

# *Divine Service*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

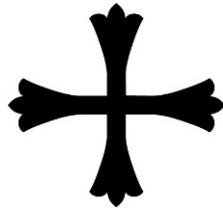
*Consecrated Stewards: "Out of the Saltshaker"*



✠ THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MARCH 10, 2019 ✠ SUNDAY, 10:00A.M.





*Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.*

## PRELUDE

*O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Fall*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 423*

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

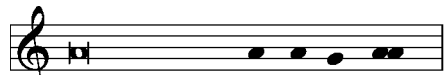
*[John 20:19-23]*

Standing

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

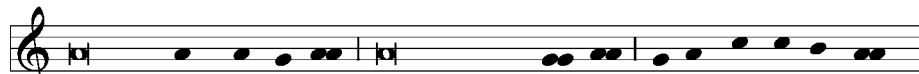
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



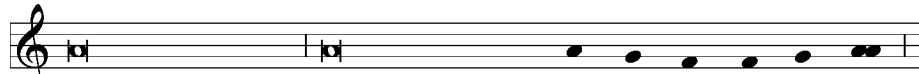
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



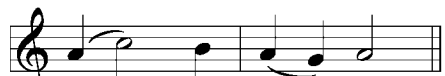
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



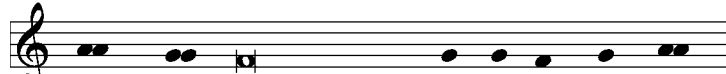
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*During the penitential season of Lent, we omit the HYMN OF PRAISE until the joyful season of Easter.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Heavenly Father, grant Your mercy and grace to Your people in their many and various callings. Give them patience, and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to their neighbor in Christ's name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

## OLD TESTAMENT

## Deuteronomy 4:1-10

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter four.

<sup>1</sup>“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>3</sup>Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. <sup>4</sup>But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. <sup>5</sup>See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all

these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— <sup>10</sup>how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Antiphon**

*Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats second time:*

O come let us fix our eyes on Je -  
 sus, the found-er and per-fect-er of our faith, who for the  
 joy that was set be - fore Him, en - dured the cross, des -  
 pis-ing the shame, des - pis - ing the shame, and is seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the throne of God.

- L** I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- C** My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.
- L** Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
- C** I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.



- L** Those who look to him are | radiant,\*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
- C** **This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**
- L** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\*  
and de- | livers them.
- C** **Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*  
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!**
- C** **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.**
- C** *Antiphon*

## EPISTLE

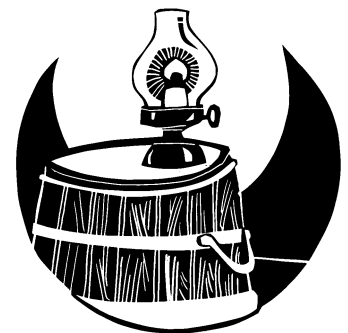
## Colossians 4:2-6

- A** The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter four.

<sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.<sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—<sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.<sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Standing

## LENTEN VERSE

**C** 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.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Nor do

people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sitting

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 411*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

## SERMON



## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

# THE LITANY

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.  
**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.  
**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:  
**C** Good Lord, deliver us.

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross  
and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the  
Comforter:  
**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day  
of judgment:  
**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** to hear us, O Lord.

- P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
 To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;  
 To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
 To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to grant the needs of those in this congregation, especially. . . ; and to have mercy on us all:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** **we implore You to hear us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **hear us.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

