

# Lententide

MARCH 1, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

REMINISCERE ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



**A**

ND THE SCRIPTURE, FORESEEING THAT GOD WOULD JUSTIFY THE GENTILES BY FAITH, PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO ABRAHAM BEFOREHAND, SAYING, "IN YOU ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED."

– GALATIANS 3:8

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved.” - Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



## PRELUDE

*Der Am Kreuz (Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing, LSB 421)*

Setting by Kenneth Koesche

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 745*

**“In God, My Faithful God”**



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.  
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
5 “So be it,” then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.  
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.  
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us  
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.  
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.  
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.  
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.  
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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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.*

## **The Ninth Commandment**

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Ninth Commandment:**

- *Do I have strong wants, desires, or cravings that consume my thoughts?*
- *Do I resent or envy those who have more than I?*
- *Do I neglect my marriage, family, church, and other relationships in a desperate attempt to satisfy the wants and desires of my flesh?*
- *Have my wants kept me from being happy with and thankful for what God has given me?*

**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

## INTROIT

Psalm 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22



- L** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.  
Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*  
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.
- L** To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
- C** Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
- L** Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
- C** For your name's sake, | O LORD,\*  
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.



- L** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.  
Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*  
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



## 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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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*

## PROPHECY

**Genesis 32:22–30**

**A** The Prophecy for the Second Sunday in Lent is from Genesis, chapter 32.

**A** In those days: Jacob arose at night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he

said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

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

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



TRACT



- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
- C** Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,\*  
or declare | all his praise?
- L** Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*  
who do righteousness | at all times!
- C** Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;\*  
help me when you | save them.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

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



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

- P** At that time: Jesus departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then

she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*  
**very God of very God**, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30; 17:22*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*  
**came down from heaven** *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

- P** What is the Fourth Commandment?  
**C** Honor your father and your mother.  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

*Sitting*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 615*

**“When In the Hour of Deepest Need”**



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

**5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
 Be with us in our anguish still;  
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill.**

**6 So we with all our hearts each day  
 To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
 Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
 And now and ever praise You, Lord.**

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SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



**C** 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

*Martyrdom (Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, LSB 437)*

Setting by Edwin T. Childs

Standing

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Shepherd of Israel, You disdain nothing that You have made. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we would receive Your absolution with true penitence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, preserve all pastors in Christ, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our bishop; and Aaron, our circuit visitor. Renew in this congregation and among all Your saints faith to cling to You in adversity, boldness to oppose the devil and resist the flesh, and compassion to serve one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our Father, You have adopted us into Your heavenly family as brothers of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us, after the example of Jacob and Esau, to overcome brotherly strife in persistent prayer and with humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, give steadfastness and wisdom to our leaders, especially Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; and all congressmen, judges and civil servants. Grant peace between nations and a spirit of humility and concord to our citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, You hear the cries of the severely oppressed and bless them with healing in Your appointed season. Comfort those who wait on You [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Increase their faith, and bring them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, though it is not right to give the children's bread to dogs or to cast pearls before swine, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. Receive us in Your mercy and enable all who commune to make the good confession, both of our sin and of You, our only Savior, that we may receive Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, You watch over the ways of Your people and call us to please You. Lead us to control our bodies and to flee all immorality, that we might show a godly witness in this world and adorn Your Gospel with a holy life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



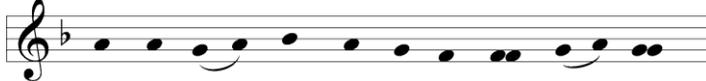
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.

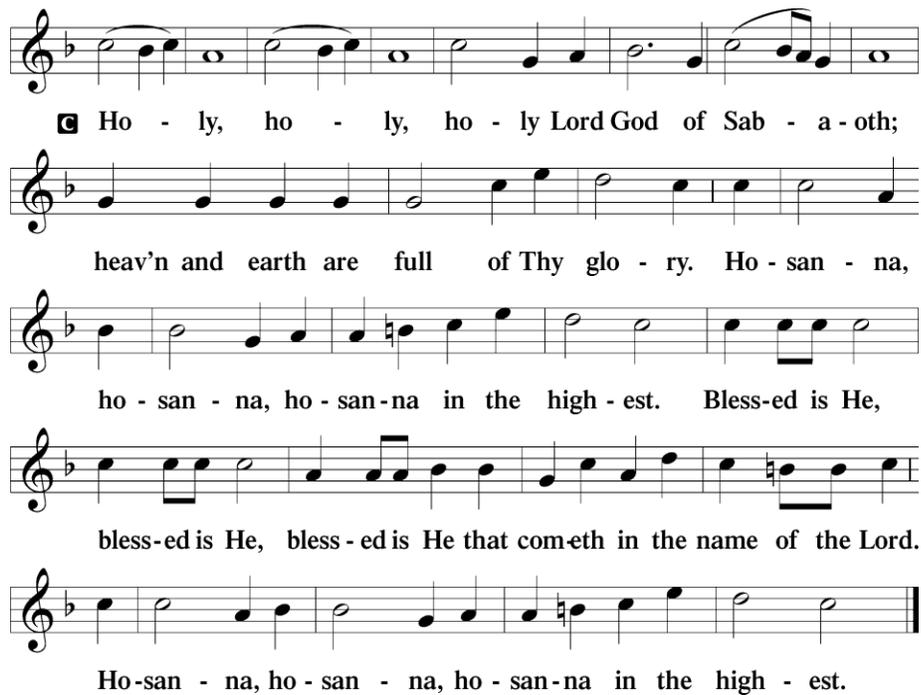


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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



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.

