



First Sunday In Lent

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MARK 1:13

for 40 days  
He was subjected to  
Satan's temptation to sin

# FIRST SUNDAY<sup>IN</sup> LENT

*Today is the first Sunday in Lent. It seems to me that the words of OP Kretzman published in **The Pilgrim** when he was President of Valparaiso University still apply today. He wrote concerning the tradition in many Christian liturgical churches that do not sing the word “Alleluia” during the season of Lent. This Sunday will be the last time we at Christ Our Savior Lutheran will sing “Alleluia” until Easter morning. My prayer is that you will have a faith renewing Lenten season. Kretzman wrote:*

*“The last Hallelujah dies away in chapel and cathedral, and while the echo still lingers among the rafters, the violet paraments of sorrow are placed upon the altar... It will be Easter morning before the Hallelujah is heard again...*

*There is wisdom in this... It is another and profound difference between the Church and the world... The world never willingly abandons joy... Her votaries hang on to happiness with all the strength they have – until, inevitably, it is taken away from them... They have forgotten that the line of life must sometimes go down into the darkness of sorrow... It is never easy, but it is better to go down willingly than to be driven down like a slave... To give up joy by the strength of Him who gave up heaven is a part of the way by which joy and heaven will return... Easter can come only to the heart that has known Lent...*

*The shadow which clings to all earthly good when it seen in the light of faith is inevitable... Because of this the Christian view of life “appears” so much darker than the pagan – checkered with a darkness more intense the brighter the light of faith shines upon it... But the farewell to Hallelujah, though necessary, is only temporary... It springs from the strong compulsions of the dust from which we came and the stronger compulsions of the everlasting mercy which has lifted us from the dust... When all is said and done, Christianity is a religion of deeper gladness just because it is a religion of deeper fear and greater sorrow... The Cross remains the world climax of divine and human sorrow, ineffably distant and ineffably close, the sorrow of sin and the pain of man’s long and lonely separation from God...*

*So it is good that our Hallelujahs are silent for a little time... In their stead appear the crown of thorns, the drops of blood, the way of mourning, the five wounds, and the sound of our hands driving nails... And on Eastern Morn our returning Hallelujahs will say that our Lord arose and ascended into heaven, that He is now the King of Glory, who has given us a share in both His suffering and His victory, in His passion and His power, in His former pain and in His present peace... ” (\*The Pilgrim\*)*

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entry way (Narthex) as well as completing the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.*

**RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.

**QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

**QUIET/CALMING ROOM** and changing table is located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal, and trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.*

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** *Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."*

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTAIN GROWTH**

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Joe Mitchell – Fellowship Hall – Studying "The Lord's Supper"

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Pastor – Conference Table – Study titled "Remember the Word Works if You Work the Word", following the Lenten theme.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall) – Ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. – Led by Lisa Hill & Laura Pellicone

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (off the kitchen) – 6<sup>th</sup> Gr.– H.S. Led by Cindy Mitchell

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – "The Passion of Jesus"

*Welcome*

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

### AS WE GATHER

On Ash Wednesday we entered a more somber period of the Church Year. For many, the season Lent means focusing on themselves and their lack of holiness. It becomes a season of self-denial and the time of give up something during Lent. The result is often pride in oneself to conquer. However, Lent is the season to look to the Cross and once again observe all that the Savior has done for us.

*Stand*

## ✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### ENTRANCE HYMN

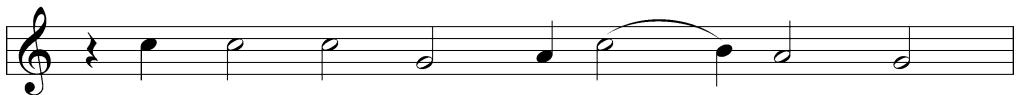
#### 656 - A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



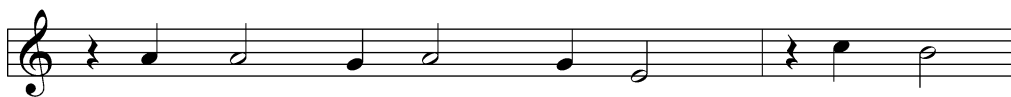
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**