### MUSIC

*Create in Me a Clean Heart O God*

Paul Bowman

Women of Musicians of Ascension  
Zac Lavender, cello

### MEDITATION

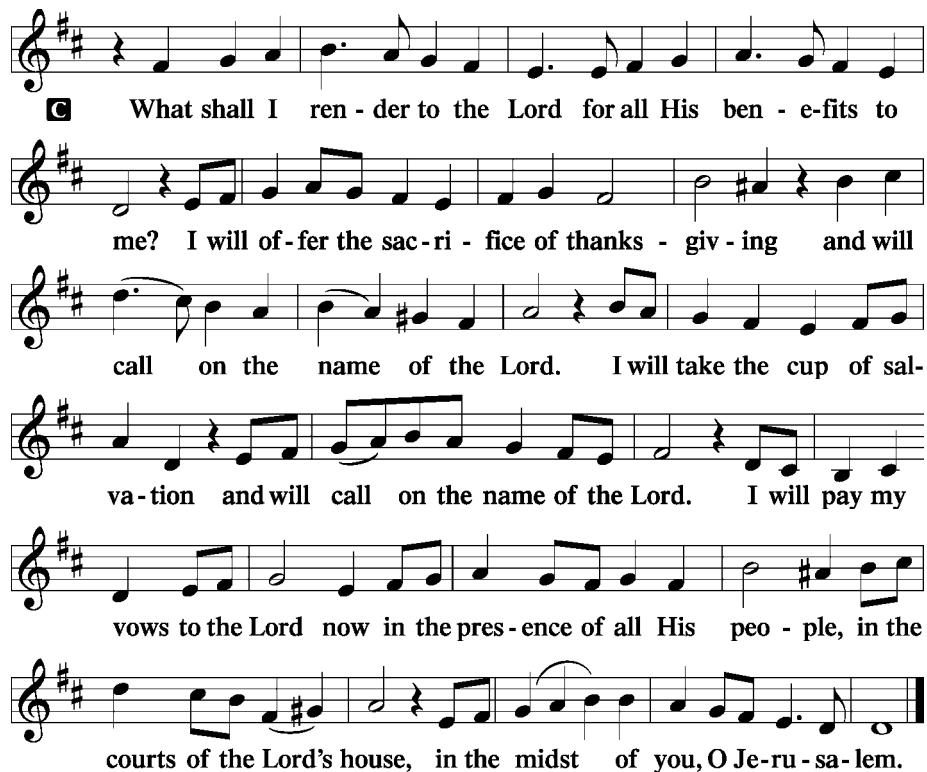
*Matthew 5:13 - "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." Salt is necessary for life. Our bodies need a certain amount of salt for proper hydration. So also the world needs the "salt" of the reality of God's love through our "salted" lives.*



Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Kneeling or sitting forward*



# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

**L**amb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

## MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 547*

**"The Lamb"**



Standing

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Please remain standing and face the processional cross.*

***Lutheran Service Book 433***

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

## POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in C Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Lay Assistant(s)**

Matthias Rappe, *Elder*

Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Musician(s)**

Jessica Luhrs, soprano

Laura Negus, soprano

Ginnie Little, alto

Lucy Woolery, alto

Zac Lavender, tenor/cello

Adrian Popescu, tenor

Evan LaVan, bass

### **Altar Guild**

Jean Meyers/ Judy Russell

### **Usher(s)**

Brian Beckman/J.P. Morr

### **Greeter(s)**

Richard & Jill Drachenberg

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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<b>CALENDAR</b>		
Sunday 3/10	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Consecrated Stewards: "Out of the Saltshaker"</i> Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Consecrated Stewards</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 3/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 3/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: <i>Consecrated Stewards</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Wednesday 3/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 3/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Women's Group: Book Study	Closed Closed 10:00 AM
Sunday 3/17	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Consecrated Stewards: "Cheerful Giving and the Spice of Life"</i> Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Consecrated Stewards</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship

# WORSHIPING OUR GOD

## ✝ *Consecrated Stewards*

Theme: Lent has traditionally been a time of penitence, self-denial, and alms-giving. Within the context of the season, we will take the opportunity to explore the topic of stewardship. Utilizing a four-week series entitled *Consecrated Stewards* in worship and Bible study, we hope to grow in our identity as managers of God's gifts. He has entrusted us with so many blessings, and using them in the best way will make all the difference in our personal lives and the lives of others. This series focuses on the need of the giver to give, and not on the need of the church to receive. Please join us as we grow up in Christ to become the people God has regenerated us to be!

