



**NORTHDAL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Northdale Lutheran Church

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*“WE GROW IN GOD’S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD’S WORD”*

## 4th Sunday of Lent

March 27th, 2022

**Welcome to Northdale Lutheran!** We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:



- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- ❖ To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. ***Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.***
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



# CALL TO WORSHIP

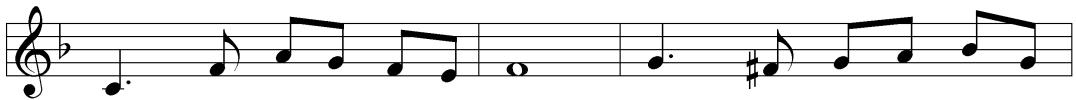
Opening Hymn, CW #411 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

## **Confession of Sins**

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

M: Lord Jesus, on this day as we gather for worship, we are reminded of your awesome holiness and glory. Yet, we come before your throne this morning in deep humility knowing our offenses, failures, and faults, and confessing our sins before you.

**C: `Forgive us of our greed in stockpiling the material things of this world, calling it “prosperity.”**

**Forgive us for the grudges we hold against our neighbors and family, justifying it as “righteous anger.”**

**Forgive us for having called our pride and arrogance, “self-esteem;” for thinking our gossip and slander, is “good conversation;” for excusing our selfish decisions, as “a free choice.”**

**Forgive us for failing to stand up for the truth of your Word, so that we might be viewed as nonjudgmental and tolerant.**

**Forgive us for those crying out for help in body and soul, and yet we do nothing because of our so busy and hectic lifestyles.**

**Forgive us this day of all our sins, and restore us to you once again.**

M: O Lord, we deserve only to be thrown from your presence and suffer an eternity in hell. Even with a thousand life spans, we could never make amends for the wrongs we have done. Therefore, we simply bow ourselves before your throne and cry out for your mercy.

## **Song of Mercy Listen To My Prayer, O Lord**

### *Soloist*

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my sigh.  
Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my voice.  
Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house  
I can bow down to you in rev'ence meant for you.

### *Congregation*

**Lord, please let me do your will; make your way plain.  
Save me from my enemies, and hear my voice.  
Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house  
I can bow down to you in rev'ence meant for you.  
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I can bow down to you in rev'ence meant for you**

*PLEASE STAND*

## **The Comfort of Forgiveness          Psalm 103**

P:                                    “The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
    Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
    He will not always accuse,  
    nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
    He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
    Or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
    So great is his love for those who fear him;  
    As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
    He has redeemed your life from the pit,  
    and crowns you with love and compassion.”  
Take heart this day, the Lord has forgiven you. Amen

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, your faithfulness has protected us through the darkness of this night. Now this day, may your glory shelter us, shading us from the dangers that surround us, and leading us in joy along life's way. Look with favor upon your people and bless us with unity, harmony, and love for one another. Focus our minds and hearts on your blessed kingdom above, where shall one day live forever with you in glory everlasting. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30AM)**

*TODAY WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF CADEL ASHER OBARSKI, AS HE IS MADE A CHILD OF GOD AND HEIR OF HIS KINGDOM.*

## **The Passion History Reading**

*(Taken from the 4 Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)*

### **Jesus Before Pontius Pilate**

The whole assembly rose. They bound Jesus and led him before Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Very early in the morning, at daybreak, the chief priests with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin met together, and Jesus was led before them. “If you are the Christ,” they said, “tell us.”

He answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Mighty God.”

They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You are right in saying I am.”

Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.”

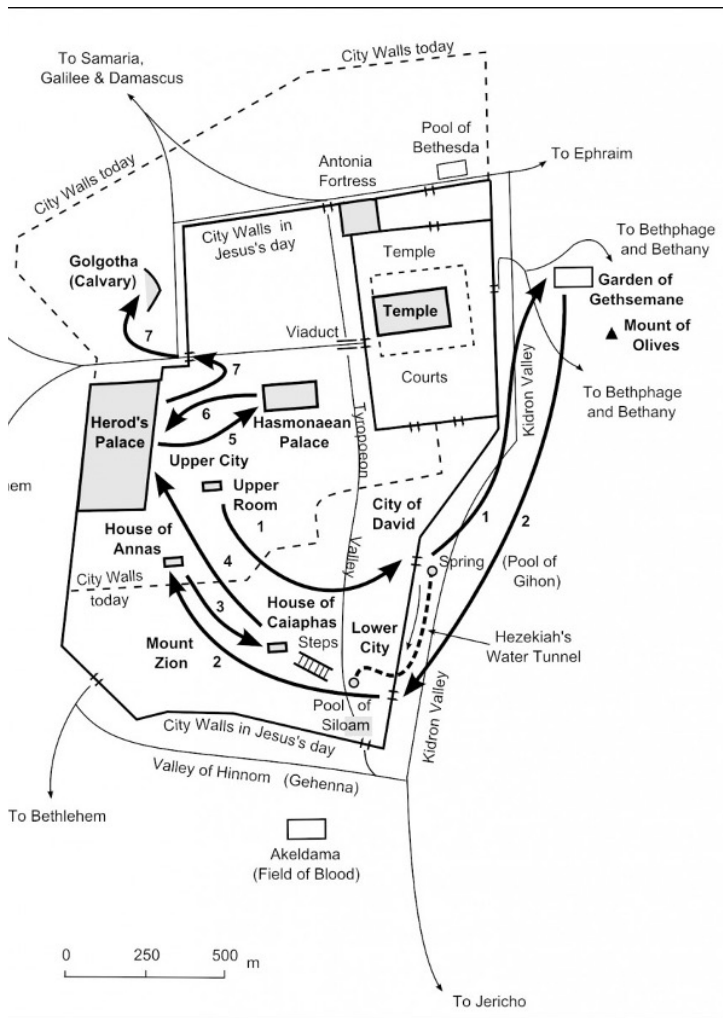
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When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is unlawful to put this money into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the



