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The Second Sunday in Lent

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LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1074 N Fairfield Rd, Layton, UT 84041

Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am; Mondays at 7 pm

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Welcome

The gift of God comes by faith to all nations – not by a holy life, not by our acts of obedience, but simple trust in God. Abraham was called by God to faith in him, and so God credited it to him as righteousness. Christ gives righteousness to all who believe and enfolds sinful people like us into the family of God as he calls us to faith in him.

Visitors

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! Please fill out a guest card located underneath the second and fourth chair in front of you. You can place them in the offering plate as it goes by or hand it to an usher as you leave today. If there is any way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

Information

Restrooms are located on your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Hall** is located to the left of the sanctuary.

A **Playroom & Nursery** are available for small children, located to your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary, near the entrance to the Ladies' Restroom.

Children's Bulletins and crayons are available on the table to the left of the front door.

Prayer Requests can be made by filling out the prayer request book as you enter church or by speaking with the pastor.

Serving in Worship

Music: Gail Vander Wal

Ushers: Andy Hartmann & Gavin Kidd

Greeters: Gomez Family

Acolyte: Breann Davis

Lay Reader: Andy Hartmann

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Klein



Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Order of Worship

*In our worship, God comes to us in his Word and his Sacraments, and we respond with our praise and thanksgiving to him. All are welcome to participate as indicated. The parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by everyone in the congregation.*

Opening Hymn: CW 106 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

STAND

M: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord (†) Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution of Sins

In the confession of sins, we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution gives and assures us that we are forgiven by the substitutionary life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

M: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: We confess to you our private sins.

Silent reflection of personal sins.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

M: The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer and Praise

Because we have been forgiven all of our sins, we thank God in song for saving us from eternal damnation in hell using words from Psalm 31.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

The Word of God

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Bible Reading: Genesis 12:1-8

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared

to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Second Bible Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.

⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

STAND

The Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

Children's Message

The children are invited up to the front of church for a message from the pastor.

Hymn of the Day: CWS 714 *The Lamb*



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

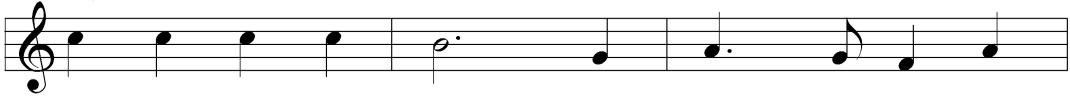


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
our be - half the law to fill.
gives me his own right - eous - ness.
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

Sermon

The sermon, for the most part, is a one-sided conversation from the pastor meant to apply God's Word to your life. In order to help with this application, consider these questions during or after the sermon.

- 1) How has God called you?
- 2) How have you answered God?
- 3) How are you answering his call to you right now?

STAND



Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth.

M: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

BE SEATED

Thank Offering to God

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God. Prompted by the forgiveness of sins given to us through our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we give of our time, talents, and treasures, which also support the Gospel ministry done at Light of the Valley. One way you can do so is to "Give By Text" by texting to 833-946-1361 the amount you wish to donate, using the \$ before the amount; then follow the instructions in the reply text. If you would like help in establishing electronic giving, please reach out to our Financial Secretary, Ben Heidfeld (435-740-0643; finsec@lotvlayton.org).

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises. You can request prayers by filling out the prayer request sheet as you come into church or by speaking to Pastor Klein.

M: In this season of repentance and healing we accept God's call to be mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of those in God's Church and world.

Each petition concludes with these words:

M: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

M: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

M: And we pray the prayer that you have taught us...

**All: 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.

Blessing

As we close our worship service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: CW 391 *God Loved the World So that He Gave*

Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to leave the chapel when you wish and join us in the fellowship hall for some refreshments. Have a blessed week!

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Announcements

Adult Bible Study: Malachi

The last book of the Old Testament is *Malachi*. After it was written, there were no more books of the Bible written for 400 years until Jesus came. What message did God leave with his people? Come and learn that message at the adult Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Bible Information Class

The Bible Information Class (BIC) continues Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. This class presents what the Bible teaches, and thus what Light of the Valley Lutheran Church teaches. This class is a prerequisite for membership here and is a good refresher course for everyone to grow and deepen their faith. All materials and babysitting are provided. If interested, please speak with Pastor Klein. He would love to have you attend.

March Calendar

The March calendar is available on the information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. You can also download it on our church website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the calendar tab.

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

For each of the midweek Lenten worship services from March 4 to April 1, we will have a potluck of soups and sandwiches. Consider bringing a soup or sandwich fixings by 5:45 pm on these Wednesdays for a meal prior to our Lenten Vespers (evening worship). Sign up on the bulletin board between the restrooms.

Monday Night Worship

If you can't make Sunday morning worship, come Monday night at 7:00 pm. It's the same Bible readings and sermon as Sunday but with Holy Communion offered every week. These Monday night worship opportunities will continue through Lent.

New Meditations Daily Devotions

The latest edition of our daily devotional booklet *Meditations* is here and is on the member information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. Help yourself to a copy and maybe another to share with a friend.

