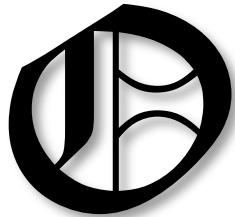


Septuagesima

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SEPTUAGESIMA





ONE OF THE SOLDIERS PIERCED JESUS' SIDE WITH A SPEAR, BRINGING A SUDDEN FLOW OF BLOOD AND WATER.

- JOHN 19:34

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

Energy ("Not What These Hands Have Done," LSB 567)

by William H. Bates

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 869

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"

1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;

For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.

Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed, Morn-ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you, All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter, Good will fol - low ev - 'ry-where While you here must wan - der; Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;

In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man-sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross $\text{\textt{T}}$ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the $\text{\textt{T}}$ 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 Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fifth Commandment:

- *Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?*
- *Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?*
- *Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?*
- *Am I abusive (in word or deed) toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?*
- *Have I ignored the plight of the helpless or been callous toward genuine need?*

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 $\text{\textt{T}}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Psalm 18:5-6a



L The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

L I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,

C For you save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

L [You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.

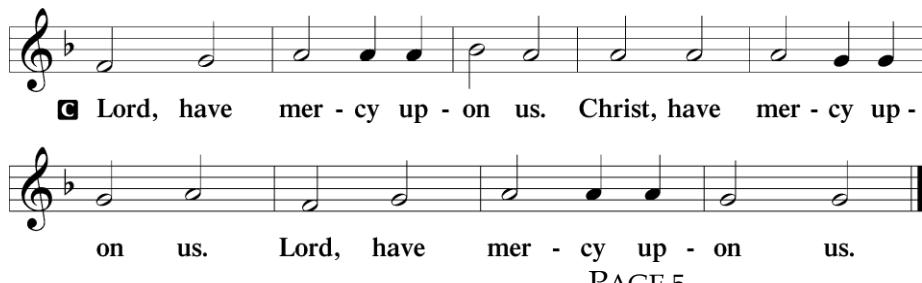
C For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
and sing | to your name.



L The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

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 Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Exodus 17:1–7

A The Prophecy for Septuagesima is from Exodus, chapter 17.

A In those days: All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 9:9-10, 18-19a



L The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

C **And those who know your name put their | trust in you,***
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

L For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

C **A- | rise, O LORD!***
Let not | man prevail.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:4

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapters nine and ten.

A Brethren: Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into

subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Standing

From Sepetugesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Alleluia and Verse.

TRACT

Psalm 130:1-4



L Out \downarrow of the depths*
I cry to you, \downarrow O LORD!

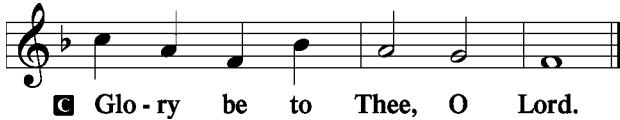
C O Lord, \downarrow hear my voice!*
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for \downarrow mercy!

L If you, O LORD, should mark in- \downarrow iquities,*
O Lord, \downarrow who could stand?

C But with you there is for- \downarrow giveness,*
that you \downarrow may be feared.



¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



¶ At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning

with the last to the first.'

And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

¶ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God,** *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*
the Father Almighty, *Psalm 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 \dagger 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. *Psalm 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

P Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy or unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 567

"Not What These Hands Have Done"

1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,

Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
 I rest on love divine,
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
 I call this Savior mine.

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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

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ ("Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared," LSB 622)

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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 Gracious Master, You have gathered Your servants out of every nation and in all hours of life to labor in the vineyard of Your Church. Give us thankful hearts and make us glad for those who enter at Your invitation, that with them we may praise Your holy generosity. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Father of all, You have built Your one, holy Church upon the rock of Christ and ordered her according to Your gracious will. Instill in her pastors a godly wisdom to know Your Word thoroughly, and in her people a patient spirit that waits on Your heavenly provision. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from Your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, shed Your grace on the nations of the world. Suppress evil and injustice in every place and establish Your peace, that the poor would be comforted and suffer no lack. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, be near to the sick and suffering [especially _____]. Bring them healing, hope and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Master of the vineyard, we are entitled to nothing and deserve only wrath, but we are bold to ask for everything by grace in Christ. Grant us repentant hearts, trusting faith in Your promises and unity of confession, that all who receive Your body and blood in Holy Communion this day may be strengthened through the forgiveness of sins for a life that abandons sin and idleness and lives in joyful service to our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Master, in times past You brought many into the early labor of Your vineyard, the Church. Instruct us by the example of these saints, [especially _____] that we, who have come to faith in the later hours of this world, may follow them in faith, hope and love, and at last receive Your generous wage. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray. Grant that we would look to You for every blessing and to Your Son for our salvation. Deliver us from all adversity, and preserve us in faith until the last. To You alone be all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



