

# Lententide

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

INVOCABIT ~ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



# 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

*Ebenezer (Thy Strong Word, LSB 578)*

Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a  
2. With might of ours can naught be done; soon  
3. Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all  
4. The Word they still shall let re - main, nor



trust - y shield and weap - on; he  
were our loss ef - fect - ed. But  
ea - ger to de - vour us, we  
an - y thanks have for it; he's



helps us free from ev - 'ry need that  
for us fights the val - iant one whom  
trem - ble not, we fear no ill; they  
by our side up - on the plain with



has us now o'er - tak - en. The  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This  
his good gifts and Spir - it. And

old e - vil foe now means dead - ly  
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it  
 world's prince may still scowl fierce as he  
 take they our life, goods, fame, child, or

woe; deep guile and great might are  
 is, the al - might - y Lord. And  
 will, he can harm us none, He's  
 wife, though all may be gone, our

his dread arms in fight; on  
 there's no oth - er God; he  
 judged; the deed is done! One  
 vic - to - ry is won; the

earth is not his e - qual. *(Interlude)*  
 holds the field for - ev - er.  
 lit - tle word can fell him. *(Interlude)*  
 king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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 Eighth Commandment**

*You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*

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

- *Do I speak the truth or have I lied in any way?*
- *Do I gossip or take pleasure in talking about the faults and mistakes of others?*
- *Do I uphold and defend the name and reputation of others?*
- *Have I judged others without being duly authorized to do so?*
- *Have I gladly and willingly found ways to explain in the best way the words or actions of those who hurt me?*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Psalm 91:15a, c, 16*



- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.
- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- C** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust.”
- L** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- C** no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.
- L** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.



- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*During Advent and Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.*

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 God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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*



**A** The Prophecy for the First Sunday In Lent is from Genesis, chapter three.

**A** In those days: The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not

eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

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

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



- L** He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.
- C** On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

## EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 6:1–10

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter six.

**A** Brethren: We plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by

longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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TRACT

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16



- L** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- C** He will cover you with his | pinions,\*  
and under his wings you will find | refuge.
- L** When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will be with him in | trouble.
- C** With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

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



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

- P** At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In

their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

## APOSTLES' CREED

[Matthew 10:32]

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## The Third Commandment

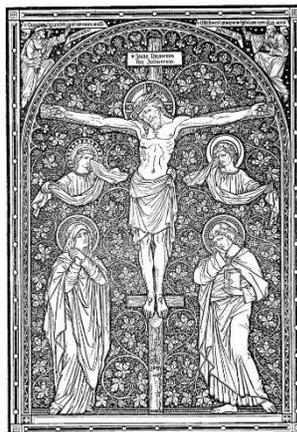
**P** What is the Third Commandment?

**C** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*Sitting*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 562

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
 So by one Man, who took our place,  
 We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
 New light, new hope, new strength, new  
 pow'rs.  
 This grace our ev'ry way attend  
 Until we reach our journey's end.

## 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

*Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöten Stein (All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall, LSB 562)* Arranged by Timothy Schmidt

*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** Heavenly Father, You promised to overcome the devil by the Seed of the woman, Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in His victory, that we may endure every temptation and at last share in His eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by His own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all called to preach Christ and Him crucified. Command Your angels to guard them in all their ways and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, our first parents fell into sin, rebelled against You and despised one another. Inspire the families of Your Church to live in sacrificial love toward one another and in faith toward You, that they may receive Your temporal and eternal benediction. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, since we sojourn in the wilderness of this earth, look upon our desire for peace, and by Your mighty power defend us and our nation against all our enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, You have shown Yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to Your gracious will, and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, though we are unworthy of a place at the table of our Lord, You have bid us to come and eat of His flesh and blood. Give us faith that we may come in repentance to receive this blessed food for everlasting life. Unite us in doctrine and holy living, that we may show forth this harmony in witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, give us confidence in Christ our Mediator's ceaseless intercessions, that in every time of need we also would draw near to Your throne of grace, call to You and await Your gracious answer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** Amen.