Arts & Crafts

You are invited to join in for an afternoon of art and craft projects and fellowship on Tuesday, March 17 starting at 1:00 pm. Contact Brenda Kidd (sahrow@yahoo.com; 801-663-0015) to RSVP and find out about upcoming projects.

Lutheran Pioneers Meeting

All youth in grades K-12 are invited to attend the monthly Pioneer meeting on March 14 at 10:00 am. We will be working on fire safety and fire building. Pioneer meetings will be held every second Saturday at 10:00 am. Contact Allan Emery with any questions (801-645-5488; aemeryx2@gmail.com).

Men's Group

The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 5:00 pm to continue a study titled "The Challenge of Islam". All men are invited to bring their favorite side dish and enjoy this fellowship opportunity. Contact Eric Meinzen with any questions (ericmeinzen@gmail.com; 801-499-6950).

Special Needs Worship Service

Our first special needs worship service had 17 people attend, 4 of them with special needs. If you know someone with special needs, invite them to our next special needs worship service that will be on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 am. Contact Harry Short (801-828-7027; outreach@lotvlayton.org) for details.

February Edition of *Forward In Christ*

Forward in Christ is a magazine produced by our national church body. It contains articles such as a Q & A section, features on teachings from the Bible, personal stories from fellow WELS members, updates on various WELS congregations, and stories from WELS teenagers or college students. Copies of *Forward in Christ* are available on the information table by the bulletin board. Pick up this month's edition today!

Live Streaming Worship

Live streaming worship is now available for Sunday and Wednesday worship services. If you are unable to make it to church, you can worship with us live on our Youtube channel (youtube.com/lotvlayton) or our Facebook page (facebook.com/lotvlayton).

Lutheran Recovery Group

Anyone is invited to come Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm for our Lutheran recovery support group here at Light of the Valley to strengthen each other through God's Word and to encourage one another in fighting addictions. Contact Faith York (920-691-2332; gizmo619@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

Simply Giving (Electronic Offerings / E-giving)

Always forgetting your offering at home? Don't carry cash? Consider using our electronic giving program through the "GivePlus" app from Vanco. Download it from the app store and begin using it immediately. If you have any questions, ask Ben Heidfeld (435-740-0643; finsec@lotvlayton.org), our church's Financial Secretary.

Scrip: Shopping that Donates to Church

Scrip is a fundraising program where you buy physical or digital gift cards for retailers at normal price and a percentage of the purchase comes back to our church. Check out our Scrip program at shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment code is L8FE4CFB36565. Allan Emery (aemeryx2@gmail.com; 801-645-5488) coordinates our Scrip account and can help you with ordering or answer any other questions you may have about Scrip.

This Week at LOTV

Sunday, March 8	9:15 am	Adult, Teen, & Kids' Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:45 am	March Birthday Celebration w/ Cake
	12:00 pm	Council Meeting
	3:00 pm	Worship at Rocky Mountain Care
	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
Monday, March 9	7:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 10	10:00 am	Homeschool Art Class
	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Wednesday, March 11	5:45 pm	Soup & Sandwich Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers (Evening Worship)
	7:45 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, March 12	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday, March 14	10:00 am	Lutheran Pioneers' Meeting
Sunday, March 15	9:15 am	Adult, Teen, & Kids' Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class

The Great Multitude Challenge



The Apostle John wrote ... I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9-10)

Every time we gather for worship, we are encouraged and built up as we get a small preview of the great multitude of believers in heaven that John saw. We gather around the Lamb and are cleansed by his forgiveness and filled with his holiness which makes us heaven-bound. Because of this wonderful truth, the LOTV Elders and Pastor Klein are challenging everyone to make gathering around God and his Word a top priority for the Lenten season, from **Wednesday, February 26 to Easter Sunday, April 12**. Come to be filled with God's holiness through his Word!

Lutheran Worship: What is Lent?



Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. It began as a short time of preparation for Easter through self-denial. In time, it expanded to be 40 days long. For most Christians, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (Sundays are excluded as "mini-Easters" to preserve the number 40).

Lent not only emphasized repentance and self-denial according to the Ten Commandments, but it was also used as a time to instruct and prepare people for becoming members of the Christian Church. At the time of the Lutheran Reformation, some Christians wanted to eliminate Lent since God didn't command it in the Bible. Luther urged that it be kept, for he saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. Luther thought that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary. So we also retain Lent to this day because we see it as a beneficial outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal.

One of the main ways we observe Lent is through midweek worship services. For these services, Pastor Webber from Hope in West Jordan; Pastor Peil and Pastor Micheel from Prince of Peace in Taylorsville; and Pastor Heiderich from Good News in Lehi, will alternate preaching a sermon series entitled, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Before each 7:00 pm midweek evening worship service (vespers) here at Light of the Valley, there will also be a soup and sandwich potluck supper starting at 5:45 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a soup or sandwiches to share for each of these suppers.

May God strengthen your faith this Lent through these extra worship opportunities.

Wednesday, March 11	7:00 pm	Hidden Warrior
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 pm	Skirmishes
Wednesday, March 25	7:00 pm	Reconnaissance Report
Wednesday, April 1	7:00 pm	The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally