

— THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND —  
**THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD IS AT HAND;**  
REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.  
**MARK 1:15**



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**Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
The First Sunday in Lent

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Service Theme  
**ONE STANDS; EVERYONE ELSE SITS**

Normally in a family everyone must do their part. . . pitch in. . . pull their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, God's Son—our brother, Jesus— stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously. This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

# 647 Word and Water, Filled with Promise

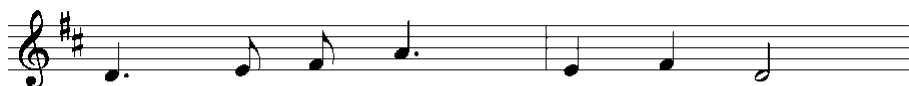
CW 647 sts. 1-4



1 Word and wa - ter, filled with prom - ise, grant for - give - ness,  
 2 As the wa - ter res - cued No - ah, ark up - lift - ed  
 3 Though our vi - sion may not cap - ture all that hap - pens  
 4 Let us al - ways, Lord, re - mem - ber that the wa - ter



cleanse, re - claim in the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it's  
 on the waves, so this wa - ter, by God's prom - ise,  
 at the font, here the Sav - ior keeps his prom - ise—  
 and the Word bear your nev - er - fail - ing prom - ise:



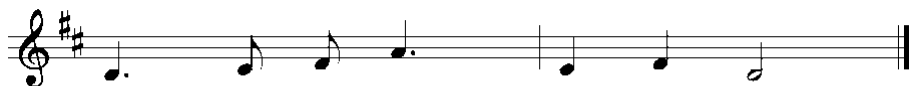
ho - ly, pre - cious, sav - ing name.  
 al - so res - cues, al - so saves.  
 those he shep - herds shall not want:  
 our sal - va - tion is as - sured.



Bless - ings pur - chased when our Sav - ior paid the aw - ful  
 Now by Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion we be - fore our  
 ev - 'ry trace of sin for - giv - en, guilt com - plete - ly  
 Your bap - tis - mal ben - e - dic - tion ev - er show - er



ran - som price— all de - liv - ered in this wash - ing:  
 God ap - pear pure and sin - less, ful - ly right - eous,  
 washed a - way, faith in Je - sus firm - ly plant - ed;  
 from a - bove— all the Spir - it's grace in Je - sus,



peace and par - don, par - a - dise.  
 with a con - science crys - tal clear.  
 see God's king - dom come to - day!  
 and, dear Fa - ther, all your love.

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## **The Service**

### *Holy Baptism & Setting Two (page 151)*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Confession**

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.**

**It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts,  
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

### **Baptism of Evan Radl**

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

**Yes, I believe.**

Do you believe that the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—planned and carried out your salvation?

**Yes, I believe.**

Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

**Yes, I believe.**

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**Yes, I do.**

Do you desire to be baptized into the Christian faith?

**Yes, I do.**

*Evan Radl*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart T to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received [*name(s)*] as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

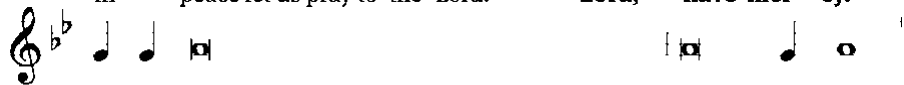
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

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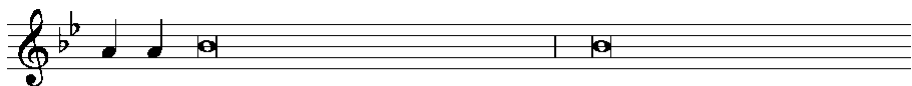
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,




Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,




you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49*

*One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord's.*

<sup>4</sup>A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. <sup>6</sup>He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup>He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, “Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us.” <sup>10</sup>The Philistine would say, “I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!” <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, “Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him.”

<sup>33</sup>But Saul said to David, “You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth.”

<sup>34</sup>David said to Saul, “Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God.” <sup>37</sup>David added, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go then! May the LORD be with you.” <sup>38</sup>So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. <sup>39</sup>David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before.

David said to Saul, “I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them.” So David took them off.

<sup>40</sup>Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

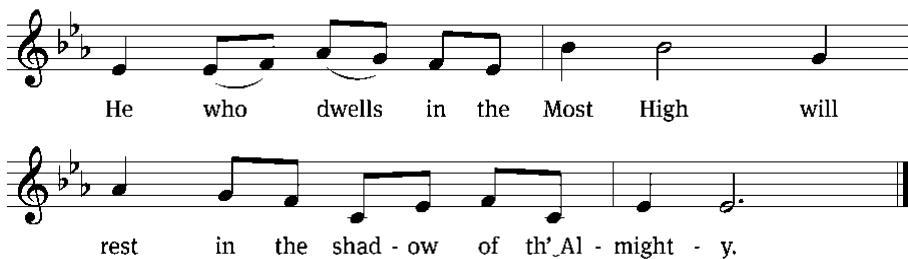
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 91A The Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91A

## Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

## Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,  
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,  
nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,  
no harm will over- / take you,  
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you  
to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up / in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**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. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

*Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced.  
Yet he did not sin.*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

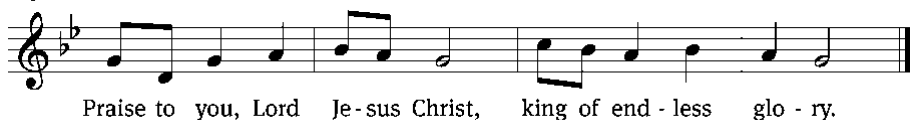
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

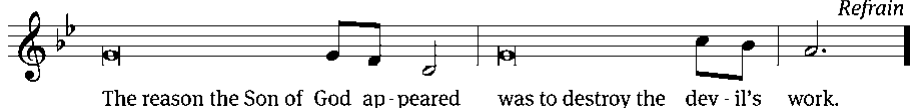
1 John 3:8



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

*Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days.

He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

<sup>6</sup>The Devil told him, “I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. <sup>7</sup>So, if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup>The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>because it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,

<sup>11</sup>and they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It says: ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# 538 Jesus, My Great High Priest

CW 538



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and  
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, will I com - mit my  
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears for my de - fense on  
4 Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell un -



died; my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri -  
cause; he an - swers and ful - fills his Fa - ther's  
high; a gra - cious Fa - ther hears and lays his  
known put their most dread - ful forms of rage and



rice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, and now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
set - my Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
say shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
plays su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

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## Sermon

Mark 1:12-15

### Jesus lived...

- 1) To defeat the Devil.
- 2) To proclaim salvation.

<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.”

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

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

## **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we  
have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.



**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Offering

### 864 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 864 sts. 1-4



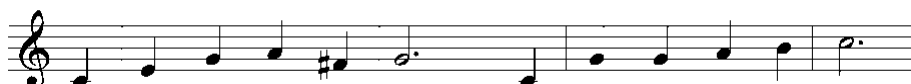
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



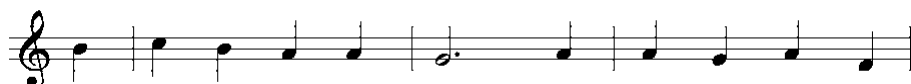
shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry  
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant  
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no  
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.  
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;  
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,  
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,  
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in  
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the  
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is  
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e qual.  
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.  
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.  
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

# Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

## 802 All Is Well

CW 802



1 The sun beams on be - hind the clouds and  
2 He feels our weak - ness, knows our need, and



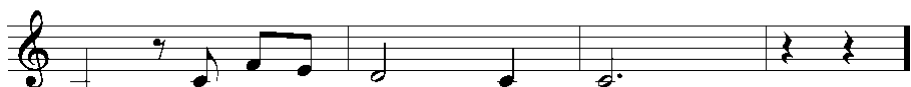
in the dark still grace a - bounds; all is well be-cause of  
for our good he in - ter - cedes; all is well be-cause of



God's great love. The road of dis - ap - point - ment  
God's great love. Through ev - 'ry fail - ure, ev - 'ry



runs where un - seen mer - cies wait for us, and all is  
fear, the Lord of com - fort draws us near, and all is



well be-cause of God's great love.  
well be-cause of God's great love.

### Refrain



How bright - ly shines the love of the Fa - ther in our Sav - ior,

Je - sus Christ. With faith - ful hands he ful - fills ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise; he will nev - er leave our side.

**12**

3 His com - ing soon will fill the sky and  
 all that's wrong will be made right; with  
 new - born eyes we will be - hold the glo - ry of the ris - en  
 Lord. All will be well be - cause of God's great love;  
 yes, all is well be - cause of God's great love. *Refrain*

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## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

Tu (11) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

We (12) 11:30 am "New" Foundations Class (BIC)  
**7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service**

Th (13) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)

Fr (14) 4:30 pm Confirmation (D)  
6:30 pm Friday Fellowship

**Su (16) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship with Communion**  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**

Tu (18) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm Elders Meeting

We (19) 11:30 am "New" Foundations Class (BIC)  
**7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service**

Th (20) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)

Fr (21) 4:30 pm Confirmation (D)

**Su (23) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship with Communion**  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Voter's Meeting

## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners***

March 16 – Thomas // March 23 – Mark

### ***Divine Sisters Meeting***

There is a Divine Sisters' Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 9th, after worship.

### ***Voter's Meeting***

Our next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, March 23.

### ***Midweek Lenten Worship: Reflections on Repentance***

Using David's great penitential Psalm 51 as our guide, this year's Midweek series of Lenten reflections explores the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Saviour. Please join us every Wednesday evening until Palm Sunday at 7 p.m. as the WELS Ottawa pastors take turns leading us worship as the reflection on repentance.



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