Day & Time: Sundays, from March 10 through March 31

Location: Church sanctuary and fellowship hall

# GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✝ **Men's Group: Bible Study**

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. Breakfast will be provided too! At this next meeting, we will be covering the second chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

## ✝ **Women's Group: Book Study**

Theme: It's a new year and we're going to start studying a new book together. Details are forthcoming, but please save the date and plan on joining us for what always promises to be a lively discussion!

Day & Time: Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

## ✝ **Bible Study: The Book of Job**

Theme: Job is a complicated book, asking life's most difficult questions. For millennia, it has confounded many as well as been a blessing to countless generations. It is one of the most brutally honest and raw books of the Bible, and at the same time provides some of the brightest rays of hope. Come, and discover what it has to say about you and your existence on earth. Even more, may it reveal to you a God of comfort, who accompanies us at all times, and even dares to enter into the difficulties of our human condition. As our guide, we will be making use of Concordia Publishing House's LifeLight resource. Copies are available for just \$12.00.

Day & Time: Sundays, beginning April 7 at 9:00 A.M.  
Tuesdays, beginning April 9 at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall  
Tuesdays in church overflow room

## SERVING IN HIS NAME

### ✝ Amazon Smile

Theme: Looking for an easy way to donate to Ascension? Use Amazon Smile for your online shopping! Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), where you'll be prompted to choose an organization to support. Search for "Lutheran Church of the Ascension," hit "Select," and then shop as usual! Each time you checkout, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Ascension, helping to continue to support various church programs. Thank you!

### ✝ All Nations Society of Atlanta

Theme: Would you like to reach out as a member of Christ's body to embrace those in your community? A group of LCMS Christians from several local congregations in Atlanta would like to give you such an opportunity for outreach. Meeting each week, they invite you to join them in welcoming new immigrant and refugee families to the area with fresh produce and a word of prayer. Please contact the Rev. Adam Ellsworth of Grace Lutheran Church, Midtown for more information and to sign up: [pastoradamellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:pastoradamellsworth@gmail.com).

Day & Time: Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church  
2110 Brockett Road  
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### ✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbuck's, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# FELLOWSHIPPING WITH THE SAINTS

## ✠ Congregational Luncheon

Theme: Join your brothers and sisters in Christ after church every fourth Sunday of the month for a family meal! Last names that begin with A-L are invited to bring a hot dish to share (usually crock pot or steam tray is best), and last names M-Z are welcome to bring a cold dish. Plates, napkins, cutlery, and beverages will be provided. Bring your appetite!

Day & Time: Sunday, March 24 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## In Celebration

### Birthdays

- ✝ Judy Russell, 3/14
- ✝ Daniel Barnett, 3/16
- ✝ Rose Satoris, 3/16

### Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

- ✝ None this week

### Wedding Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

### Membership Anniversaries

- ✝ Adrian Popescu, 3/16
- ✝ Rose Satoris, 3/16

## In Need

### Recent Requests

- ✝ Anne Bigelow, for healing and recovery after surgery.
- ✝ Ann Cirillo (friend of the congregation), for healing and recovery after surgery.
- ✝ Arlene Kateen (friend of the congregation), for health and healing.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Our faithful stewardship of God's gifts, that we might be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in India, where there is a startling rise in lynching incidents by Hindu radicals.

### Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Jack and Carolyn DeLong, for health and healing.
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Mary Grace Evans (mother of Kati Durden), for health and healing.
- ✝ Deb Kunkle (friend of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Willard and Wilma Meyer (grandparents of J.P. Morr), for health and hope.
- ✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.
- ✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Ctr & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials











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**RESTROOMS**

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**NURSERY**

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

**BABY CHANGING STATION**

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men’s and women’s restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women’s restroom downstairs.

**BUSY BAGS**

Each Sunday your child may pick up a “busy bag” from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday’s service.

**PRINT RESOURCES**

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther’s Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday’s liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church’s most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.