

A wooden cross is the central focus of the image. It consists of two weathered wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, set against a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame. A white rectangular box with rounded corners is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a quote in a dark blue serif font. The background of the entire image is a light, hazy sky.

“In all  
these things  
we are  
more than  
conquerors  
through  
Him who  
loved us.”

*Romans 8:37*



**OUR REDEEMER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## “Victors through the Power and Promise of Jesus Christ!”

February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11:00 am

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### Welcome to Our Redeemer . . .

Whenever we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask the Lord “to deliver us from evil.” Certainly we live in a world which is growing more and more evil by the day. Still, we are not overwhelmed by what we see happening. Our peace, our encouragement, our confidence, and our victory all come from the Lord and his gracious promise. It is through him alone we can remain steadfast and firm. It is also through him we can serve faithfully and confidently.

### For Parents with Small Children

There is children’s service folder in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up if needed. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall along with a television monitor to watch the service. Please go left from the church and walk to the double doors.

## The Order of Worship

### Pre-Service Music and Welcome

#### Opening Hymn

“ All People that on Earth Do Dwell”  
*Christian Worship 233*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear; his praise forth-tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk; he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord, our God, is good;  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.

*The congregation will rise*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

### **Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **We Acknowledge Our Sinfulness**

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your  
wrath. For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come  
down upon me.

**C: Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my  
bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has  
overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.**

P: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your  
faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into  
judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me  
quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for

I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you  
I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

***Congregation responds***

*(the response will be played once, the congregation will  
join to sing the second time it is played)*



I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I  
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God. Lord, have mer-cy.

P: All my longings lie open before you, O LORD; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O LORD, my Savior.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Have mercy and forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

***Congregation responds***



I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I  
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God. Lord, have mer-cy.

### **We Rejoice in our Forgiveness**

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. In his great mercy God has made us alive even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Hear the gracious assurance of Christ our Savior through a servant of his Gospel: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### *Congregation responds*

I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I  
cried a-loud to the Lord, my God. You had mer-cy.

### **Prayer for the Day**

P: O gracious Lord, we live in turbulent and troubling times. The devil is getting bolder. Evil is becoming more prevalent. Our hearts are weighed down with ever-increasing burdens. How blessed we are that even in these uncertain times you give us certainty. You offer victory to overcome the devil. You provide strength to endure every temptation. You give peace to reassure us through your precious promises. Teach us to depend on the never-failing help and gracious gifts you provide. Then, lead us safely to the place you have prepared for us in heaven. There we will live with you, praise you, and rejoice in your undeserved love—the love you have given as Father, Son, and Spirit, and the love by which we can serve, live, and gain the final victory of life in heaven.

**C: A ——— men.**

## The Lessons from God's Word

*"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God!"*

### **Old Testament**

*Genesis 22:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I am here."

<sup>2</sup>God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you."

<sup>3</sup>Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

<sup>5</sup>Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together.

<sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?"

He said, "I am here, my son."

He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup>The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

Abraham said, "I am here."

<sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

<sup>14</sup>Abraham called the name of that place “The LORD Will Provide.” So it is said to this day, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

### Psalm for the Day

*Psalm 25*

#### *Refrain*



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

#### *Psalm tone*



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul; \*  
in you I trust, | O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mer- | cy and love, \*  
for they are | from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my re- | bellious ways. \*  
according to your love remember me, for you are |  
good, O LORD.

#### *Refrain*

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, \*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.



Look upon my affliction and | my distress, \*  
and take away | all my sins.

Guard my life and | rescue me, \*  
for I take re- | fuge in you.

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



### **Epistle**

*Romans 8:31–39*

<sup>31</sup>What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

<sup>33</sup>Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup>Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup>What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces,



<sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Theme for the Day

P: Turn toward me and be gracious to me, because I am lonely and afflicted. The distress of my heart increases. Bring me out of my anguish. See my affliction and my trouble, and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me. Do not let me be put to shame, for I have taken refuge in you.

### Congregation responds

“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”  
*Christian Worship 446 st. 1, 5-6*

I am trusting you, Lord, Jesus, trusting only you,  
Trusting you for full salvation, free and true.

I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever and for all.

### Gospel

*Mark 1:12–15*

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him.

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

P: This is the Word of our God—our joy, our delight, our confidence, and our strength.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Hymn of the Day**

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”  
*Christian Worship 444*

If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in him,  
He'll give you strength and stand beside you  
When days are dreary, dark, and dim,  
For those who trust his changeless love  
Build on the rock that does not move.

How can these anxious worries aid you,  
There never ceasing moans and sighs?  
Will not his wings of mercy shade you  
Whenever troubled times arise?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await his leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content;  
Then take whate'er your Father's pleasure  
And his discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not; your inmost wants are known  
To him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
Perform your duties faithfully,  
And trust his Word; through undeserving,  
You'll find his promise true to be.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted him indeed.

**Sermon**

*Romans 8:35-39*

**“More Than Conquerors through Him who Loved Us!”**

**The Confession of Faith**

*(we unite in the words of the Apostles' Creed)*

**C: 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. *Amens.***

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks!

### **Prayer for the Church**

*Special Prayers and Requests*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(the congregation will join with the worship leader)*

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

“If God Himself Be for Me”  
*Christian Worship 419 st. 1-4*

If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me my foes confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?

This I believe, yea rather, of this I make my boast,  
That God is my dear Father, my friend who loves me most.  
And that, whate'er betide me, my Savior is at hand  
Through stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.

I build on this foundation: that Jesus and his blood  
Alone are my salvation, my true, eternal good.  
Without him all that pleases is valueless one earth;  
The gifts I have from Jesus alone have priceless worth.

He canceled my offenses, delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses my soul from sin through faith.  
In him I can be cheerful, courageous on my way;  
In him I am not fearful of God's great Judgment Day.

**Closing Psalm and Prayer**

P: My soul rests quietly in God alone. My salvation is from him.

**C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed.**

P: My soul, rest quietly in God alone, for my hope comes from him.

**C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed.**

P: My salvation and my honor depend on God, my strong rock.

**C: My refuge is in God.**

P: Trust in him at all times, you people. Pour out your hearts before him.

### C: God is a refuge for us.

P: O gracious Lord, you are our refuge, our strength, and our ever-present Help in trouble. Remind us daily that because of your complete victory, we too will be victorious over every enemy. Continue to strengthen us. Continue to encourage us. Continue to renew and reassure us. Provide every needed blessing so we can confidently make our way through this life to life in heaven. There we will praise you as the God of our rescue, and the God of our protection and strength.



C: A ——— men.

### The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and  
give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A ——— men.

### Closing Hymn

“If God Himself Be for Me”  
*Christian Worship 419 st. 5-7*

No sin can now condemn me or set my hope aside.  
Now hell no more can claim me; its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me; no guilt destroys my peace,  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me and shields me with his grace.

No danger, thirst, or hunger, no pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant’s anger shall ever vanquish me.

Though earth should break asunder, you are my Savior true;  
No fire or sword or thunder shall sever me from you.

My heart for joy is springing and can no more be sad,  
'Tis full of joy and singing, sees only sunshine glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit makes me rejoice and sing.

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Today**—*Welcome in name of our gracious and loving God!* May the victory secured by Jesus over sin, death, and the devil, provide the needed strength to live a life of complete confidence and devotion to the Lord. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card, and visit again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a cup of coffee, and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- While Pastor Proeber is in Arizona, please note the emergency contact information on the next page.

**Monday**—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm

**Tuesday**—Pastor Proeber will return in the afternoon.

**Wednesday**—**Mid-week Lenten Worship and Streaming at 7:00 pm.** Through the work of our Savior the pain of sin is replaced by the certainty of eternal joy.

**Friday**—Office hours from 10:00—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning: Scheffler

- Mowing beginning February 18<sup>th</sup>—Todd

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**—**Sunday Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am.** The Book of Job teaches us how we can respond to the catastrophes which come into our life—“the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. May the name of the Lord be blessed!” This attitude can only come through an abiding faith in the Lord and in his unfailing promises.

- Christian Education will follow the service, and will turn our attention to Peter and the harsh accusation Jesus brought against him. It is one we also deserve because of our faulty and self-centered thinking.

- Fellowship with Pizza and a Movie at 5:30 pm. The movie will be on “John Wycliffe.” He not only translated the Bible into the English language, he also undertook many of the reforms Luther did.

### Meditations

The latest copy of the daily devotional booklet may be picked up from the basket on the table. Also, there are extra copies in the mail box by the office door. There are sufficient copies to share with a friend, a neighbor, or a family member.

### Thank You

To Al Todd for serving as our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video of the live-stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in joyful thanks for all his blessings.

### A Special Thank You

We give thanks to the Lord for the service of Pastor Steve Degner this morning. We pray the Lord would continue to bless him and Susan with good health, as well as with every blessing of his rich grace.

### Emergency Contact Information

While Pastor is away you may call Pastor Mike Foley of Star of Bethlehem (714.474.7023). You may also call Pastor Doug Found (805.490.0146). You may also call one of the Elders—Greg Grunewald or Josh Schueler. Pastor Proeber can be reached via his cell phone.



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