

# *Divine Service*

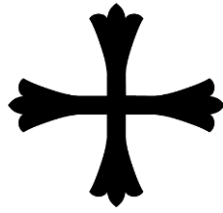
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MARCH 15, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.





As you arrive, please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship which is the red book at the end of your pew.

## PRELUDE

Vater Unser (Our Father)

George Boehm

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 974

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro -  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to



live And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is  
claim; Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly  
way Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His  
me; Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these



hope for all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
in these words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
arms that they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words my soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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## 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

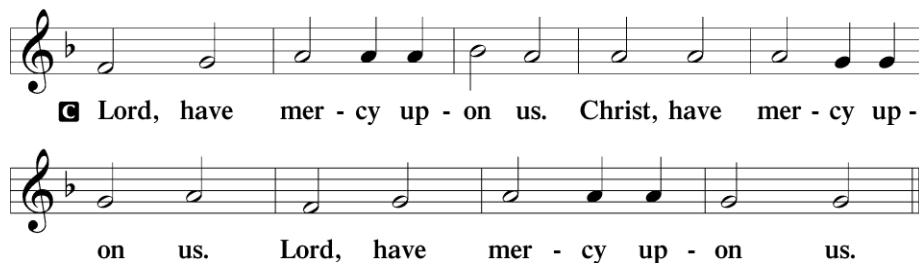
**C** Amen.

*Standing*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The lyrics are written below the notes.

*During Advent and Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, chapter 17.

**A** <sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this

people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**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** Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*  
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
- C** Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*  
 let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
- L** For the LORD is a | great God,\*  
 and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- C** In his hand are the depths | of the earth;\*  
 the heights of the mountains are his | also.



- L** The sea is his, for he | made it,\*  
and his hands formed the | dry land.
- C** Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!
- L** For he | is our God,\*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.
- C** Today, if you | hear his voice,\*  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,
- L** when your fathers put me | to the test\*  
and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.
- 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

## Romans 5:1-8

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter five.
- A** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



## LENTEN VERSE

Joel 2:13

**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

John 4:5-26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** <sup>5</sup> So [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."



# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 855 (stanzas 1, 10, 3, 4)

“For All the Faithful Women”

## SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

MUSIC

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Johann Pachelbel

MEDITATION

Ex. 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

## 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.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



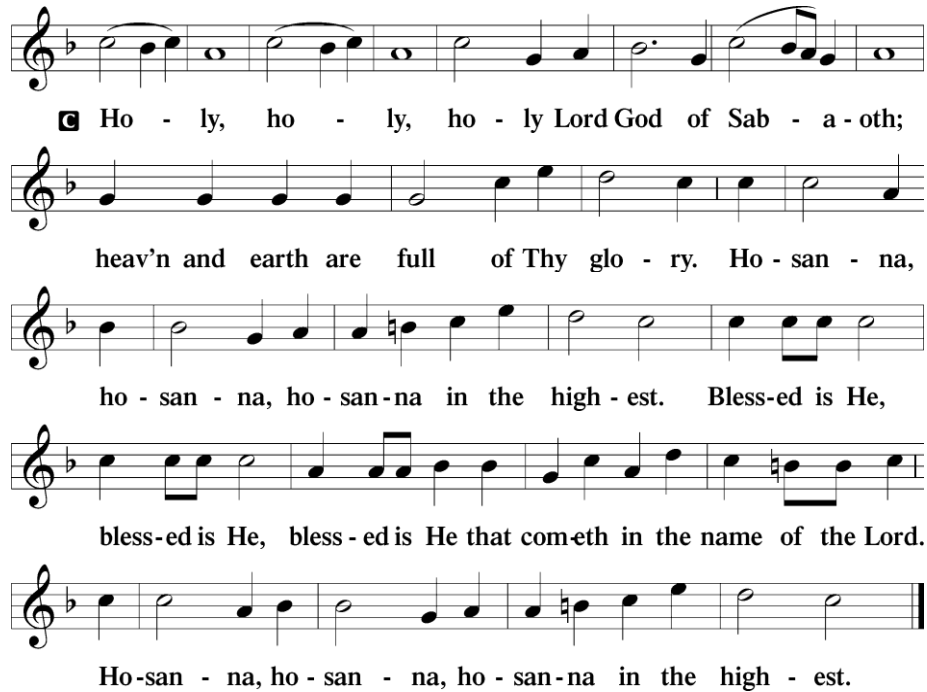
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

