

The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday: the ancient foe warred on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. *But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected...he holds the field forever* (Hymn of the Day).

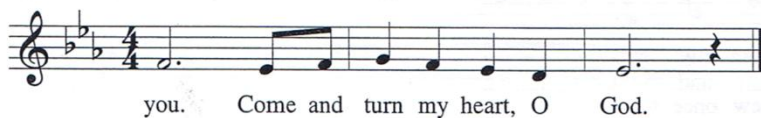
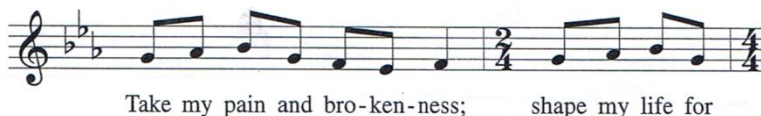
Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Gathering Rite Turn My Heart, O God & Divine Service II
(page 30 and following in *Christian Worship Supplement*)

TURN MY HEART, O GOD

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Verse response (3 times)



* If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.

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Choir: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain

Choir: Have mercy, gracious God, forgive my selfish ways.

Congregation: Verse Response

**Morrison Zion
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Choir: O wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Choir: I know my failings well, they prey upon my mind.

Refrain

Choir: I turned my face from you to seek out evil paths.

Choir: Your punishment is just, your sentence fair and right.

Choir: You see me as I am: a sinner from my birth.

Refrain

Choir: Great Lover of all truth, teach wisdom to my heart.

Choir: O purge me, make me clean, and wash me new once more.

Choir: Let songs of joy ring out from crushed and silent bones.

Refrain

Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean and righteous heart.

Choir: Do not abandon me, but keep me close to you.

Choir: Give back to me the joy of walking in your way.

Refrain

Choir: Then I shall teach your path to bring the wayward home.

Choir: Deliver me from death that I might sing your praise.

Choir: Accept my gift to you: a broken, contrite heart.

Refrain

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace all our days and serve him in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

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THE WORD

Salutation

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the sacrament section of the service

M: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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

Grades 5-8 (10:30 a.m. Sunday)

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

First Lesson:

Genesis 3:1-15

God had placed Adam into a perfect world and called on him to worship the Lord his God and serve him only. But Adam did not. He worshipped himself and ate the forbidden fruit, and so plunged the world into an age of darkness and death. Before that day, man's destiny had been life eternal with God in glory, but death came rushing in the vacuum left behind when holiness and peace vanished. Everything changed that day that Adam fell. But God looked down at these children that he created, and like the parent of a wayward child, he loved them in spite of themselves. God loved them and us and wanted us to live again—to live the way he had intended—with life and light and peace. So God made a promise: What you could not do, I will do in your place. Because man could not live perfectly and serve God faithfully, God promised to one day become a man to do it in our place. Inherent in the promise was the cost: though the victory was certain, so was the sacrifice!

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 3 (p. 39 of CWS)

Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

Paul provides a New Testament commentary on the First Lesson and shows the universal effects of the First Adam's failure and the Second Adam's victory. Adam was a son of God in human flesh (Luke 3:38), but Adam failed the tests of his sonship. Through his flesh he passed his failure on to all of his children, condemning us to sin and death. So God sent another Son in human flesh to be the Son that Adam had not been. He obeyed where Adam did not. The obedience of the second Adam had as wide an effect as the disobedience of the first: he gives his victory to us and declares us righteous and brings life for all.

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (NIV)

STAND

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 4

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11

The Second Adam goes to war to regain all that the first Adam had lost. Empowered by his baptism and led by the Spirit, Jesus defeats the devil for us. This reading is not a “how-to” guide for Christians to fight temptation. The point, rather, is that Jesus fought as the champion of mankind by walking to the cross in obedience to his Father’s plan. Satan tempted Christ to use the greatest weapons at his disposal—miracle, mystery and authority—to shortcut this mission. He tempted the Son to have a distrustful Sonship, a presumptive Sonship, a disloyal Sonship. Satan would have had his way with us, but not with our champion! Jesus won this and every battle with the devil, and now one little word can fell him.

⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.(NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 200

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon: Islands in the Son: A Battle-scarred Island Full of Beauty Romans 5:12-19

STAND

Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

STAND

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

1. O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

2. Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

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.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* (sung, page 36 of CWS)

John 1:29

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei) who was offered as a sacrifice once for all sin.