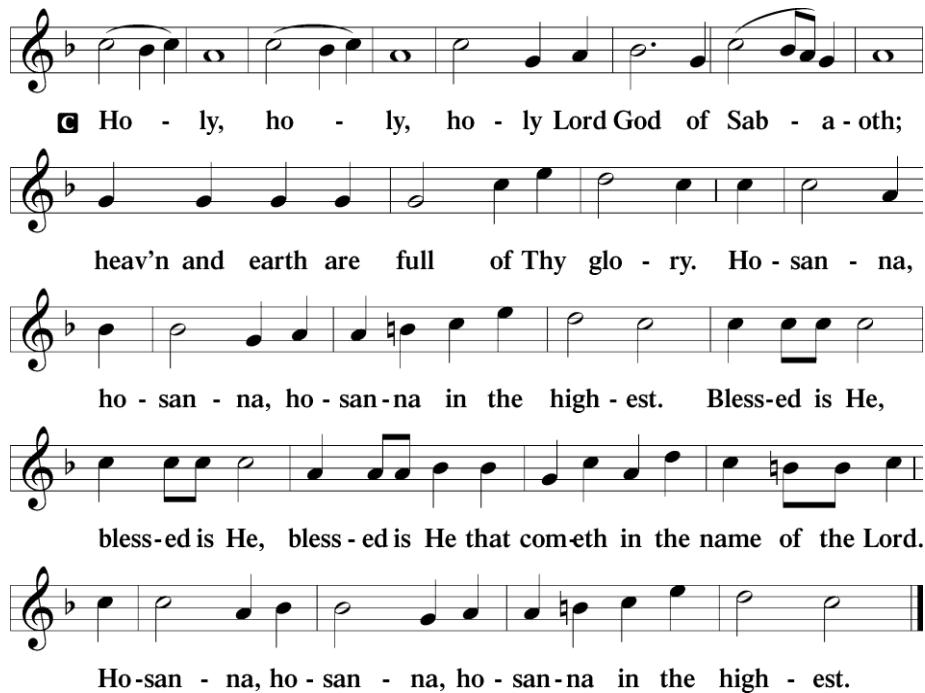
The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time and G major. The staves are separated by vertical bar lines. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef. The third staff begins with a treble clef. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef. The sixth staff begins with a bass clef. The music includes various note values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, with some notes connected by beams. The lyrics are as follows:

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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; 23:39



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

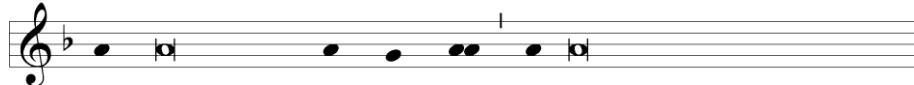
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead 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



¶ Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



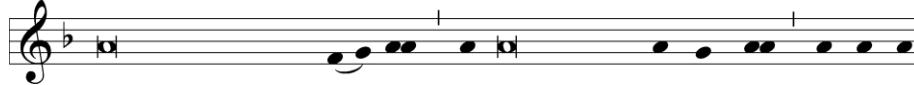
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \ddagger bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



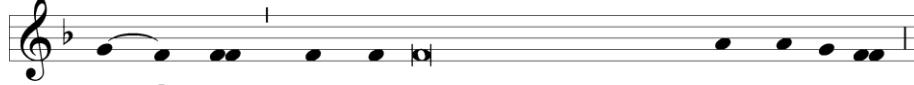
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



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 \ddagger 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



¶ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



¶ A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



C 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 Miler or an elder of the congregation before receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Thank you for honoring our practice. For further explanation, see below:

*St. Ignatius of Antioch called Holy Communion "the medicine of immortality." St. Augustine called the Church a "hospital for sinners." And Lutherans in Germany called their clergy *seelsorger*, which means "physician of souls." Because of this, pastoral care in the distribution of Christ's holy body and blood is likened to a doctor's consultation before writing a prescription.*

Because not all medicine is for everyone every time, Pastor Miller asks that guests and visitors please "step into his office" before having their prescription filled. The desire is that all would receive Holy Communion unto salvation by repentance and faith (1 Cor. 11:28-29). But because everyone's spiritual wellbeing is a top priority, pastors are required to be faithful in their stewardship of the sacraments (1 Cor. 4:1-2).