# +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

## INTROIT

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

P On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

C You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

C When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

## KYRIE

*LSB 168*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

## **Genesis 22:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have



not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*James 1:12-18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:9-15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and

the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### APOSTLE’S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Sit*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### 594 - GOD’S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT



|   |        |       |        |      |             |             |              |    |             |             |
|---|--------|-------|--------|------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | God's  | own   | child, | I    | glad - ly   | say         | it:          | I  | am          | bap - tized |
| 2 | Sin,   | dis - | turb   | my   | soul        | no          | long - er:   | I  | am          | bap - tized |
| 3 | Sa -   | tan,  | hear   | this | proc - la - | ma - tion:  | I            | am | bap - tized |             |
| 4 | Death, | you   | can -  | not  | end         | my          | glad - ness: | I  | am          | bap - tized |
| 5 | There  | is    | noth - | ing  | worth       | com - par - | ing          | To | this        | life - long |



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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SERMON

**“With the Wild Animals”**  
Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

*Stand*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Richard Lalone & Wendy Aichele*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faith to follow our Lord Jesus and resist temptation, that we would come through this fallen world to dwell with Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God, guarded by the Lord who bore the wood of the cross, that her ministers and people may be certain that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us; and for boldness of faith, that we may trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give them the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from all sinful desires and misuse of His gifts; for His help to use them in service to our neighbor; and that He would bless Joseph and all leaders to govern wisely for the good of this and future generations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our brothers and sisters and all who suffer in our midst, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that God Most High, our refuge in every trouble, would command His angels to keep them from every evil of body, mind or soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who commune, that in the blessed Sacrament they would acknowledge the time fulfilled and the kingdom at hand in Christ Jesus, receiving His body and blood with repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 to 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.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

# †SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT†

## PREFACE

*LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



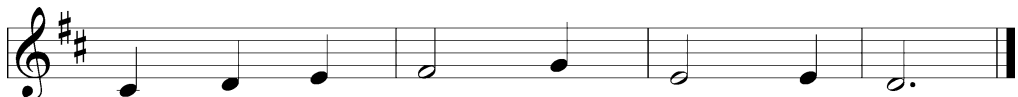
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.


Text: Stephen P. Starke

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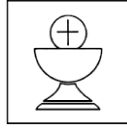
  
1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

  
Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*  
  
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## 602 - THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

Verse 5

***The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.***

Verse 6

***All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!***

Stand

# NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.**

## BENEDICAMUS

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**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### 707 - OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870  
Text and tune: Public domain

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **This Week at Messiah Lutheran**

**Tuesday – 10:00 – 11:00 – Bible Study with Pastor Lohmeyer**

**“The Passion of Jesus”**

**11:45 – Joyful Noise Lunch – Chicken Salad Chick**

**6:00 – Board of Elders Meeting**

**Wednesday – Noon – Midweek Lenten Service**

**6:00 – Midweek Lenten Service – Hamburger Stew**

**7:00 – Evening Midweek Lenten Service**

**Thursday – 9:00 - 12 Noon – Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch**

**6:00 -7:00 – Messiah Singers - Practice**

**Readings for next Sunday – The Second Sunday in Lent**

**Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11 & Mark 8:27-38**

### **Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week**

February 18 – Martin Luther – Doctor and Confessor

February 23 – Polycarp of Smyrna – Pastor and Martyr

February 24 – St. Matthias – Apostle

***“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1***

### **From Pastor Lohmeyer:**

In the coming weeks, I want to present the many parts of our worship services with a brief explanation. My goal is simply to provide education on our beautiful Divine Worship, so that we can worship in deep reverence for our Lord Jesus Christ, using our liturgical worship.

## THE KYRIE

The Kyrie is not part of the confession of sins, but a cry to God to have mercy on and all humanity. In the presence of God, we ask for the greatest of all gifts for ourselves and for all the world: "Mercy!" (See Mark 10:47). In this world of sin and death, God's people have plenty of opportunities to join in the brief, yet all-encompassing prayer: "Lord have mercy!" We commend ourselves and the whole world to a merciful God. Yet, even as we cry out, there is confidence in our voices because we know that God is indeed merciful.

## TWO NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Sunday Mornings - Pastor Lohmeyer will be leading a Bible Study based upon our Midweek Lenten theme which are based upon Isaiah, Chapters 40-55. Isaiah chapters 40-55 contains some of the best-known, most-cherished, and theologically significant text in the Bible. Join the class on Sunday morning beginning today at 9:00 a. m. "Remember the Word works if you work the Word!"

Tuesday Mornings - The Tuesday morning Bible Class will begin a new study beginning Tuesday at 10:00 a. m. titled "The Passion of Jesus". The twelve lesson study will begin with the topic of "suffering" and conclude with "The Savior's Ascension." You will not want to miss this in-depth study of the "Passion Account."

"Joyful Noise" Luncheon will be this Tuesday, February 18th, 11:45 a.m., at Chicken Salad Chick, 3219B N. Oak St. Extension, Valdosta. Everyone is welcome.