people of Israel, and used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded."

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said, "Take him and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so

that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to accuse him saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

Pilate then went back inside the palace and summoned Jesus. Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"



“Is that your idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Do you think I am a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your chief priests and your people who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I found no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Are you not going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea with his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at the time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased because for a long time he had been wanting to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your

charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came and asked him to do what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, “It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” Pilate knew it was out of envy the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

While Pilate was seated on the judge’s seat, his wife, sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him.”

But the chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

## **Children’s Devotion**

*At this time, we invite all our young people to come forward to hear a special message prepared just for them.*

## **Sermon Hymn, CW #125** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

This Lenten Great was written by Isaac Watts. Isaac was born in England in the 1600s. He was the oldest of 8 children, thus his parents ran a meager boarding-house and sold clothes on the side to make ends meet.

Isaac did become well educated, at the age of 4 he received a tutor to begin a study of Latin, and in the coming years learned Greek, Hebrew, and French.

When Isaac was in his late 20s, he became distressed over the poor quality of music in God's churches. His father then challenged him to write a new hymn every Sunday for 2 years. He did. Not only did Isaac grow musically, poetically, and literary but also grew in his faith, as he wrote hymns focused on God's grace and mercy. Isaac would eventually write over 600 Christian hymns including, *Joy to the World* and *Our God our Help in Ages Past*.

In his 40s he was stricken with a chronic "fever and weakness" that never left him. He was given an assistant, to help him travel and to help him preach. Throughout his life Isaac realized, "That I daily live only because the Son hast died for me." His hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, reminds us Christ has given everything and suffered everything for our sins, and thus to him we owe our praise, our life, our everything.



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.  
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

## **Sermon Text: Romans 8:1-10**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

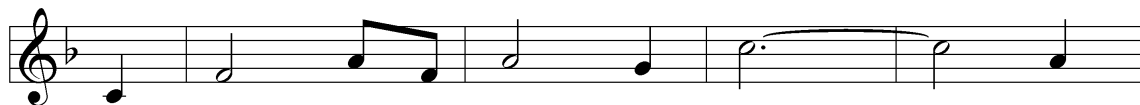
## **A Life Under Control**

- 1) Under the control of sin
- 2) Under the control of grace

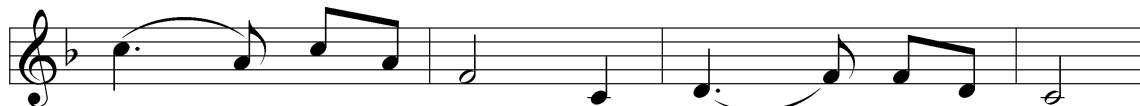
## Hymn, CW #379, “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I  
 His Word my hope se - cures. He  
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,  
 will my shield and por - tion be  
 grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.  
 As long as life en - dures.  
 And grace will lead me home.  
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.

Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.

## OFFERING

*In thanksgiving for God's many earthly and even greater eternal blessings to his people, we now worship the Lord with our offerings.*

*PLEASE STAND*

### **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and grow in faith, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our church body.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

## **Blessing**

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

## **Closing Anthem "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Flow'rs before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.**

*BE SEATED*



All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website [www.NorthdaleLutheran.org](http://www.NorthdaleLutheran.org). We also email out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please email the office at [office@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:office@northdalelutheran.org) and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

## **Announcements:**

*Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2) You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.*

### **Easter Egg Time!**

As we prepare for our Easter celebration we are in need of Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. We are wanting already filled Easter eggs. If you are out shopping, maybe pick up a bag or two. You can drop them off at church anytime or bring them on Sunday. Due to the outside heat and sun, **please make sure the eggs are not filled with anything that will melt**, such as; chocolates, ice cream, etc...

### **Easter Lilies**

If anyone would like to donate an Easter Lily to beautify our sanctuary for worship on Easter morning there are envelopes on the entryway table. You can donate a lily in honor or in memoriam of a loved one, just make sure to write their names on the envelope and who it is given by so we it can be published in our Easter bulletin. The cost of the lilies is \$15. You will be able to take your Easter lily home with you after the service.