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Distribution Hymns: Hymn 378
Hymn 754

**All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
The Tree of Life**

STAND

Song of Simeon (sung)

Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

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| <p>1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.</p> |
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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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: Amen.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn: Hymn 204:3

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Today' Light Bible Readings
Week 28, March 10-15

Monday	2 Samuel 11-12
Tuesday	2 Samuel 13-14
Wednesday	2 Samuel 15-16
Thursday	2 Samuel 17-18
Friday	2 Samuel 19-20
Saturday	2 Samuel 21-22

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Announcements

Door Offering This week there will be a door offering after worship. "Finishing Well in Grace" is the name of a workshop for WELS pastors and their wives who are celebrating 25 years in the ministry. The council approved paying for Pastor and Paula to attend this conference in April. This offering is to help offset the costs of the conference and transportation.

Adult Christ Light will meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the church. Join us!

The Glory of the Lord Join us in the commons as we study, "The Glory of the Lord." We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Bring the family!

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight. The March reading guides are now available in the basement and by the double doors in church.

Tuesday Bible Study Our study is *Cleansed and Fed: The Sacramental Life*, based on an essay by Pastor Jon Zabel. This Tuesday we will look at "Communion is a gift beyond compare." Copies of the paper and the study are in the church basement. Pick one up and read it and work through the study even if you can't join us!

Lenten Worship: This year the Sundays in Lent will focus on *Islands in the Son*. The Sundays of Lent are not a part of the season itself. They are islands of refreshment where we see what Jesus has done for us as we travel the penitential path that leads to the empty tomb. The themes are:

- March 16 *An Island that welcomes all*
- March 23 *An Island drenched in Sonlight*
- March 30 *An Island filled with people ready to serve*

April 6 *An Island paradise that doesn't end after two weeks*

April 13 *An Island visited by our King*

Soup Suppers Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers after the 11:00 a.m. service and at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service. There are sign up sheets in the basement if you would like to make soup, bars, help serve, or all three!

Midweek Lenten Series This year our midweek Lenten worship will focus on "See His Cross! Surprising Words From our Savior's Passion." the weekly themes are:

- March 12 *It's No Secret!*
- March 19 *It's God's plan from beginning to end!*
- March 26 *Shed No Tears For Jesus!*
- April 2 *Glory Be To Jesus!*
- April 9 *Our King Is Crucified!*

Usher Sign Up Sheets are on the white table in the middle of the basement. Please sign up for the service or services at which you would like to usher. Sign up as a family with your children!

Easter For Kids Join us on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00-11:00 am for Easter for Kids. The program is free and open to all children age three through fourth grade. All sign up sheets can be found in the church basement and the school commons. We hope that many children can make it to this fun day! Please feel free to invite a friend!

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First Sunday in Lent

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	The Glory of the Lord Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church
	6:30 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Lenten worship, communion
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	The Glory of the Lord Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light, church
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 27—March 3-8

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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	262 (14, 131, 117)
Ash Wed.	245 (124, 121)
Communion	144 (42, 102)
Bible Study	72 (15, 33, 14, 10)
Youth Group :	26

WELS Congregation Mission Offering Update

At its regular winter meeting last week, the Synodical Council (SC) began to address the situation that confronts the synod in view of the 2014 Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) subscriptions.

The ministry financial plan adopted by the 2013 convention called for a four percent increase in CMO in both 2014 and 2015 to maintain and, in some cases, to provide for expansion in some areas of ministry. Unexpectedly, the just-received CMO subscriptions for 2014 show a decrease of more than one percent from what was received last year. This news, coupled with the relatively flat CMO receipts in the last several years, led the SC to reduce the CMO forecast to one percent growth in 2015. The difference between what was planned and what now appears reasonable amounts to approximately

\$300,000 in fiscal year 2013-2014 and \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2014-2015. If this situation does not change, significant changes will need to be made in the approved plans.

In view of this substantial decrease in expected funding from CMO, the Synodical Council has authorized the use of additional Financial Stabilization Fund reserves if necessary during 2013-2014 and has directed the synod president, with input from the various areas of ministry, to develop a prioritized plan to reduce planned expenditures by \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2014-2015 (which begins July 1). The plan will be presented to the Synodical Council at its April meeting.

As it looks at ways to reduce expenditures if the necessary financial support does not materialize, the SC recognizes that financial support may

increase from other sources (such as bequests and other types of gifts). At the same time the SC has encouraged the Conference of Presidents to consider how it can work with congregations to respond to the potential shortfall. The Financial Stabilization Fund provides time to make reductions in a planned way if necessary, but it also provides time for congregations and individuals to respond with additional financial support.

As it wrestles with this current dilemma, the SC will also begin working on the ministry financial plan for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

News from FVL

Annie is coming to the FVL Theater! Show times are Friday, March 14 and Saturday March 15 at 6:30 pm. Sunday, March 16 will be at 2:00 pm. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased in the FVL School Office – Adults \$10; Seniors (62+) \$8, Children 4-12 \$5, Children 3 and under are free. .

Glorify Gather Grow Go