

Lententide

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

REMINISCERE ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



LET THIS BE THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT POINT, THAT ALL OUR PRAYERS MUST BE BASED AND REST UPON OBEDIENCE TO GOD, REGARDLESS OF WHO WE ARE, WHETHER WE ARE SINNERS OR SAINTS, WORTHY OR UNWORTHY. WE MUST KNOW THAT GOD WILL NOT HAVE OUR PRAYER TREATED AS A JOKE. BUT HE WILL BE ANGRY AND PUNISH ALL WHO DO NOT PRAY, JUST AS SURELY AS HE PUNISHES ALL OTHER DISOBEDIENCE. FURTHERMORE, HE WILL NOT ALLOW OUR PRAYERS TO BE IN VAIN OR LOST. FOR IF HE DID NOT INTEND TO ANSWER YOUR PRAYER, HE WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO PRAY AND ADD SUCH A SEVERE COMMANDMENT TO IT.

-LARGE CATECHISM, PART III. THE LORD'S PRAYER, 17-18.

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

Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth

Kaspar F. Nachtenhofer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 420 (stanzas 1-4)

“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'rings,
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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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 Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Tenth Commandment:

- *Am I discontented with the spouse the Lord God has given me?*
- *Am I discontented with the job I have or the employees I supervise?*
- *Have I neglected to urge someone to remain faithful to his or her spouse?*
- *Have I wanted my neighbor's husband or wife, boyfriend or girlfriend, workers or property to be mine?*

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

A The Old Testament Reading for Reminiscere 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.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 25:17-18



- L** The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
- C** Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter four.
- A** Brethren: We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**, *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. *Psalm 106:48*

P What is the Second Petition?

C Thy kingdom come.

P What does this mean?

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P How does God’s kingdom come?

C God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en’s heirs.
 Je - sus’ blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Sitting

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

Tryggare kan ingen vara ("Children of the Heavenly Father")

Lina Sandell

Adrian Popescu, tenor

English translation:

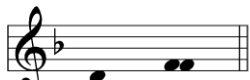
1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

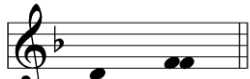
THE LITANY



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



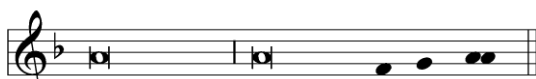
C hear us.



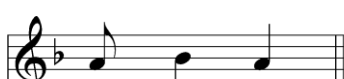
L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



C have mer - cy.



L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



C have mer - cy.

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L God the Holy Spir - it,

C have mer - cy.

L Be gra - cious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

L Be gra - cious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all e - vil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;
From pestilence and famine;
from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;
From lightning and tempest;
from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:

C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your
cross and passion; by Your precious death and bur - i - al;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Com - fort - er:

C Help us, good Lord.

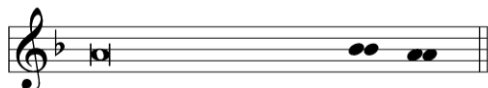
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L In all time of our tribulation; in all time
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



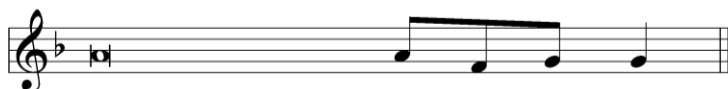
C to hear us, O Lord.



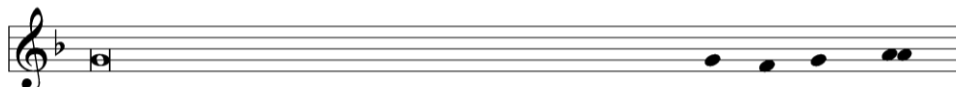
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are de - ceived;

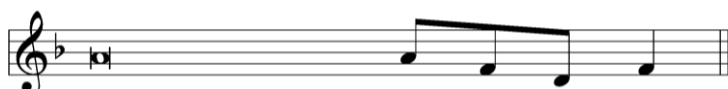
To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spir - it:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

