

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Divine Setting Two (LSB 167-183)**  
**March 14, 2021**

**As We Gather:** Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God’s daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God’s workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus. **TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY!**

**Voluntary:** “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”  
(Lenten hymn LSB 429) Setting by Dale Stanton

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**Hymn of Invocation:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” **LSB 426**



1	When	I	sur - vey	the	won - drous	cross	On	which	the	
2	For - bid	it,	Lord,	that	I	should	boast	Save	in	the
3	See,	from	His	head,	His	hands,	His	feet	Sor - row	and
4	Were	the	whole	realm	of	na - ture	mine,	That	were	a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your**

**will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Introit**

*Ps. 27:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1*

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**C though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**C he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

## **Kyrie**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Numbers 21:4–9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 107:1–9*

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**C for his steadfast love endures forever!**

P Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**C whom he has redeemed from trouble**

P and gathered in from the lands,

**C from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

P Some wandered in desert wastes,

**C finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

P hungry and thirsty,

**C their soul fainted within them.**

P Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

**C and he delivered them from their distress.**

P He led them by a straight way

**C till they reached a city to dwell in.**

P Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

**C for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

P For he satisfies the longing soul,

**C and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Epistle**

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the

immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Verse for Lent



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*John 3:14–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

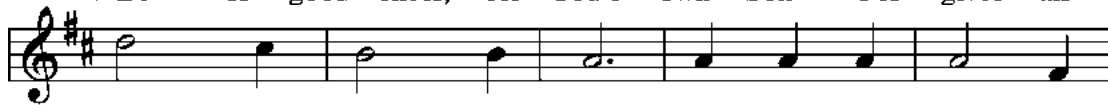
**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day: “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by





Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart  
can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

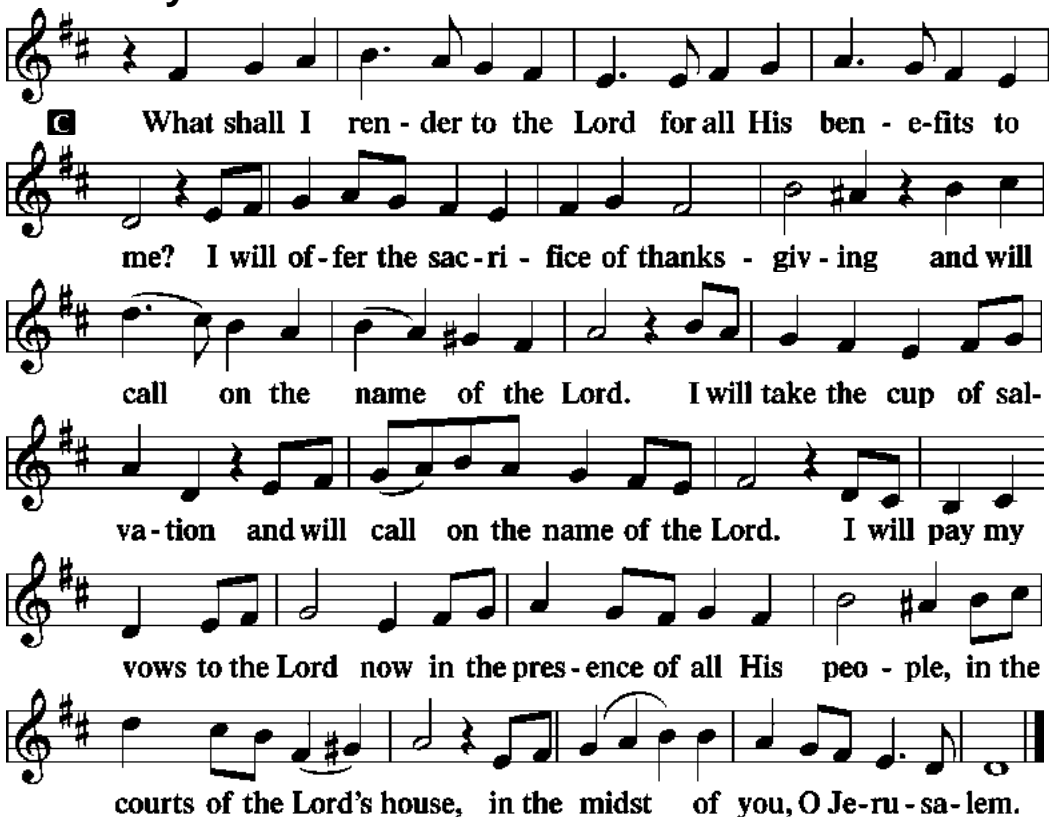
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Those we remember in our Prayers:* Louis & Eyvonne, Georgia, Beth, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, George, Wendy Jo, Andrea, Dennis, Connie and Janine.

## Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**Holy Communion:** We, the members of this church believe that in, with and under the bread and wine we receive the very body and blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our

sins, and the strengthening of our faith. Since it is the Lord's Supper, all those who have been baptized, taught, and call Him Lord are invited to His table, considering the warning given us in scripture by His servant Paul:

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself.”

