


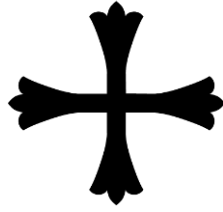
Divine Service

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

MARCH 22, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00A.M.



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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 435

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

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 Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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 your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 42:14-21

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from Isaiah, chapter 42.

- A** ¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."
¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

GRADUAL

Psalm 142; antiphon: Hebrews 12:2

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** With my voice I cry out | to the Lord;*
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.
- C** I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;*
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.
- L** When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!*
In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.



- C** Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice | of me;*
no refuge remains to me; no one cares | for my soul.
- L** I cry to you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."
- C** Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!*
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!
- L** Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!*
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me.
- 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

Ephesians 5:8-14

- A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter five.
- A** ⁸ For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

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 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹ As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed,

and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 430

"My Song Is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
That He His foes From thence might free.

6 **In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.**

7 **Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!**

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SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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;

P 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.**

P O Lord, enter not into judgment with Your servant.
C **For in Your sight shall no man living be justified.**

- P** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Ps. 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence.

Standing

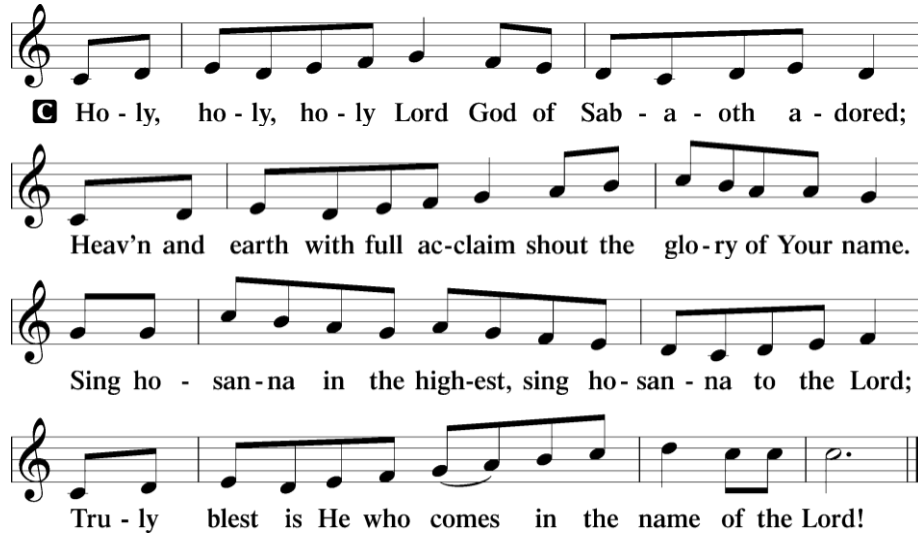
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord. *[Colossians 3:1]*
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise. *[Psalm 136]*
- 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 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*

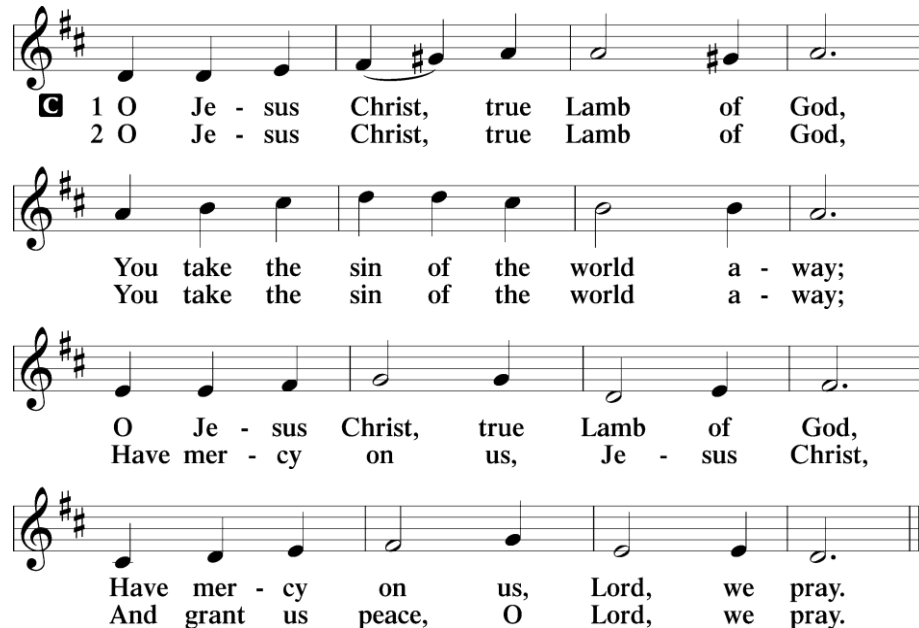
John 20:19

P The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 620

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, 6
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

[Psalm 103:1]

Numbers 6:24-26

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 849

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*
Eddie Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

David Kroll, *Guest Organist*

Musician(s)

Adrian Popescu, *Cantor*

Altar Guild

Sarah Cadagin/Judy Russell

Usher(s)

Greg Ison/J.P. Morr

Greeter(s)

Richard & Jill Drachenberg

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

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Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*
Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Musician(s)

Brielle Simms, *soprano*
Jessica Luhrs, *clarinet*

Altar Guild

Anne Bigelow/Lucie Woolery

Usher(s)

Brian Beckman/Martin Kunkel

Greeter(s)

Anne Bigelow

Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 3/22	Fourth Sunday in Lent Divine Service with Holy Communion	10:00 AM
Monday 3/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 3/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 3/25	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 3/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/29	Fifth Sunday in Lent Divine Service with Holy Communion	10:00 AM

WORSHIPING OUR LORD

✠ Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday with Procession of Palms

Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday with Stripping of Altar

Thursday, April 9 at noon/7:00 P.M.

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

Friday, April 10 at noon/7:00 P.M.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12

Easter Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

Divine Service at 10:00 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt following Divine Service

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✠ *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: Postponed until further notice

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall

✠ **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: Postponed until further notice

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: Postponed until further notice

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

✝ 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 on Peachtree Street. 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: Tentatively 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 Rd 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

✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

✝ China

For comfort, health, and healing:

✝ Jim Burroughs (brother of Jean Meyer's son-in-law)

✝ Hunter Chase (brother of J.P. Morr's friend)

✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)

✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)

✝ Ruth Henry

✝ Arlene Kateen

✝ Rev. Philip Kuehnert

✝ All impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19)

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

✝ Louise Friedman (aunt of Judy Russell)

✝ Ken Householder (nephew of Amy Balog)

For the health and safety of our deployed servicemen and women:

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens)

✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman)

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

For the leaders of Church and state:

✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic

✝ 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.