Divine Service

QUINQUAGESIMA





MARCH 3, 2019 + SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



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

PRELUDE

"Largo e spicato" (from Concerto in d minor)

Bach/Vivaidi

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 842

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- [John 20:19-23]

Standing

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

C Lord,

Mark 10:47



have mer - cy.



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



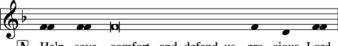




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:3-7

- A The Old Testament Reading for Quinquagesima is from Isaiah, chapter 35.
 - ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
 - ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

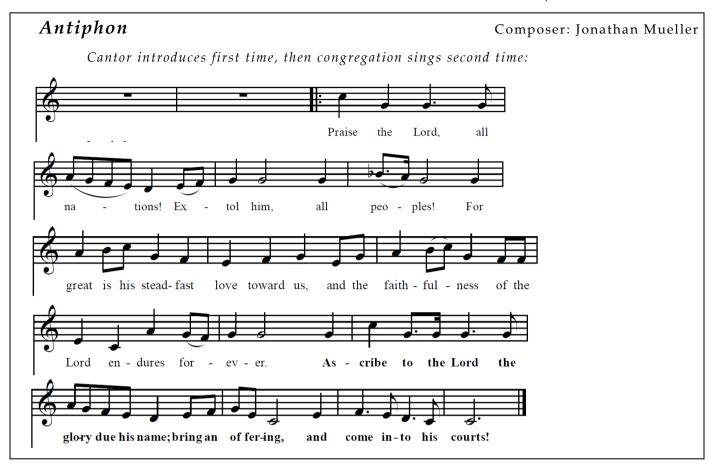
He will come and save you."

- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

- ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.







- **L** Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,* a strong fortress to | save me!
- For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
 and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
- In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;* in your righteousness de- | liver me!
- Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
 you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.



- Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*

 my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- Make your face shine on your | servant;* save me in your | steadfast love!
- 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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

- **A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13.
 - ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
 - ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

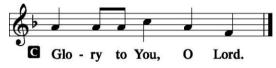
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ALLELUIA AND VERSE John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:31-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.³⁷ They

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." 42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Sitting

"Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"

SERMON

Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - *After each petition:*
- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C 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.

OFFERING

Music

"Largo" (from *Sonata in La minore*)

Zac Lavender, cello

Antonio Vivaldi

MEDITATION

Luke 18:35 – "As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging." Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord's gifts is also what forms the basis of our generous giving.

Standing

OFFERTORYPsalm 116:12-13, 17-19





SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

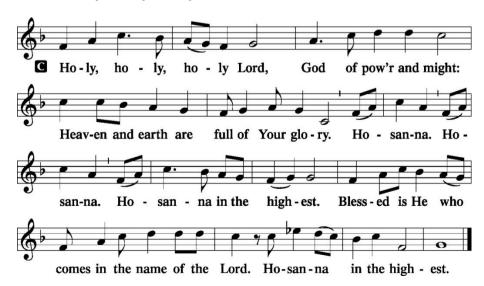
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

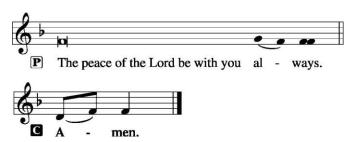
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

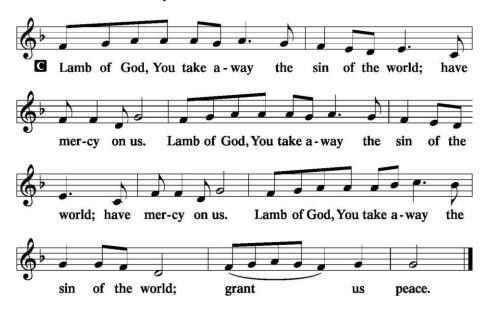
PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



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 Cor. 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 During Distribution

Lutheran Service Book 617

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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



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 + give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 848

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

POSTLUDE

"Fuga" (from Concerto in d minor)

Bach/Vivaldi

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	Calendar	
Sunday 3/3	Quinquagesima Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 3/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 3/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: <i>Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist</i>	7:00 AM - 6:30 PM 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM 10:45 - 11:45 AM
Wednesday 3/6	Ash Wednesday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM Noon 7:00 PM
Thursday 3/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/10	First Sunday in Lent Consecrated Stewards: "Out of the Saltshaker" Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Consecrated Stewards 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

WORSHIPING OUR GOD

+ Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes

Day & Times: Wednesday, March 6 at noon and 7:00 P.M.

Location: Church sanctuary

+ 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

+ Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Theme: The arrival of Christ at Christmas and our hopeful expectation of His Second

Coming on the Last Day reminds us that not only has He come to us in the past and will come again in the future, but that He is here with us presently in the Sacrament. This new fascinating and provocative DVD-based study on the Lord's Supper (or Eucharist) will give all participants a greater appreciation for the miracle that happens every Sunday and its meaning for our everyday lives.

From the producer: Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its

members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Day & Time: Sundays, at 9:00 A.M.

Tuesdays, at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall

Tuesdays in church overflow room

→ Women's Group: Book Study

Theme: The ladies group is ready to tackle a new book together! This time we'll take a

look at *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort*, edited by Katie Schuermann. The book is available for purchase in the narthex for \$18, and we'll only cover the introduction and chapter one to launch our first study. Join your sisters in Christ to discuss important topics like Christian faith in the public square, issues of infertility, mental illness and chronic disease, caring for

aging parents, sexual temptation and a host of others.

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

Location: Church narthex

+ 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

☆ Bible Study: The Book of Job

Theme: Job is a complicated book, asking life's most difficult questions. For millennia, it

has cofounded 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, 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.

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

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church

2110 Brockett Road Tucker, GA 30084

+ 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, and last names M-Z are welcome to bring a cold dish (usually crock pot or steam tray is best). 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

- + Tom Lawton, 3/5
- + Renate Lester, 3/5

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

+ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

+ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

- + Paul Nuckols, 3/3
- + Amy Balog, 3/6
- + Clinton Carlson, 3/6
- + Jessica Luhrs, 3/6
- + Tiffany Satoris, 3/6

In Need

Recent Requests

- + Anne Bigelow, for healing and recovery after surgery.
- ♣ Ann Cirillo (friend of the congregation), for healing and recovery after surgery.
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- + Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- Persecuted Christians in Tajikistan, where recent religious regulations have left little room for free exercise of the faith.

Ongoing Requests

- 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.
- + Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Ctr & Director, Barbara Collins
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district 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.

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