

1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude
Announcements
Welcome

Fairest Lord Jesus

Bell Choir

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

...and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Romans 5:12-19

p. 1027

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Children's Offering

Jesus Loves Me

Children

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 4

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 4:1-11

p. 879

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr. Wade Crevier

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"O, Love, How Deep"

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Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers

Petition response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . our strength and salvation.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Gifts

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v 1-2 #803

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.**
**Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Promise

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated

Communion All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Communion Hymns

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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"Thy Holy Wings"

#613

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Blessing

God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Terry Pearson – Livestream

John & Diane Rindfleisch – Ushers/Greeters

Hattie Erickson--Acolyte

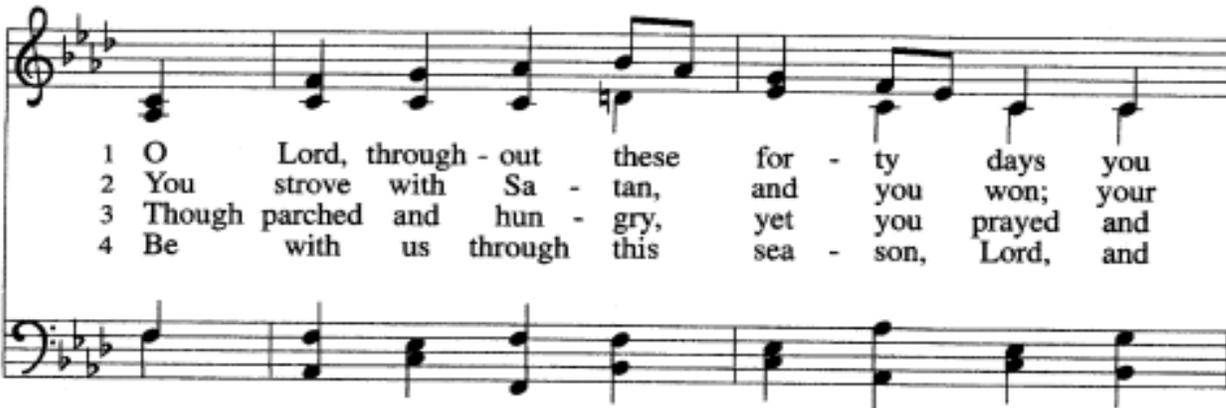
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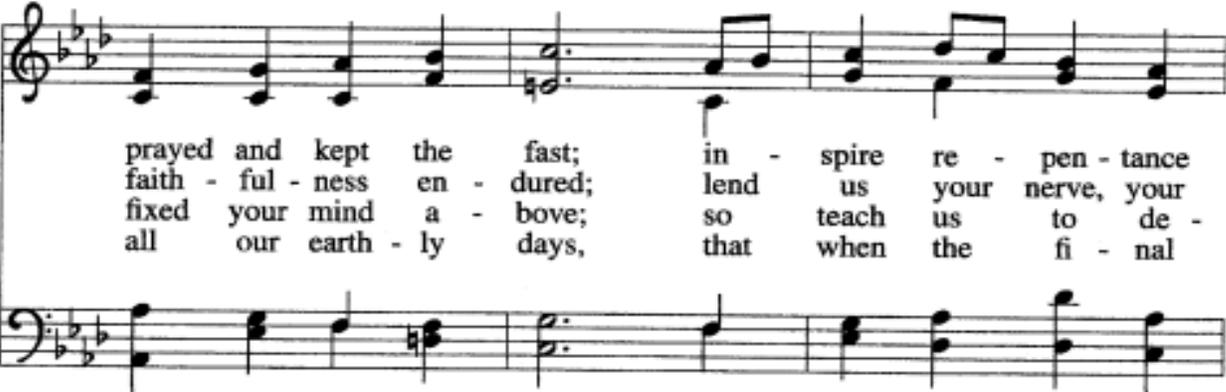
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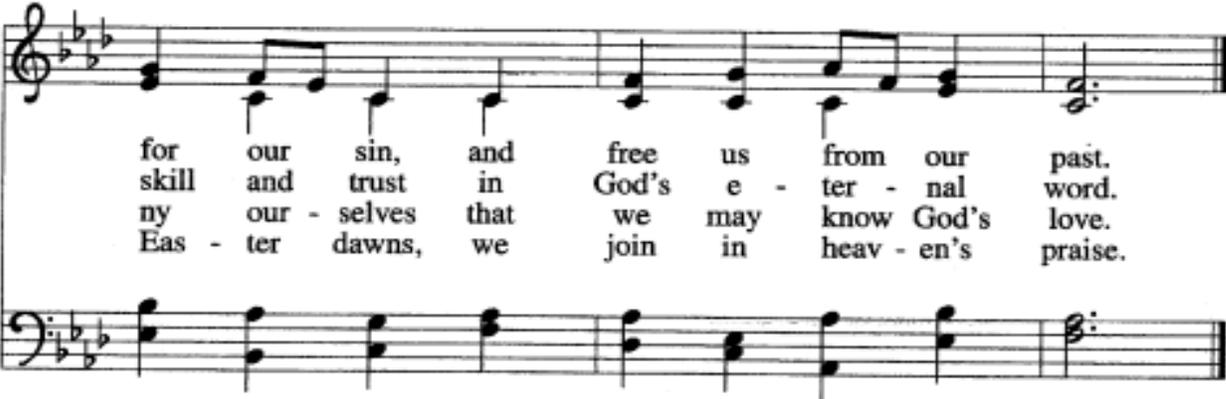
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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

