

# Lententide

MARCH 16, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

REMINISCERE ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



*Christ and the Canaanite Woman* (1500). Juan De Flandes. Oil on panel.

**I**N 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.

# 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

*There Is a Redeemer*

Keith Green

## WELCOME

## 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 Fourth Commandment**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

*What does this mean?*

*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.*

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

- *Do I submit to those whom God has put in authority over me?*
- *Have I been ashamed of, angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward my parents, teachers, employer, pastor, government or other authorities?*
- *Do I obey all the laws of the city, state and country, and pay my rightful share of all taxes?*

**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.**

## 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.** *Psalms 106:48*

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** These words, "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. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*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

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

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, our Lord and Master, remember Your tender mercies and loving kindness of old. Do not let our enemies triumph over us, and do not depart from us until You have blessed us. As You strove for Jacob, so strive now for Your faithful people who put their trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Shepherd of Israel, You have knit Jew and Gentile — and all the nations of the world — into Your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Lead us ever more deeply into the unity You desire for Your people, that we may bear one another’s burdens in prayer and in works of mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Shepherd of Israel, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As You have called us in holiness, so sanctify us to walk as we ought and to please You through the Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Shepherd of Israel, You have established rulers and earthly authorities to protect us. Bless Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; the Congress of these United States; the legislature of this state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Help us to preserve our liberty and use its gift wisely in the pursuit of justice and for the welfare of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Shepherd of Israel, 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** Shepherd of Israel, 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** Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You by Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy. Although we have reason to fear for the sake of our conscience, our sin and our unworthiness, let us nevertheless hold fast, like the woman of Canaan, to Your grace. In every trial and temptation, let us find You a present help and refuge; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

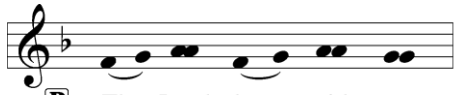
*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

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

# 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.

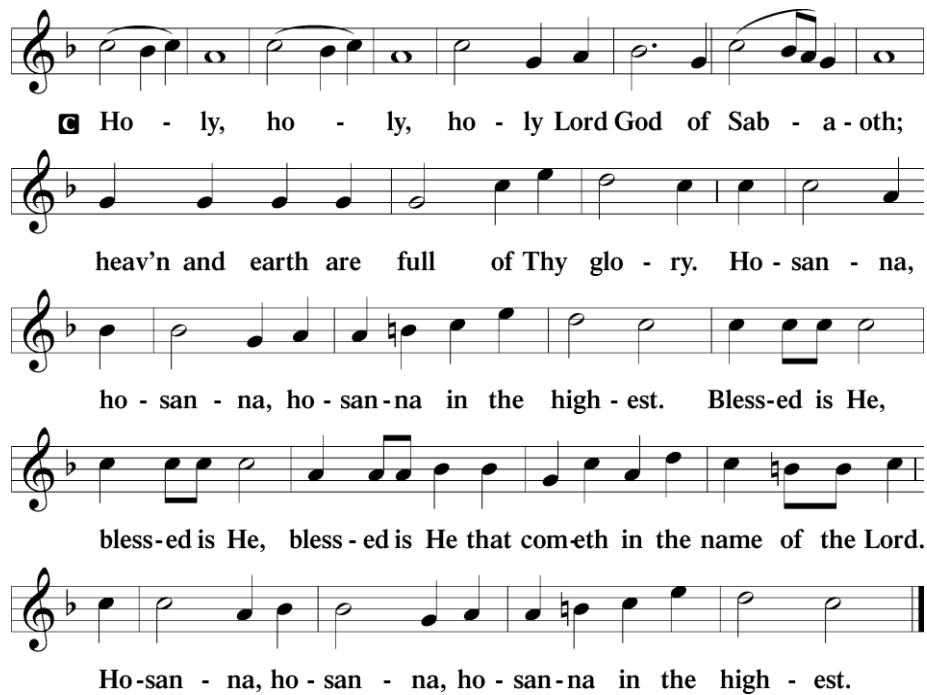


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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 <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."

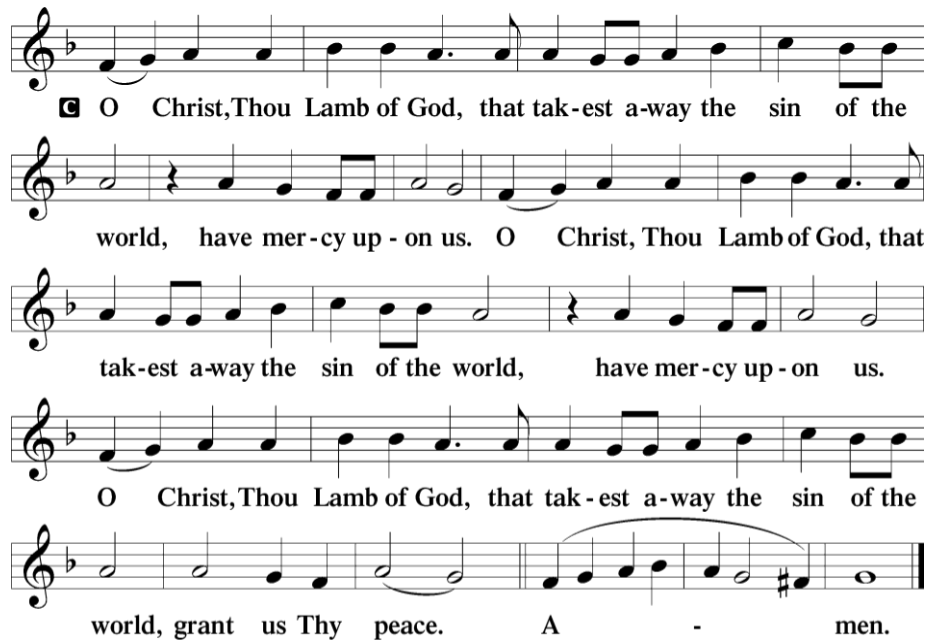
## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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 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 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 blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

