catherine Borck for a study on the Psalms.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study, *Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments against Christianity*, in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Karen Lund will finish "The Cross" at 9:30 am in Room 115. They will not meet next Sunday, but will gather again on Sunday 3/10 for a study on the book of Isaiah.

Midweek Lenten Services and Soup Suppers

Midweek Lenten services are Wednesdays at 1 PM and 7 PM. Soup Suppers will begin at 5:45 PM.

Discounted Symphony Tickets

Fri., 3/1 – Sun., 3/3, the Dallas Symphony Chorus & Orchestra performs Franz Schmidt's *The Book with Seven Seals* for the first time ever in Dallas. It is on the book of Revelation and performed in German with English translation projected above the stage. Tickets for Lord of Life are 20% off with fees waived. Call or text Liz Akop at 972-342-4873, Mon. – Fri., 9am - 5pm and say you're a Lord of Life Lutheran member to get the discount. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street, in Dallas.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org

Hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), begin studying Isaiah 40-66 for Lent on Sharper Iron

(weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Deuteronomy 14-17 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/28 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

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Serving Our Worship Today:		
Pastor: Organist: Hand Bells: Altar Guild: Elder: Acolyte: Greeter: Ushers: Sound:	Rev. Joel Shaltanis Danny Kim Haley Moore, Jonelle Peters Susan Knowles, Kathy Hite, Mary Ravitz Tim Ozlowski Emily Scarth, Margaret Duff Stu and Sandy Ehrett, Charis Bennett and Cheryl Tyler John Frinsko, Joel Crumrine Brian Wolf, Nick Moudy	
	rd of Life-Today, Feb. 25, 2024	Next Sunday's Readings March 3, 2024
8:00 am 9:30 am	n Children's Sunday School (K-5th Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Special Needs Class (Library) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115) Late Worship Service r, February 28 n Worship Service n Soup Supper n Worship Service n Adult Choir rch 1 n Comfort Makers March 2	Old Testament: Ex. 20:1–17 Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18–31 Gospel: John 2:13–22 (23–25)
10:45 am Wednesday, Februa 1:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 pm		The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of
Friday, March 1 9:00 am Saturday, March 2 7:30 am		God by the elders.



About the Cover: Everything about the Weimar altarpiece centers on Jesus: angels announcing the Savior to shepherds, the bronze serpent uplifted in the wilderness, and John the Baptist pointing to the Lamb and the cross. As Moses holds up the Law to a man chased by death and the devil toward hell, the man looks up to Christ for mercy. Indeed, the resurrected Christ defeats death and the devil. Trusting in the Word, which Luther holds in his hands, we, like Cranach the Elder standing next to Luther, are purified by the blood of Christ.