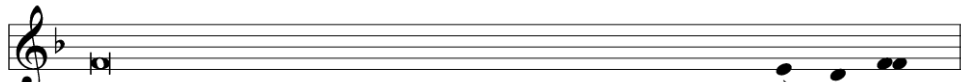


L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those
who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:

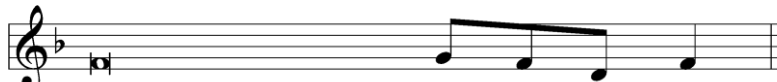


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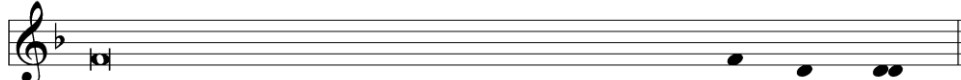
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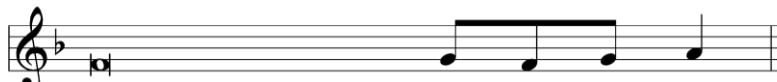
L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
to preserve our land from discord and strife;
to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in
authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple;
To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers
with infant children, increasing happiness in
their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and
young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



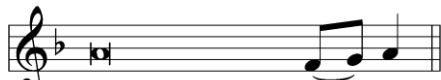
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



C we implore You to hear us.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.

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L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ,



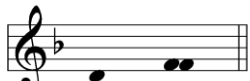
C hear us.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

Please remain standing.

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.

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 [†]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 [†] 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.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



G 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 617

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

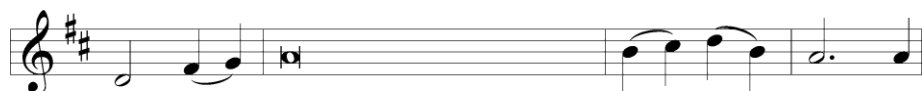


Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Standing

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 - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



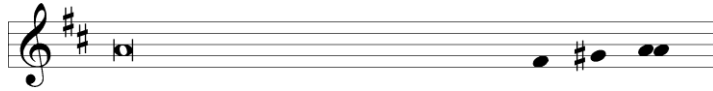
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



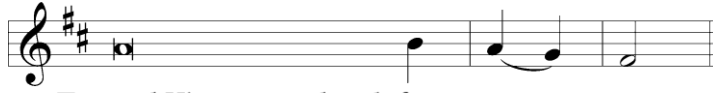
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



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

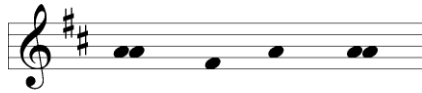
2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



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.
G A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 420 (stanzas 5-7)

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

POSTLUDE

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Johann B. Freystein

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Will Davis, trumpet

Cantor

Briana Darden

Altar Guild

Briana Darden/Kati & Hank Durden

Usher(s)

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Richard Drachenberg/Malcolm Abrahaman

Fellowship Host(s)

Nancy Grossberg

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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.”

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 2/25	Reminiscere ~ Second Sunday In Lent Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Congregational Potluck	9:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass
Monday 2/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 2/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 2/28	Wednesday of Reminiscere Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Holy Mass Lenten Supper	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday 2/29	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/3	Oculi ~ Third Sunday In Lent Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Nation of Israel***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the nation of Israel. Beginning with 1 Samuel then moving on to the Books of Kings, Chronicles, and beyond, we will take a tour of the turbulent history of God's people, and His faithfulness despite it all, after their establishment as a nation.

✝ **Lententide/Easter Mass Schedule**

Ash Wednesday:	February 14	noon and 6:15 P.M. (no supper)
Midweek:	February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20	6:15 P.M. (supper at 7:00 P.M.)
Holy Triduum:	March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	noon and 6:15 P.M. (no supper)
	March 29 (Good Friday)	noon and 6:15 P.M. (no supper)
	March 30 (Easter Vigil)	6:15 P.M. (no supper)
Easter Sunday:	March 31	10:00 A.M. (breakfast at 8:30 A.M.; egg hunt at 11:30 A.M.)