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

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

HAMBURG
LM

Alternate Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

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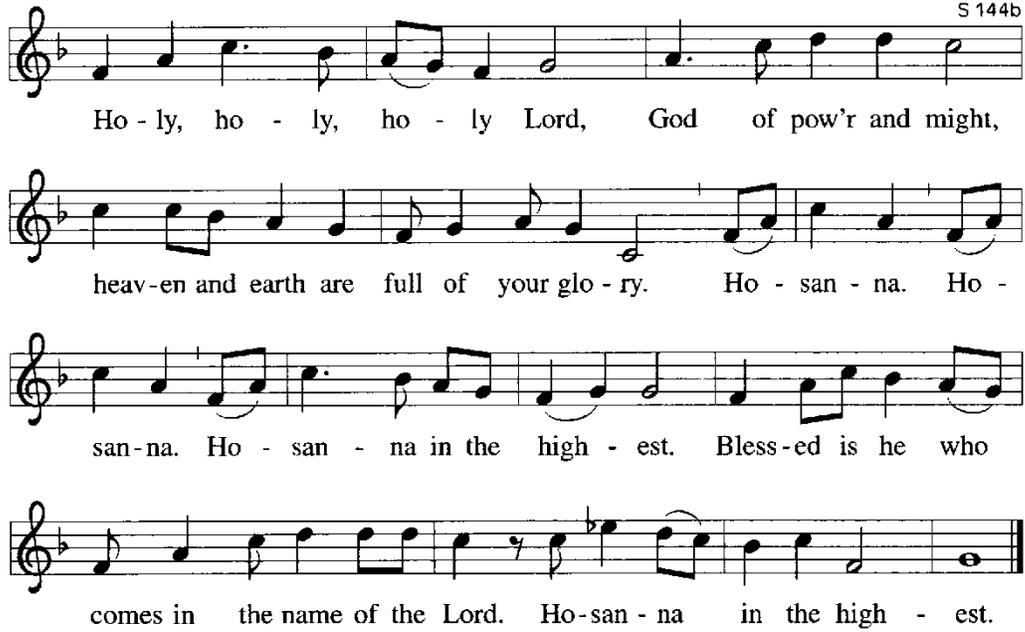
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HAMBURG
LM

Alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Announcements for February 22, 2026

Welcome! We are happy you are here today!

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Dean Erickson (Brett's dad), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's Sister), Barb Grenawalt, Hannah Hahn, Derek Lindstrom, Cookie Martinson, Cindy Peterson (Ted & Julie's sister-in-law), Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Mike Schwark (Brett's Friend), Don Seeger, Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy **Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes in requests.**

Mid-Week Lenten Opportunities at Jefferson Prairie Wednesdays, starting February 25th

Bible Study with Pastor Wade 3:00pm Lenten Suppers 5:30pm-6:30pm

2/25 Taco Bar, 3/4 Soups & Salads, 3/11 Baked Potatoes, 3/18 BBQS, 3/25 Hot off the Grill

Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm (also livestreamed)

Introduction to This Year's Lenten Experience

"A Lenten Love Letter" is a worship series that invites us to experience Lent as a sacred time that moves through us. Each week, worship will feature a short video of a letter being read, written by someone who has shared with Jefferson Prairie why Lent is their favorite season of the church year. This letter offers personal and honest reflections, inviting us to see Lent as a gift to be received.

As the weeks unfold, each worship service will explore a different aspect of the Lenten journey, guiding us through the emotions, questions, and deeper reflections that arise as we walk toward the cross. Lent makes space for repentance and honesty, but also for grace, renewal, and hope. Along the way, you may find yourself growing curious about who wrote the letter and why Lent holds such meaning for them, a question that will gently linger with us throughout the season.

This series will also intentionally engage our senses, what we hear, see, touch, taste, and even smell, as a way of fully immersing ourselves in the Lenten experience. By slowing down and paying attention to how Lent feels in our bodies and hearts, we are invited to encounter God in tangible and meaningful ways. The identity of the letter writer will be revealed during the final midweek service, offering a closing moment of reflection as we gather all that we have experienced and carry it with us toward Holy Week.

Church Membership Updating: Please call, stop-in or look for an email to verify your Jefferson Prairie Membership information. So far we've received 24 member verifications. That's a good start. We look forward to being able to print an updated directory after the process is complete.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

***Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.

***Give online** at www.jpchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.

***Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jpchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 22	9:30am	Worship Youth Music/Sunday School Fellowship/Youth Group
Tuesday, February 24	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, February 25	3:00pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wade
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Lenten Supper-Taco Bar
	7:00pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service
Friday, February 27	3:30pm	Bells
Sunday, March 1		Prairie Light Newsletter available
	9:30am	Worship Youth Music/Sunday School Fellowship/Youth Group