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1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious  
 2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His  
 Δ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,  
 us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,  
 and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -  
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with  
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious  
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the  
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.  
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

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

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

**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.



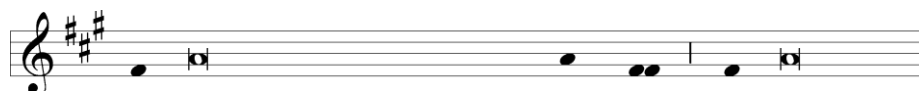
**A** Bless we the Lord.



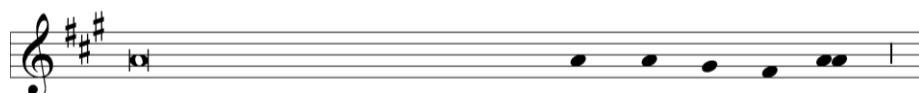
**C** Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

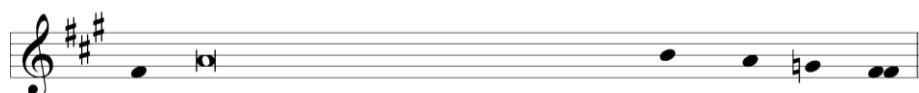
Numbers 6:24-26



**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 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

*Ode to Joy*

Ludwig van Beethoven



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Laura Darden, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Briana Darden

### **Altar Guild**

Jeni Miller

### **Usher(s)**

Tom Lawton/Tracy Woolery  
(David Darden)

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

Christina Schoellen

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Interim Director of Music*

### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Tom Lawton/Tracy Woolery  
(David Darden)

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

TBD

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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 3/16	<b>Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour/Laura Darden Appreciation	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 3/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 3/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 3/19	<b>Wednesday of Reminiscere</b> Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Holy Mass The Third Word from the Cross: <i>"Woman, behold your son."... "Son, behold your mother."</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 7:00 PM
Thursday 3/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 3/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 3/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 3/23	<b>Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour



# LOVING THE LORD

## ✠ **Adult Bible Study:** *The History of the Kingdom 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 kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

## ✠ **Small Group Bible Study:** *The Books of the Church*

Sunday March 23 at 3:30 P.M.: Judith; Wisdom of Solomon; Tobit  
Sunday April 27 at 3:30 P.M.: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach); Baruch; The Letter of Jeremiah  
Sunday May 25 at 3:30 P.M.: 1 & 2 Maccabees  
Pastor Miller's home (see church directory for address)

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website (cph.org). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org).

✝ **Lententide/Easter Mass Schedule**

Lenten Midweek Mass . . . . . March 19, 26; April 2, 9 at 7:00 P.M.  
Maundy Thursday Mass with Corporate Confession . . . . . April 17 at 7:00 P.M.  
Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers . . . . . April 18 at Noon and 7:00 P.M.  
Easter Vigil Mass . . . . . April 19 at 7:00 P.M.  
Easter Sunday Mass . . . April 20 at 10:00 A.M. (breakfast at 8:30 A.M.; egg hunt at 11:30 A.M.)

✝ **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.

# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ **Staff Appreciation: Thank You to Laura Darden**

Sunday March 16 during Fellowship Hour  
Church narthex

We are grateful for Laura Darden’s service to us as Director of Music. She has blessed our music program and everyone who has worked with her. Sadly, Wednesday March 19 will be the last official service she plays for us. In the meantime, we will have an interim director. Though we don’t want to see Laura go, we do want to celebrate what the Lord has accomplished through his servant Laura. Please join us for cake and a time to express our appreciation to her after church. Thank you, Laura, and God bless you!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ None this week

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Adrian Popescu, 3/16
- ✝ Josh & Tori Mech, 3/21

## Recent Requests

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

- ✝ David Beckman (father of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Hellen Kalugendo
- ✝ Donald Licht
- ✝ Gary Miller (father of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Michelle Noel
- ✝ Rachel Preus (friend of Jeni Miller)
- ✝ Pam Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)

### *For those requesting special prayers:*

- ✝ Faith Lutheran Church and School in Marietta, that God would provide them with a faithful pastor and principal.

## Ongoing Requests

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

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- ✝ Ed & Jackie Sherwood (grandfather and grandmother of Bekah Beckman)

### *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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