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

"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.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 622

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

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7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

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8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

Lutheran Service Book 573

"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
 Δ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's
 nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
 heart and mind; Else the world had yet en-thralled me, To Thy
 bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and
 grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
 heav'n-ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
 King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,
 Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
 For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
 Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed
 end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
 if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

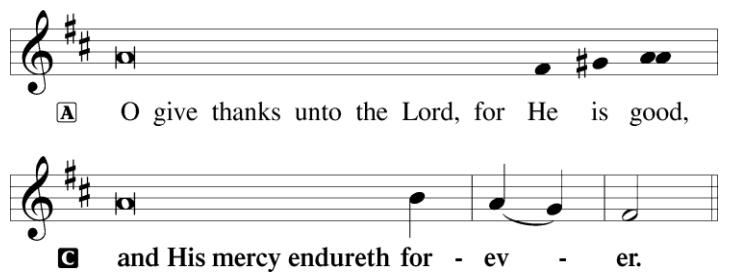
Luke 2:29-32



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 - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spirit.



A Bless we the Lord.



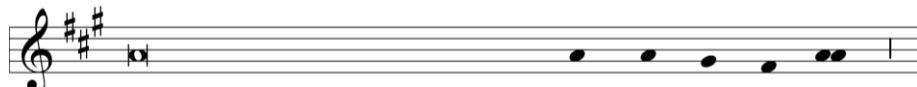
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

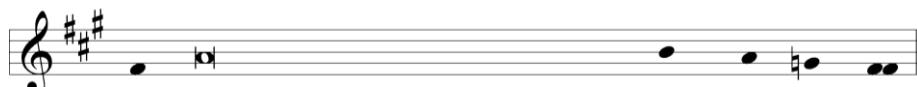
Numbers 6:24-26



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



His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



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



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

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 566

"By Grace I'm Saved"



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

In tribulation's furnace tried,

By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,

The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure

If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,

I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

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POSTLUDE



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

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Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Linda Rathje

Usher(s)

Joel May/Malcolm Abrahaman

(Ryan Licht)

Fellowship Host(s)

Lauren Morr/Nancy Grossberg

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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The Grayson Beckman family



LOVE 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 2/1	Septuagesima Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Imagine the God of Heaven</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The First Article of the Creed</i>	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 Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 2/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 2/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 2/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Seniors of Ascension Luncheon Midweek Prayer	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM
Thursday 2/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 2/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 2/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 2/8	Sexagesima Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Imagine the God of Heaven</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting Super Bowl Party	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 Following Fellowship Hour 3:30 PM

LOVING THE LORD

† Adult Bible Study: *Imagine the God of Heaven*

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning January 18.

Church fellowship hall

Imagine the God of Heaven is a five-session Bible study series, which introduces you to people from all ethnicities who have had near death experiences and met the same loving God. Within five short sessions, John Burke (author of *Imagine the God of Heaven*, and who has researched nearly 2,000 near death experiences) discusses the character traits of this God, who has been revealed throughout history and in Scripture. God's love, power, compassion, friendship, and guidance are closer than you could ever imagine. Find out just how close and real He is for you!

"Captivating stories of near-death experiences with biblical principles." (Lee Strobel)

† Adult Bible Study: *"Follow Me": Discipleship in Matthew*

Sundays at 9:00 A.M. during the season of Lent, beginning February 22.

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!

† Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary/fellowship hall

Join us on Shrove Tuesday as we gather for a meaningful service that prepares our hearts for the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday, observed on the day before Ash Wednesday, has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries. The word “shrive” means to confess and receive absolution. Historically, this day was set aside for self-examination, repentance, and forgiveness as believers prepared to enter the 40 days of Lent. It is also known as Pancake Day or Fat Tuesday, marking a final celebration before the more reflective season begins. Our Shrove Tuesday service will include a service of corporate confession, offering us the opportunity to come together in humility, repentance, and renewal as the body of Christ. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship dinner, celebrating our life together in community. A special appearance will be made by the Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, Bishop of the English District. All are welcome—come prepare your heart, share in worship, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

† Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18 at Noon & 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

You are invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service, marking the beginning of the season of Lent—a time of repentance, reflection, and renewal in the life of the Church. Ash Wednesday has been observed by Christians since the early centuries of the Church. On this day, ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross as a visible sign of our mortality and our need for God’s mercy, echoing the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The ashes call us to repentance and faith as we begin our Lenten journey toward the cross and the resurrection. This service will include a Mass with the Imposition of Ashes. We are also honored to welcome the Bishop of the English District, the Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, who will be preaching. All are welcome to attend as we enter this solemn and hope-filled season together.

† **Lenten Midweek Mass: *The Seven Days of New Creation***

Wednesdays, February 25, 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.

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

† **Luncheon and Fellowship for Seniors of Ascension**

Wednesday, February 4 at 11:00 P.M.
Church overflow room

All seniors of Ascension are warmly invited to gather for a time of fellowship and connection! Bring your own lunch and enjoy sharing a meal together in good company. Following the luncheon, you are encouraged to stay for Midweek Prayer at 12:15 PM. Join us for food, fellowship, and prayer as we spend time together in community. Please register on the signup sheet in the narthex. Your friends will be waiting for you!

† **Super Bowl Party**

Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 P.M. (6:00 start time).
The Morrs (see church directory for home address)

Whether you're a football fan or just there for the fellowship, you won't want to miss the annual Super Bowl Party! Hot dogs, burgers, and beer will be provided. Attendees are invited to bring a big game appetizer or snack to share. See you there!

† **Men's Group: "You are a Royal Priesthood" Bible Breakfast**

Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 A.M.
Church sanctuary

All men are invited to our upcoming Men's Bible Breakfast for a time of fellowship, food, and study in God's Word. Breakfast items and beverages will be provided and served—no need to bring anything but your appetite and an open heart. Enjoy a relaxed meal together as we gather around the table. Our Bible study theme will focus on who we are as a "Royal Priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9) and what that identity means for our daily lives, faith, and witness. We'll explore how God calls us to live with purpose, humility, and boldness as men set apart for His work. Come be encouraged, challenged, and strengthened alongside other men as we grow together in Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

† **Book Club: *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper**

Sunday, May 10 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.

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- † Ruth Henry, 1/25
- † Fred Durden, 1/31
- † Mandy Kranzlein, 2/4
- † Jordan Tomesch, 2/7

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- † None this week

Confirmation Anniversary:

- † None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- † Grayson & Margaret Beckman, 1/25

Membership Anniversaries:

- † None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- † Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- † James Houchin (friend of Jordan Tomesch)
- † Cathy Hoyer (aunt of Pastor Miller)
- † John Kateen
- † Gerhard (Gary) Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- † John Lamb (father of Pastor Miller's friend)
- † Betty Licht
- † Nena Nnanna (Open Arms teacher)
- † Carol Scheid (mother of Pastor Miller's friend)
- † Joshua Schoellen (brother of Jason Schoellen)
- † Melanie Schoellen (sister of Jason Schoellen)
- † Rev. Aaron Sterling (Senior Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta)
- † Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)
- † Paul Von Wedel (father of Jill Drachenberg)

Other Recent Requests

- † Tanzania, especially the persecuted Christians, that God would heal all divisions.
- † Family and friends of Carolyn Wills (friend of Clara Smith), for reception of Christ's healing Gospel to heal their broken hearts.

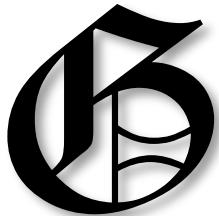
Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- † David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- † David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- † Thomasena Gaither (sister of Ruth Henry)
- † Ruth Henry
- † John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- † Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- † Shirley Lee (friend of Ruth Henry)
- † Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- † Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- † Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- † Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- † Evan Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman)
- † Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kaale)

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



OD] SAVED US AND CALLED US TO A HOLY CALLING, NOT BECAUSE OF OUR WORKS BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, WHICH HE GAVE US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE AGES BEGAN.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:9



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