✝ **Lenten Offerings: Lutheran Bible Translators**

All offerings collected during the Lenten midweek services will go to support Lutheran Bible Translators and their effort to translate the Gospel of Mark into the language of the people of Botswana. Thank you for your donations to help put God's Word into the hands of all peoples.

✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ Potluck Fellowship

Sunday February 25, following Mass

Join the Ascension family for a potluck on the last Sunday of every month! It's a great time to not only feast on good food, but to get better acquainted over good conversation. Please consider bringing a main dish, side, salad, and/or dessert to share.

✝ LWML Zone Rally

Saturday April 20, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Ascension will be hosting the next Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally. It will begin with registration at 9:00 A.M., Mass at 9:30 A.M., then ladies will discuss LWML business, and close with a luncheon. We encourage all congregational members (men and children included) to attend 9:30 Mass. We are also requesting volunteers to please provide and serve lunch to the LWML. Please consider serving this dedicated group of women, which is so selflessly committed to sharing the Gospel with our neighbors and providing mercy work to those in need.

✦ **Book Club: *Gone with the Wind***

Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Margaret Mitchell's page-turning, sweeping American epic has been a classic for over eighty years. Beloved and thought by many to be the greatest of the American novels, *Gone with the Wind* is a story of love, hope and loss set against the tense historical background of the American Civil War.

The lovers at the novel's centre – the selfish, privileged Scarlett O'Hara and rakish Rhett Butler – are magnetic: pulling readers into the tangled narrative of a struggle to survive that cannot be forgotten.

WINNER OF NATIONAL BOOK AWARD AND PULITZER PRIZE

'For sheer readability I can think of nothing it must give way before' *The New Yorker*

'What makes some people come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong, and brave, go under?' Margaret Mitchell

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ Eileen Buehl, 2/27
- ✝ Jasson Kalugendo, 3/1

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ Grayson Beckman, 3/1

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Lauren Morr, 3/1
- ✝ J.P. Morr, 3/2

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

- ✝ Nigeria

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Barbara Collins-Hopkins (Director of Open Arms LCDC)
- ✝ John Kotronis (father of a friend of the Millers)
- ✝ The Rev. Philip Kuehnert (former pastor of LCA)
- ✝ Kenneth McAusland (father of Christina Hartman)
- ✝ Cameron McClain and family (relatives of the Woolerys)
- ✝ Michelle Noel
- ✝ Mick (child of Keith Worthington's friend)
- ✝ Claire Pak (friend of Laura Darden)
- ✝ Bill Vester

For those requesting special prayers:

- ✝ Gainful employment for all those in this congregation who are actively seeking meaningful work and a fair wage.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Brian Beckman
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Jean Meyers
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & 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 Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials

IN THE SECOND PLACE, WE SHOULD BE MORE ENCOURAGED AND MOVED TO PRAY BECAUSE GOD HAS ALSO ADDED A PROMISE AND DECLARED THAT IT SHALL SURELY BE DONE FOR US AS WE PRAY. HE SAYS IN PSALM 50:15, "CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE; I WILL DELIVER YOU." AND CHRIST SAYS IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW, "ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; . . . FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES" (7:7-8). SUCH PROMISES CERTAINLY OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE AND KINDLE OUR HEARTS TO PRAY WITH PLEASURE AND DELIGHT. FOR HE TESTIFIES WITH HIS OWN WORD THAT OUR PRAYER IS HEARTILY PLEASING TO HIM. FURTHERMORE, IT SHALL CERTAINLY BE HEARD AND GRANTED, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY NOT DESPISE IT OR THINK LIGHTLY OF IT AND PRAY BASED ON CHANCE.

-LARGE CATECHISM, PART III. THE LORD'S PRAYER, 19-20.



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