*Kneeling or sitting forward.*

## 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 <sup>†</sup> 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 <sup>†</sup> 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."

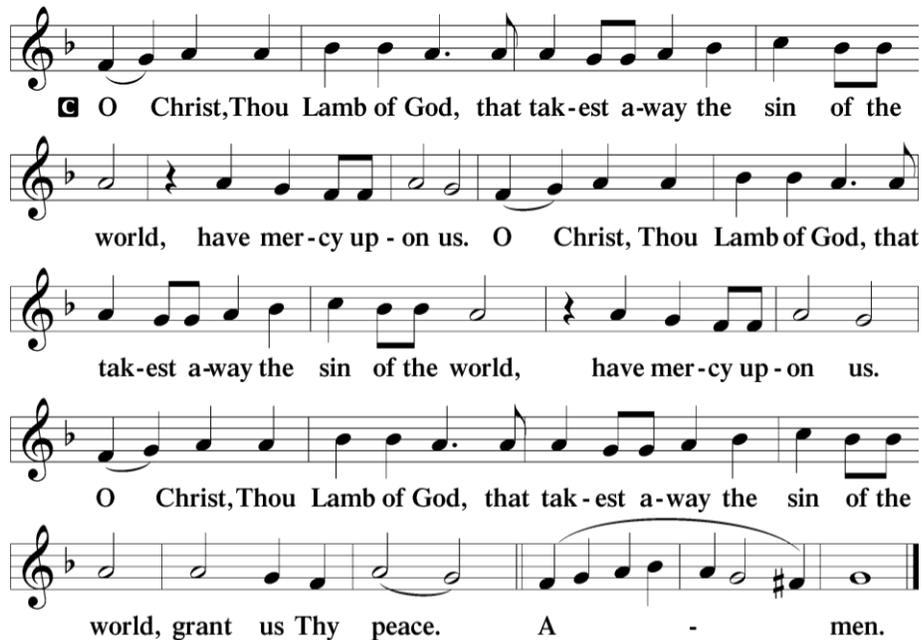
## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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 Holy Communion:**

*All guests and visitors are asked to please speak to Pastor Miller before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.*

*Those who are not receiving the Sacrament but still request a pastoral blessing are invited to approach the altar with arms crossed in an "X" over their chests to indicate this desire.*

*We are grateful for your cooperation in honoring our practice. For further explanation, please see below:*

*Drawn from God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions are a true and binding exposition of Holy Scripture and serve as authoritative texts for all pastors, congregations and other rostered church workers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That being the case, we are bound to follow its prescribed practice of Closed Communion:*

*"The custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved [1 Corinthians 11:27-28]" (Augsburg Confession XXV:1).*

*Closed Communion was always the common practice among Christians from the first century and remains the practice of Confessional Lutherans. It originates from the clear biblical teaching that the Sacrament of the Altar "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink" (Small Catechism VI:1). The "words [according to our Lord's institution], "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words" (SC VI:3).*

*Because "whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord," it is important that each person "examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). To ensure worthy reception, pastors are required to be faithful in their stewardship of the sacraments (1 Cor 4:1-2). This assumes pastoral care between Pastor Miller and those intending to receive Holy Communion.*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 420

“Christ the Life of All the Living”



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

**5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,**

**That from pain I might be free;**

**Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:**

**Thence I gain security;**

**Comfortless Thy soul did languish**

**Me to comfort in my anguish.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,**

**Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

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6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry,  
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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*Lutheran Service Book 423*

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

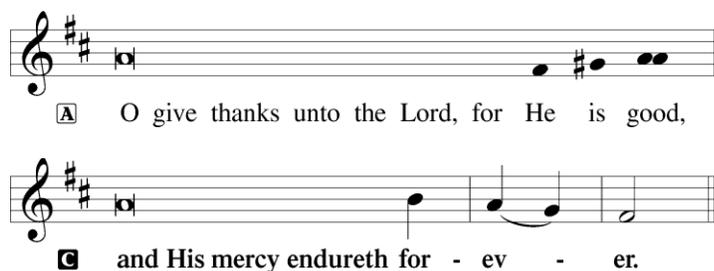
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalms 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** 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.



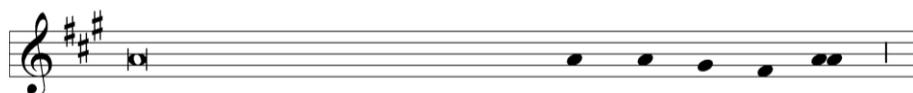
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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 421

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, “Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed,” That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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## POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE)

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

#### Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

#### Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Kati Durden

#### Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/The Rev. Steve Harmon  
(Trevor Dunkel)

#### Fellowship Host(s)

Nancy Grossberg

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (OCULI)

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

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#### Cantor

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#### Altar Guild

Linda Rathje

#### Usher(s)

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#### Fellowship Host(s)

The Grayson Beckman family

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.”