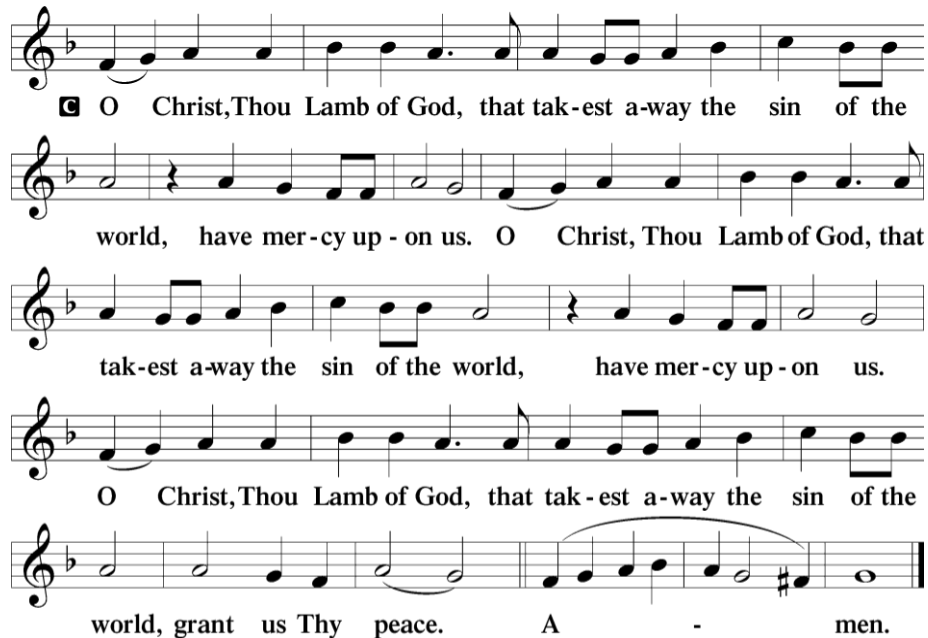
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*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 THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 684*

**"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"**

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

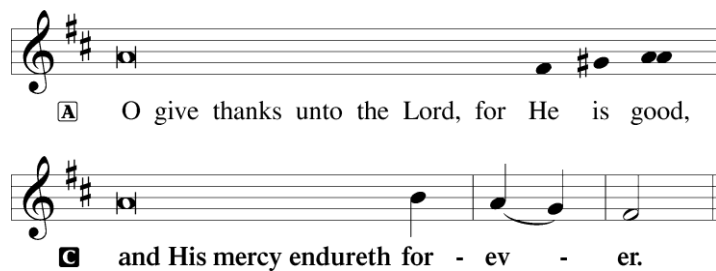
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



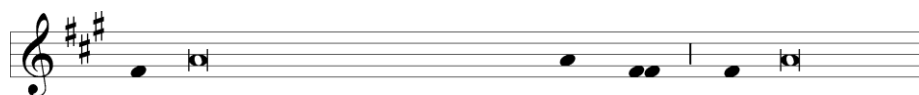
**A** Bless we the Lord.



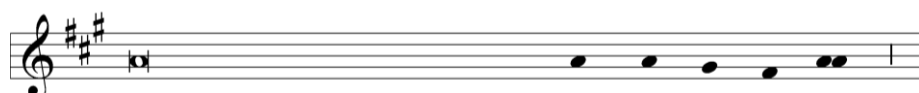
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

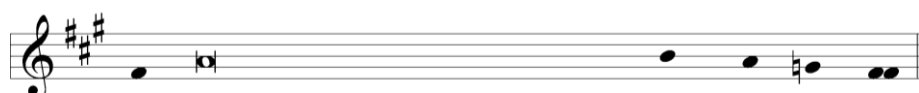
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 423*

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in g minor*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Musician(s)**

Jessica Luhrs, *Cantor*

### **Altar Guild**

Jeni Miller/Jill Drachenberg

### **Usher(s)**

Brian Beckman/Grayson Beckman

### **Greeter(s)**

Tom Lawton & Linda Rathje

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

The Durden family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

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Sarah Cadagin/Judy Russell

### **Usher(s)**

Greg Ison/J.P. Morr

### **Greeter(s)**

Richard & Jill Drachenberg

# Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 3/15	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 3/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 3/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Wednesday 3/18	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 3/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/22	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>What Does This Mean?</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Congregational Luncheon	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

# GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✝ The Book of Hebrews

Theme: What does the New Testament have to do with the Old Testament? How has Christ fulfilled the Law? Why don't we still follow the ceremonial customs of Moses anymore? Explore these questions and many more with this nine-part Bible study on the Book of Hebrews. To get the most out of this study and to be best prepared for each class, copies of the Hebrews Study Guide from the LifeLight series will be available for \$12. See Pastor Miller for more details.