*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

## **Preface**

**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.**

## **Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

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."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

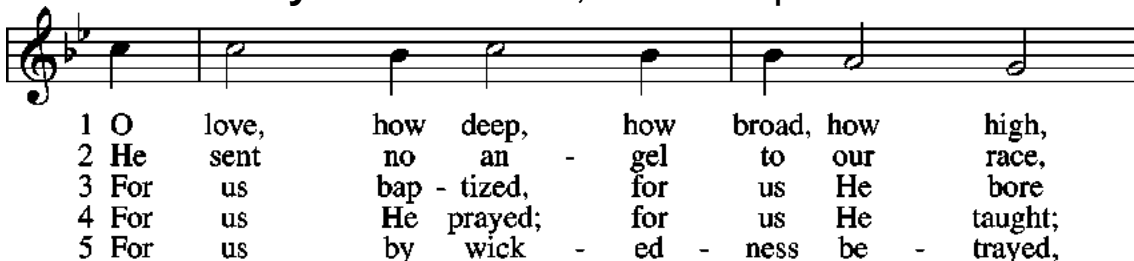


**■** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

Distribution Hymns: "O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an-gel to our race,  
3 For us bap-tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
5 For us by wick-ed-ness be-trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
He bore the shame - ful cross and death:



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

- 6 For us He rose from death again; for us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

### “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

## Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis



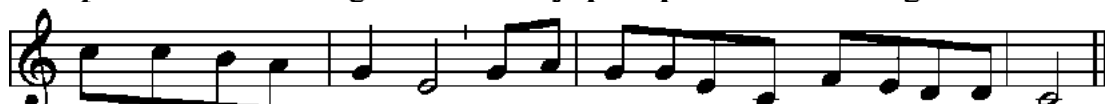
Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;





as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### 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.

C Amen.

### Closing Hymn: "There Is a Redeemer"

LSB 971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev-er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,  
 And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

**Sending:**

P Let's Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

***Soli Deo Gloria!***



**News & Notes**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO OBSERVE OSLC'S SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS.** These include moving through the Narthex both at the beginning and end of Worship. Do not linger. Also follow the ushers' request as to seating. Wearing masks is encouraged but not required. Let's keep healthy...

**LENTEN SERVICES** continue on Wednesdays @ 11:00am.

**LWML:** the next meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am.

**EASTER LILIES:** Sign-up sheet is on the board in the Narthex.

Cost is \$6.00. The Deadline is Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CHURCH CLEAN UP** Please reserve March 27th for cleaning up the Church grounds for Easter Sunday. We will be meeting at 10am. Remember, many hands make light work.

**MOWING TEAM** The mowing team sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you don't have anyone to team up with, the trustees will try to match you up with another member. If you are not able to help out with the mowing physically, you are welcome to help out financially. If you want to pay by check, be sure to make a "Mowing" notation in the memo field of your check. Each mowing by the contractor is \$150. The amount given can be anything you wish to donate.

Thanks,  
Craig Siemsen, OSLC Trustee

**Attendance Last Week: 35**

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LORD'S WORK  
AT OUR SAVIOR FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelope \$2,100.00, Plate \$15.00, ETF \$180.00, Lent \$150.00,  
Mowing \$200.00,  
Total \$2,645.00

**Devotions this week:** keep your bulletin from today and read and then pray as the Lord moves you. Monday: The Old Testament (or 1st reading), Tuesday: The Psalm, Wednesday: The Epistle (or Second Reading), Thursday: The Gospel Reading, Friday: The Prayer of the Day, and Saturday: The lessons for the coming Sunday, The Fifth Sunday in Lent; Jer. 31:31-34, Ps. 119:9-16, Heb. 5:1-10, Mark 10(32-34) 35-45.

## DAILY LECTIONARY

This outline is a devotional reading plan that covers the entire Sacred Scriptures each year. The selections are based on ancient models and are generally in harmony with the liturgical church year. The average reading is three chapters daily. A seasonal canticle is assigned for each month and is scheduled to replace the psalm on the first and last days of the month. All of the psalms are read twice a year.

- March 14** Gen. 41:28-57, Mark 11:20-33  
**March 15** Gen. 42:1-34. 38, Mark 12:1-12  
**March 16** Gen. 43: 1-28, Mark 12:13-27  
**March 17** Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44  
**March 18** Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28, Mark 13:1-23  
**March 19** Gen. 47:1-31, 48:1-49:28, Mark 13:24-37  
**March 20** Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26, Mark 14:1-11

## Those in His Service

**Elder on Call:** Don Baldus  
**Trustee on Call:** Scott Siemsen  
**Ushers:** Al & Janie Christ  
**Lector:** Larry Smith



## **FULFILLING OUR MISSION, here is Our CONGREGATIONAL ACTION PLAN...**

*Guided by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we will respond:*

- **Spiritually**, by our study of Scripture and prayer as we participate in the work of the Lord.
- **Inwardly**, by inviting all our members to be faithful in worship.
- **Outwardly**, by sharing Christ with those who don't know the LORD and His mission or our Congregation.
- **Sacrificially**, by giving not only of our treasure, but also our time and talent, so that His light shines through us to draw His People to Him.