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 3/1	<b>Second Sunday in Lent (<i>Reminiscere</i>)</b> Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Follow Me:" Discipleship in Matthew</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 3/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 3/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 3/4	<b>Wednesday of the Second Sunday in Lent (<i>Reminiscere</i>)</b> Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer Lenten Midweek Mass II: <i>The Second Day of Creation</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 12:15 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday 3/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/8	<b>Third Sunday in Lent (<i>Oculi</i>)</b> Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Follow Me:" Discipleship in Matthew</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ **Adult Bible Study: “Follow Me”: Discipleship in Matthew**

Sundays at 9:00 A.M. during the season of Lent.

Church fellowship hall

The phrase "follower of Jesus" like the term "Christian" has become so generic that it means nearly anything and sometimes almost nothing. In “Follow Me,” we will dig deeply into the Holy Scriptures to show what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This seven-session Bible study couldn't be more appropriate for Lent as we heed our Lord's command to “take up your cross and follow Me.” All are welcome—whether you are new to Bible study or have been reading Scripture for many years. Come deepen your faith, engage in thoughtful discussion, and enjoy fellowship with others.

## ✝ **Midweek Prayer**

Wednesdays at 12:15 P.M.

Church sanctuary

Whether on your lunchbreak or just need a break in your day, we invite you to join us for prayer and meditation on God's Holy Word. Every Wednesday at noon, parents and teachers of Open Arms, as well as anyone from the congregation, are encouraged to come into God's presence. We will hear Him speak through His Word, and we will pray for the world, our nation, and the deeper needs of the church and school communities. This service is simple and brief. But it will allow you to walk away refreshed and ready to finish out the week strong!

## ✝ **Lenten Midweek Mass: *The Seven Days of New Creation***

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:00 P.M.

Church sanctuary

Throughout the season of Lent, you are invited to join us for Midweek Masses over five weeks, offering a sacred rhythm of worship, reflection, and renewal as we journey toward Easter. Lenten midweek services provide an important opportunity to slow down, repent, and refocus our hearts on Christ's saving work. Gathered around Word and Sacrament, we are strengthened in faith and drawn more deeply into the meaning of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. These services help prepare us spiritually to receive the joy of Easter by walking intentionally through the season of repentance and hope.

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This year's sermon series will explore how Christ fulfills the seven days of creation through His ministry—and especially through the events of Holy Week—working faithfully to inaugurate God's new creation. As the first creation was formed through God's purposeful work, so Christ labors in obedience, suffering, and love to bring about restoration, redemption, and new life for all creation. All are encouraged to attend these midweek Masses and enter more fully into the Lenten journey as we prepare our hearts for the victory of Easter.

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### ✦ **Book Club: *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper**

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Everyone is invited to join our Book Club for fellowship and discussion! We'll gather to talk about our new book, share insights, and encourage one another. No need to be an expert—just come ready to listen and participate. All are welcome!

From the inside dust jacket flap:

*The deadly crack of a long rifle and the piercing cries of Indians on the warpath shatter the serenity of beautiful Lake Glimmerglass. Danger has invaded the vast forests of upper New York State as Deerslayer and his loyal Mohican friend Chingachgook attempt the daring rescue of an Indian maiden imprisoned in a Huron camp. Soon they are caught in the cross fire between a cunning enemy and two white bounty hunters who mercilessly kill for profit.*

*The last of the Leatherstocking Tales to be written, though first in the chronology of the hero's life, *The Deerslayer* is James Fenimore Cooper's masterpiece. A fine combination of romance, adventure, and morality, this classic novel of the frontier is an eloquent beginning for Cooper's great wilderness saga—and an unforgettable introduction to the famous character who has been said to embody the conscience of America: the noble woodsman Deerslayer.*

**✝ Lunch and Learn Group: Tour of Historic Silverlake Park in Brookhaven**

TBD

Silverlake Park

4062 Peachtree Road

Suite #A259

Brookhaven, GA 30319

All are welcome to lunch and learn with the new Ascension weekday group. Please watch the church announcements for all upcoming planned events. The first is an easy walking tour of historic Silverlake Park in Brookhaven, with lunch to follow at Hobnob. For more details, contact Eileen Buehl (contact information in church directory).

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- + Chad Stark, 3/2
- + Tom Lawton, 3/5

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- + None this week

## Recent Requests

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- + Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- + Gerhard (Gary) Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- + Jan Knehans
- + John Lamb (father of Pastor Miller's friend)
- + Joshua Schoellen (brother of Jason Schoellen)
- + Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

## Other Recent Requests

- + Tanzania, especially the persecuted Christians, that God would heal all divisions.

## Ongoing Requests

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + Ruth Henry
- + James Houchin (friend of Jordan Tomesch)
- + John Kateen
- + Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- + Betty Licht
- + Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- + Rev. Aaron Sterling (Senior Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta)

### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & 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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OR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST.

– EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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