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## **The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 15, 2020

# 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

We come today to worship the Lord. Why? Because he made us and everything around us. Because he went into battle for us to give us his righteousness. Because he gave his life to pay for our sins and so has declared us "not guilty" through our faith in him. Because he has given us an eternal hope that we will live in heaven with him. We worship the Lord because he exclusively is our living water that quenches our spiritual thirst.

## 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:** Steve Vander Wal, Eric Meinzen, Harry Short, & Gary Turck

**Greeters:** Allan & Alicia Emery

**Acolyte:** Nicholas Goble

**Lay Reader:** Gavin Kidd

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jon Klein



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*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 339 *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

*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: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, 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. It is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings, but God's Word that has called us to faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.*

### First Bible Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup> The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the

Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

## **Second Bible Reading:** Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*STAND*

## **The Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the

Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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## Children's Message

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

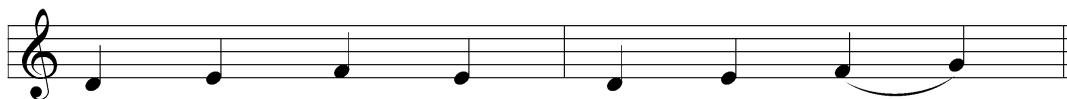
## Hymn of the Day: CWS 714 *The Lamb*



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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

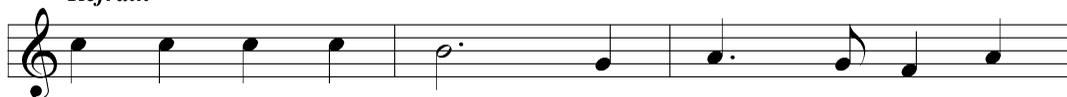


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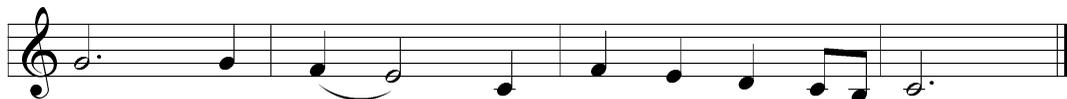


will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
our be - half the law to fill.  
gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



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

**The Sermon Bible Reading: Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.' <sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.' "

## 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 have I been invited to worship the LORD?
- 2) After listening to David, how will my invitation to others to worship the LORD change?

STAND



## Confession of Faith: Nicene 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: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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](mailto:finsec@lotvlayton.org)).*

*STAND*



## **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.**

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

*The words we sing are taken from John 1:29. Believers come as spiritual beggars and cry out to Christ, the Lamb of God, to have mercy on us and to take away our sin.*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

### Distribution



*On the basis of what God's Word says, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that only confirmed members of Light of the Valley and of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod partake of Holy Communion. We encourage those who would like to receive Holy Communion with us to speak with the Pastor before doing so.*

### Distribution Hymn: *Take and Eat*

*As the Lord's Supper is being distributed, you are invited to sing with the refrain of "Take and Eat."*

*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,

this is my blood giv - en up for you. *(.) Last time*

STAND

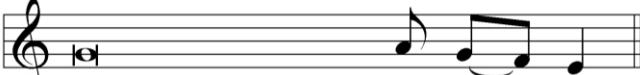
## Song of Simeon

*The words of this song as based on Simon's praises when he saw his Savior, Jesus Christ (Luke 2:29-32).*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: **And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## 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 460 *How Can I Thank You, Lord*

*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.

## **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](mailto:sahrow@yahoo.com); 801-663-0015) to RSVP and find out about upcoming projects.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:outreach@lotvlayton.org)) for details.

## **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](https://youtube.com/lotvlayton)) or our Facebook page ([facebook.com/lotvlayton](https://facebook.com/lotvlayton)).

## **March 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!

## **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](mailto:gizmo619@sbcglobal.net)) with any questions.

## **Good Friday Invitations**

So many of you have invited and continue to invite the people you know to come and hear God's Word and his life-changing message of forgiveness and righteousness lived for us. We have extra Good Friday postcards to help make that invitation be a little easier. You can find them on the table in the entryway by the guest register. You can hand deliver it or mail it with one regular stamp. You can display it at home or maybe at work. Use the postcard however you see fit to invite someone to come worship with us on Good Friday or any time to guide them on Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. God bless you as you shine God's Light as the Light of the Valley.

## **Saturday Easter Vigil at Hope**

A special worship service will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church (2930 9000 S in West Jordan) focusing on the light of salvation through Christ's resurrection and our own baptismal connection to Christ's death and resurrection. All are invited and welcome to attend.

## **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](http://shopwithscrip.com). Our enrollment code is L8FE4CFB36565. Allan Emery ([aemeryx2@gmail.com](mailto: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 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
Monday, March 16	7:00 pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 17	10:00 am	Homeschool Art Class
	1:00 pm	Arts & Crafts
	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Wednesday, March 18	5:45 pm	Soup & Sandwich Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers (Evening Worship)
	7:45 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, March 19	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday, March 21	11:00 am	Special Needs Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Men's Group
Sunday, March 22	9:15 am	Adult, Teen, & Kids' Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship
	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.

<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Skirmishes</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Reconnaissance Report</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally</b>