



Third Sunday In Lent

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

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*I am the Lord your God who brought you out of slavery*

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**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. –

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

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – “The Passion of Jesus”



## **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

### AS WE GATHER

During Lent we must always focus on the cross and God's love for us. In this morning's second lesson, St Paul serves up the Gospel on a platter in generous portions. It is Christ and Him crucified. And Paul reminds us it is also our redemption. And our salvation leads us to freedom and a different view of the Law.

*Stand*

## † CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION †

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### 850 - GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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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 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I by the 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9**

P For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

C Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

C Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**C 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.**

P For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

## 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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

**Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of

the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the



wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 2:13-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of

his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

#### 427 - IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second staff contains the remaining lyrics. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices.

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



and uphold justice; and that He would help us serve and obey them in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For [ \_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them; and that God would deliver them in His steadfast love, granting them healing, comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That our Redeemer would declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults and keep us back from presumptuous sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come before the Lord's presence to eat Christ's body and blood on this holy day, that we would boast not of ourselves but of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That our God, whose true temple was destroyed by wicked men yet raised up again after three days, would grant us and all the saints to share in the glory of His Son's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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



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*

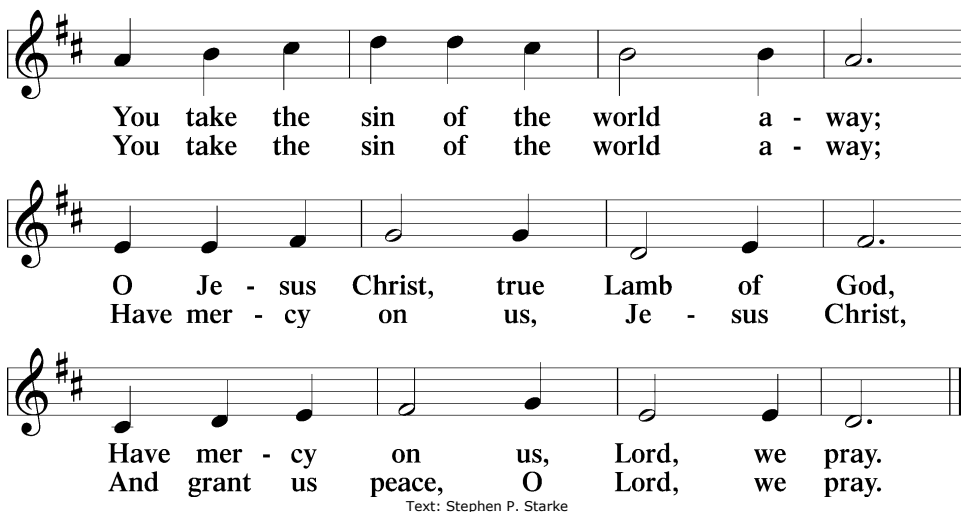
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 210*

**C** 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,

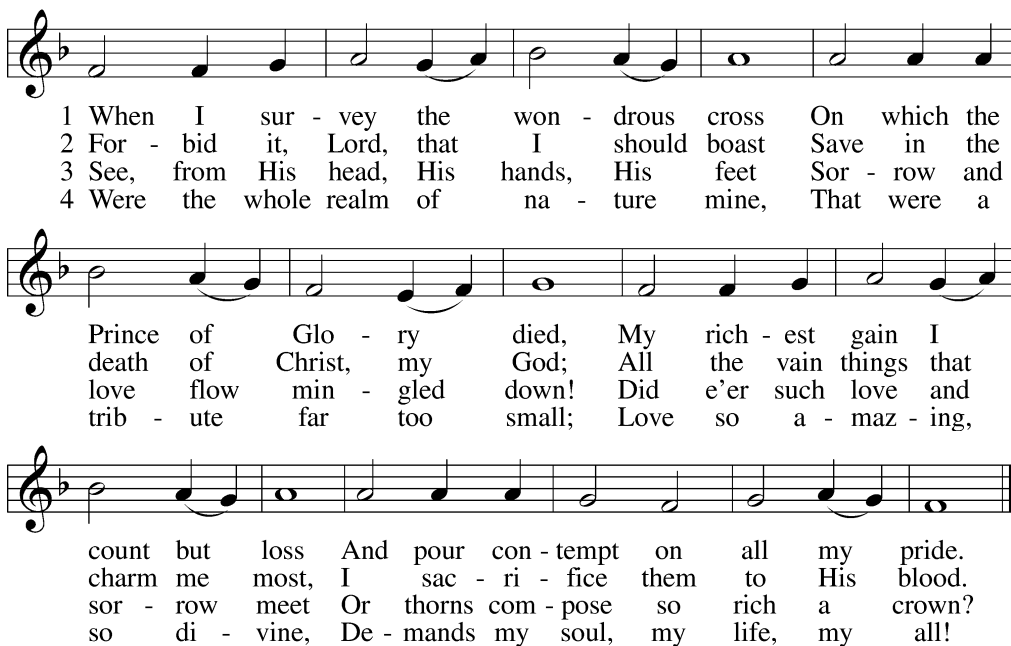
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 425 - WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872  
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## 624 - THE INFANT PRIEST WAS HOLY BORN