Days & Times: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from January 12 – March 15  
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M., from January 14 – March 17

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

## ✝ WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? *Lutheranism Made Simple*

Theme: What's the Lutheran difference? Who are we as Lutherans? Why are we Lutheran? These questions and more will be explored in this intensive six-part study. The book *Lutheranism 101* will be the basis for our discussions. Copies are available for \$25 each. Whether you're new to Lutheranism, would like a refresher, or want to dig deeper, this is the perfect class for you.

Days & Times: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from March 22 – May 3  
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M., from March 24 – May 5

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

## ✝ 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. At this next meeting, we will be covering the twelfth chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

### ✦ **Women's Group: Bible Study**

Theme: A new year calls for a new book, and what better to study than God's Word as it informs the great hymns of our church! We will take on a new hymn every month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13, or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18. The book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose." Chapter 11 will be the basis of discussion. Childcare provided.

Day & Time: Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

## SERVING IN HIS NAME

### ✦ **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.

### ✦ **Easter Lilies**

Theme: Help get the sanctuary ready for Easter! Lilies, an age old symbol of new life, are a great way to declare He's Risen! They are \$16.00 each, and you may place your order with the cards that are located by the bulletins in the narthex. Please place your form and a check with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line, or cash in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the offering plate or you may drop it off at the church office. Should you like to give a lily in memory of a loved one, please include their name to be mentioned in the Easter bulletin.

Day & Time: The deadline for all orders is Sunday, March 29.



# FELLOWSHIPING 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! You're welcome to bring either a hot or a cold dish to share. If you'd like to bring a particular beverage, you may also do so. Plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. Bon appétit!

**Day & Time:** Sunday, March 22 following Divine Service

**Location:** Church fellowship hall

## ✝ Brazilian BBQ

**Theme:** Martin Kunkel, our Lutheran brother from Brazil, would like to host everyone in the congregation for a Brazilian-style barbecue. He would love to give you a taste of home by preparing many kinds of roasted meats in the traditional way. His only request is that participants would bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. A signup sheet is available in the narthex. Get a jump on your Easter celebration by enjoying this festive banquet and attending the vigil service following the event!

**Day & Time:** Saturday, April 11 at 3:00 PM

**Location:** Church grounds

## ✝ Active Lutherans: Visit to The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip

**Theme:** Please join the new Active Lutherans group as they visit The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip. It will be a guided tour of the cathedral and another of the garden. After the tour, the group will have lunch down the street at The Whitehall Tavern in the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. There is a signup sheet located in the narthex. For further questions or to organize a carpool you may contact Anne Bigelow (aebigelow@comcast.net) or Judy Russell (judith.f.russell@gmail.com).

**Day & Times:** Thursday, April 30

10:00 A.M. – If carpooling, meet in Lutheran Church of the Ascension's parking lot.

10:15 A.M. – If driving alone, meet in The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip parking lot.

10:30 A.M. – Guided tour begins promptly.

**Location:** The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip  
2744 Peachtree Road NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## In Celebration

### Birthdays

✝ None this week

### Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ None this week

### Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

### Membership Anniversaries

✝ Adrian Popescu, 3/16

## In Need

### Recent Requests

- ✝ Jim Burroughs (brother of Jean Meyer's son-in-law), for health and healing.
- ✝ Hunter Chase (brother of J.P. Morr's friend), for health and healing.
- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA), for sustained health.
- ✝ Arlene Kateen, for health and healing.
- ✝ Thomas Ramsey (father of Debbie Dickensheets), for health and healing.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in India, where Hindu radicals tied pastor to tree and beat for hours.

### Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans), for health and healing.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), 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 Center & 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 gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Brief Counsel for the Suffering & Afflicted*: Words of wisdom from the Rev. Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872) for those who face trials and temptations.
- *I Love to Live the Story: A Guide to Understanding & Celebrating the Christian Church Year*
- *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.