### **Easter Worship Schedule**

Mauudy Thursday Worship, April 14th @6:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 15th @6:30pm

Easter Festival Services, April 17th @ 8:30am & 10:30am

Easter Breakfast 9:30am

Easter Hunt 11:30AM

### **Jesus & Hot Dogs!**

Today after the late service all are invited to stay for a quick grilled out lunch. Grill will be going, playground will be open, and friends will be gathering. Use this wonderful opportunity to get to know your bothers and sisters in Christ. If you would like to bring a small dessert - fell free, but everything else will be provided. Just come and enjoy!

### **Quarterly Workday Coming Up!**

Saturday, April 2nd, is the next scheduled Quarterly Workday for the campus. January's workday allowed us to get some vital projects completed around the campus, and wouldn't you know it, the list hasn't gotten any shorter! There are projects for all skill levels! Mark your calendars and come out and show our facilities some love! Projects may include light electrical work, carpentry, landscaping, vehicle maintenance, cleaning, desk repair, and more! We hope to see you there!

### **Women's Bible Study - Thursday nights (February - March), 7:30 PM**

We will meet in person in the church overflow room in the back of the sanctuary. Those who are unable to attend in person may join us online through Google Meet. The schedule is on the back table.

### **Baptism Joy**

Today we rejoice in the baptism of Cadel Asher Obarski. May the Lord continue to keep Cadel in his baptismal grace all the days of life.

### **Women of Northdale**

The next Women of Northdale meeting will be April 3, after the late service. We will meeting in the church overflow room.

### **Called Staff**

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### **This Week:**

Sunday (4/3):                   8:30 & 10:30 AM - Worship  
  9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

### **Serving Today**

Music: 8:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
          10:30 - Elizabeth Guse  
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer  
10:30 -Jason & Noah Raines

### **Serving Next Week**

Music: 8:30 - Dane Mattes  
          10:30 - Dane Mattes  
Ushers: 8:30 - John Schofer  
10:30-David Mosakowski & Jeff Berg

### **2021-2022 Year to Date Offerings Through February 2022**

General Offering Received: \$ 161,028.90  
General Offering Budgeted: \$ 166,666.64  
Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$ -5,637.74)  
Average Weekly Offerings Received (35 weeks): \$ 4,600  
Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (52 weeks): \$ 4,808

## Update on WELS relief efforts for Ukraine

- The situation for our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) remains very dire. Thankfully, we have learned that none of the pastors or members have lost their lives, but at least some members report that their homes have been destroyed. Some of the pastors and members have relocated to places that are relatively safe and removed from the heavy fighting, but others remain in areas where military activity is taking place every day. We continue to pray for their safety.
- WELS members have already been very generous with gifts intended to support relief and humanitarian efforts both for members of the ULC and for the refugees and local citizens in need of help. We thank you to all those who have given gifts for Ukraine relief. Those gifts are being channeled through WELS World Missions, which remains in contact with the ULC and is still able to transfer funds to where they are most needed. To date, \$25,000 has been sent, with additional funds to be sent in the coming days and weeks as long as the banking system remains intact. Individuals can give a gift by going to [wels.net/give-ukraine](https://wels.net/give-ukraine) or by sending a check payable to WELS and designating “Ukraine” in the memo line to WELS Attn: Gift Processing, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. (Organizations may donate via check but not online.)
- Currently, collecting physical relief items (blankets, water, canned goods, diapers, etc.) to send to Ukraine is not the best option for assisting those impacted by this war. The expense and logistical complexity of getting such items to those who need it make such an effort impractical. We will let you know when and if such efforts become possible.
- In addition to gifts through the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, some have made gifts to WELS Christian Aid and Relief (CAR). With those funds, CAR has made grants to Direct Relief ([directrelief.org](https://directrelief.org)) to get aid to those who need assistance, especially for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. To date, WELS Christian Aid and Relief has sent \$50,000 to Direct Relief. This highly rated disaster relief organization specializes in providing medical assistance and supplies where they are needed most. They have both the inventory and infrastructure to bring medical aid to an area quickly. We have worked with this organization for many years and trust their work.
- Pastor Roger Neumann is the WELS liaison to the ULC; he is in almost daily contact with Bishop Horpynchuk, head of the ULC, and keeps us informed of the latest news and challenges. There are periodic Ukraine updates on the WELS website at [wels.net](https://wels.net).

*Lord God, in this world of darkness and evil, the light of your saving gospel continues to shine. Through that good news you have brought people around the world from the darkness of sin and death into your marvelous light. But evil exists, and Satan's work in this fallen world continues. As many in Ukraine are experiencing unimaginable hardships and suffering, we ask that you would be with them. Protect them, provide for them, and, above all, strengthen their faith and trust in you and your promises. We commend them to your gracious care, knowing that you have promised to be with them always. Even though they are now walking through the shadow of death, enable them to fear no evil. We ask you, in your love and wisdom, to restore peace and safety to those now enduring the horrors of war and bloodshed and to continue to let your gospel message be the comfort and hope that so many desperately need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Serving you in Christ,

**Rev. Mark Schroeder**

WELS President