## 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.

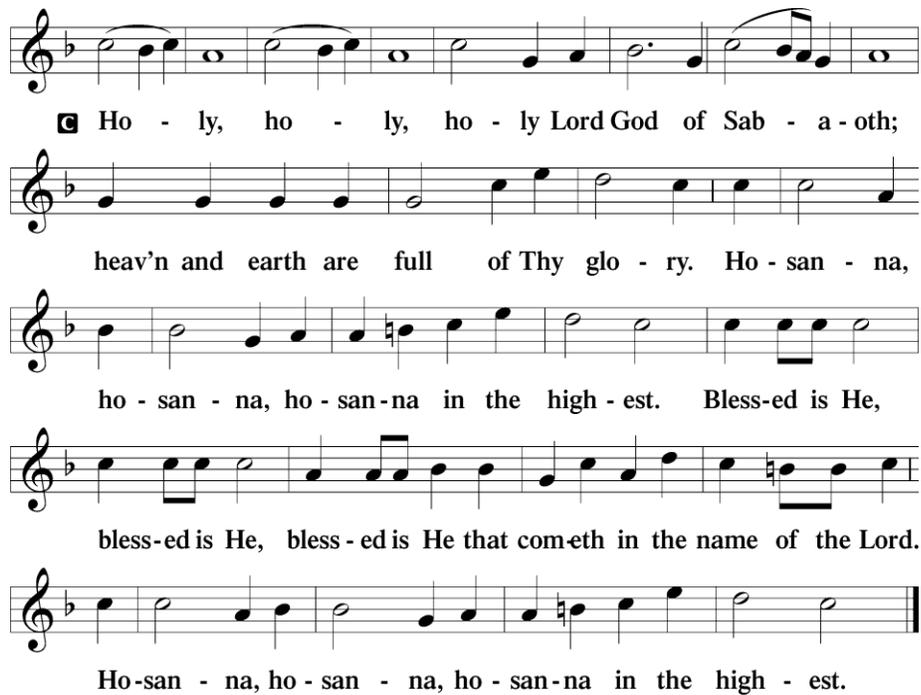


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- 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 Holy Communion:*

All guests and visitors are asked to please speak to Pastor Miller 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.” This means the distribution of Christ’s holy body and blood is pastoral care. It can be 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 crossed 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.

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## Lutheran Service Book 521 (stanzas 1, 3-5)

## "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's  
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's  
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,  
5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant From his heav'n - ly



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;  
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,  
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,  
perch on high, As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and  
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of  
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was  
Floods the earth and fills the sky. Wound - ed by a



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.  
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"  
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.  
wound e - ter - nal Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!

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## Lutheran Service Book 424

## "O Christ, You Walked the Road"



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.  
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

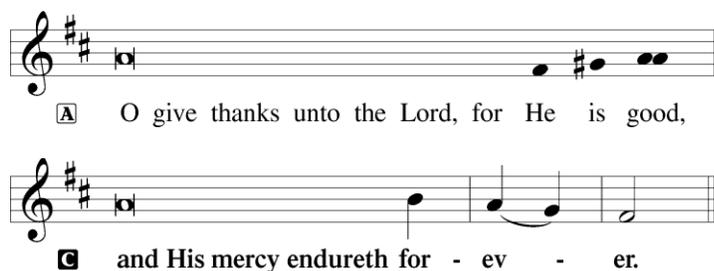
Luke 2:29-32



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

# THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



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

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**A** Bless we the Lord.



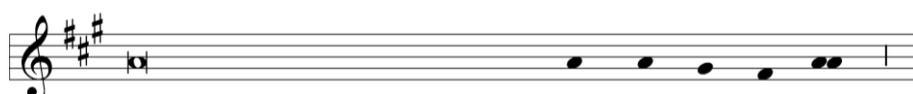
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*



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



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



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

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 418*

**“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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# POSTLUDE

*Caithness (O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days, LSB 418)*

Arranged by Timothy Schmidt



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (INVOCABIT)

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

#### Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

The Rev. Steve Harmon, timpani

Chris Levell, tuba

Nathan Murdaugh, trombone

#### Altar Guild

Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

#### Usher(s)

Joel May/Malcolm Abrahaman

(Ryan Licht)

#### Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE)

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

#### Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Chris Levell, tuba

#### Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Kati Durden

#### Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/The Rev. Steve Harmon

(Trevor Dunkel)

#### 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.”

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 2/22	<b>First Sunday in Lent (<i>Invocabit</i>)</b> Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Follow Me:" Discipleship in Matthew</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The Creed: The Second Article</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 2/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 2/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 2/25	<b>Wednesday of the First Sunday in Lent (<i>Invocabit</i>)</b> Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer Lenten Midweek Mass I: <i>The First Day of Creation</i>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 12:15 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday 2/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 2/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 2/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's Bible Breakfast: <i>You Are a Royal Priesthood</i>	Closed Closed 10:00 AM
Sunday 3/1	<b>Second Sunday in Lent (<i>Reminiscere</i>)</b> Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Follow Me:" Discipleship in Matthew</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The Creed: The Third Article</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

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ **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!

## ✝ **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.

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

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### ✠ **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!

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

TBD  
Silverlake Park  
4062 Peachtree Road  
Suite #A259  
Brookhaven, GA 30319

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

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

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

Pastor Miller's home

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

From the inside dust jacket flap:

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

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

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- + Cato Beckman, 2/24
- + Dustin Breitreuz, 2/24
- + Karen Anderson-Valor, 2/26
- + Eileen Buehl, 2/27

### *Wedding 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)
- + Gerhard (Gary) Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- + Jan Knehans
- + John Lamb (father of Pastor Miller's friend)
- + Nena Nnanna (Open Arms teacher)
- + Joshua Schoellen (brother of Jason Schoellen)
- + Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

## Other Recent Requests

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

## Ongoing Requests

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

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- + Thomasena Gaither (sister of Ruth Henry)
- + Ruth Henry
- + John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- + John Kateen
- + Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- + Shirley Lee (friend of Ruth Henry)
- + Betty Licht
- + Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- + Carol Scheid (mother of Pastor Miller's friend)
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- + Rev. Aaron Sterling (Senior Pastor of Christ the Shepherd, Alpharetta)
- + Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- + Paul Von Wedel (father of Jill Drachenberg)
- + 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



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