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

*Verse 5*

**The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the  
 railon bended knee Our hungry mouths from  
 Him receive The bread of immortality.**

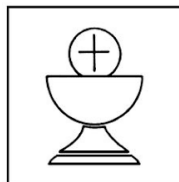
*Verse 6*

**The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and  
 priestly meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.**

*Verse 7*

**With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the  
 endless hymn, And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.**

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 Tune: Public domain





# 645 - BUILT ON THE ROCK



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



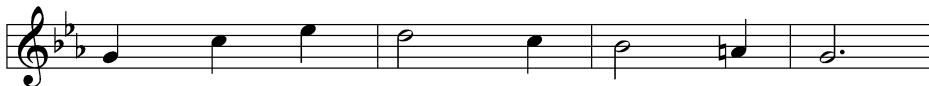
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87  
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# NUNC DIMITTIS

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

- 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

## 973 - THY WORD IS A LAMP

*Refrain*

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
 2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And  
 heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
 Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## This Week at Messiah Lutheran

Tuesday – 10:00 – 11:00 – Bible Study with Pastor Lohmeyer - “The Passion of Jesus”

6:00 – LWML Monthly Gathering

6:30 – Call Committee

Wednesday – Noon – Midweek Lenten Service

6:00 – Midweek Lenten Service – Potato Soup

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10 & John 3:14-21**

Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

March 7 - Perpetua and Felicitas - Martyrs

*“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.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Reminded of our salvation and the mercy of God, we come together to pray the Collect. The Salutation is from the Latin meaning a "greeting" - it is a liturgical greeting by which the pastor blesses the people and received in response a blessing from the gathered people of God (See 2 Timothy 4:22, Luke 1:28, Ruth 2:4). The Collect of the Day is a concisely written prayer the "collects" into one brief petition what we ask to receive from God in this worship service.

## **In Our Prayers**

*"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions." (2 Cor. 1:3-4a)*

- RuthAnn Clement, Lisa Hill & Laura Pellicone's Aunt, undergoing chemo for inoperable mass on liver.
- Ken Campbell, facing major medical issues.
- Donna DiMarco, Connie DiMarco's sister-in-law, recurrence of breast cancer.
- Heather Miller, recovering from hip surgery.
- Bob Gordon, recovering from back surgery

### **Nursing Home/Homebound:**

- Mary Kinchen - homebound.
- Don Sullens - Ongoing concerns related to leukemia.
- Steven Keller - homebound

### **REMINDER**

**Today, from 3:00 - 5:00 is the Circuit Convocation at Epiphany, Tallahassee. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez, Professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His topic is the Holy Spirit and His impact on our lives. Dinner will follow the presentation. If you have question speak with Pastor Lohmeyer. Lets have a good representation attending from Messiah for this wonderful opportunity to learn!**

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

**Matthew 15:27-28 - "She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith!'"**

Faith says "Yes" to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus, and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says — even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

**"Joyful Noise" Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 a.m., at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1110 N. St. Augustine Rd, Valdosta. If you would like to join in on the fellowship, everyone is welcome.

**MITE BOXES**: Next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, is "Mite Box Sunday", please remember to bring your mite boxes.

**LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY**: Next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, is our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Second Sunday. We are in need of any and all items, especially peanut butter, crackers, and powdered milk, please consider donating some items to share with our community. Thank you!!!