



Second Sunday In Lent

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

# **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

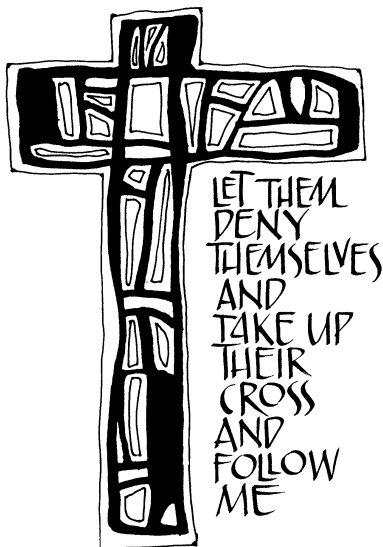
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## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

*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. – Led by

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

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



## **THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

### AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season, we if we are being honest will see our sins in a new way. That is, we are feeling the weight of our sins, and at the same time we are well aware of our salvation. Yet, this morning Paul reminds us that no matter how we are feeling, we have "peace" with and through Christ. That's refreshing news during this Lenten season.

*Stand*

## ✠ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### 685 - LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

- P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- C **You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.**
- P The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
- C **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**
- 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 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

## 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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come

from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

## Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 8:27–38*

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

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

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him,



“John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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 X of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

#### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 763 - WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

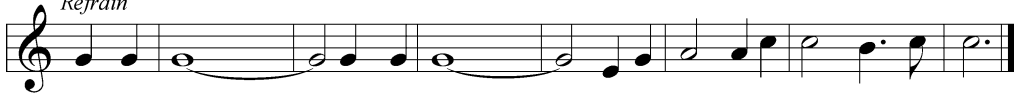


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## SERMON

**“Timing is Everything”**  
**Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christians, that the Holy Spirit might enable us to deny our selves,  
take up our crosses and follow Christ through this troubled life into heaven,  
let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the Church, that all servants of the Church may fulfill the ministries committed to them, and that we may each boldly confess Christ before the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For faith and perseverance, that we might neither shun our Lord's suffering nor our own, and that we might be delivered out of the hand of the wicked and redeemed from the grasp of the ruthless, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all families, that even as God blessed and multiplied Abraham, all mothers with child might be protected and all fathers equipped to lead and raise their households in the fear and love of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That the Lord, to whom belongs all kingship and rule over the nations, would bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern to rule wisely and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For [ \_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That the Lord would deepen our hunger for His table through our afflictions, that we may eat and drink Christ's body and blood and be satisfied with Christ's saving life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; 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*



☐ 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

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 708 - LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior

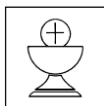


blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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## 420 - CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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### Verse 5

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
 might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul Did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

### Verse 6

**Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it  
 patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**



Verse 6

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden, will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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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 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

LSB 212

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.

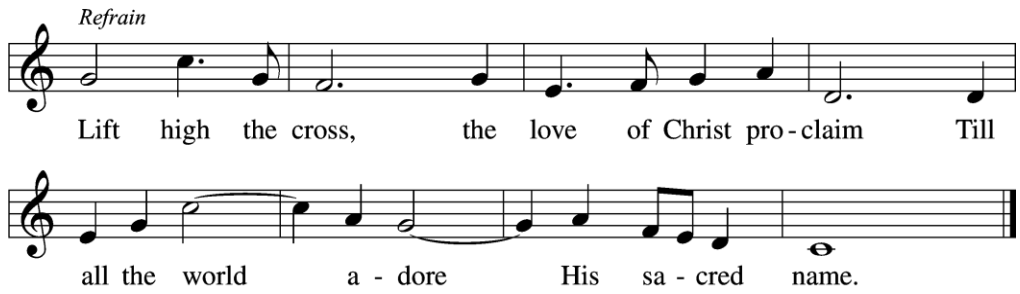
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

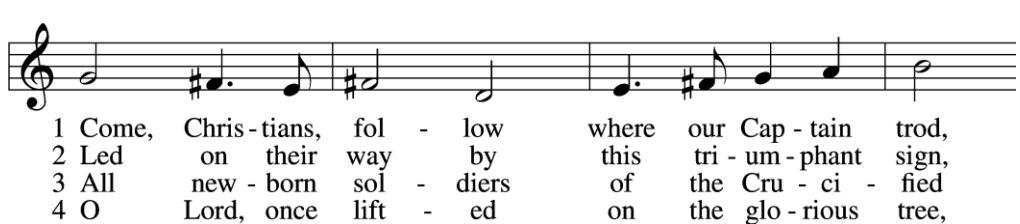
## CLOSING HYMN

### 837 - LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Verse 5

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

Verse 6

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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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”**

**Wednesday – Noon – Midweek Lenten Service**

**6:00 – Midweek Lenten Service – Chicken Noodle**

**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 Third Sunday in Lent**

**Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 & John 2:13-25**

Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

This week we celebrate all the Saints we know who are with the Lord!

***“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.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Following our confession of sins and cry for mercy in the Kyrie, the congregation joins in a hymn of praise. Please note, that during Advent and Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted due to the penitential nature of those seasons. We are provided with two options in the Lutheran Service Book, "This is the Feast" and the "Gloria in Excelsis. The "Gloria in Excelsis is the song of the Angels sung at Christ's birth and recorded in Luke 2:14. The second Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" finds us joining with the host of heaven to sing with the songs the Apostle John heard as recorded in the Book of Revelation (See Rev 5:12-13). "This is the Feast" reminds us that all mercy showered upon us is solely because of the Lamb of God our Lord Jesus Christ and His all-atoning sacrifice and resurrection.

### **\*\*NOTICE - CALL SERVICE\ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING\*\***

**TODAY at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The Call Committee will be presenting the names and information on the two pastoral candidates they have selected as the possible Pastor for Messiah. This will be followed by a congregational vote.**

### REMINDER

**Remember to Plan to Attend the Circuit Convocation at Epiphany, Tallahassee on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:00 - 5:00. 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 questions speak with Pastor Lohmeyer. Let's have a good representation attending from Messiah for this wonderful opportunity to learn!**

Zelle and Thrivent have been added as an alternative giving options. The maximum allowable transaction amount is \$500. Our Zelle account name is: [MessiahVLDtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto: MessiahVLDtreasurer@gmail.com). There are no limits or fees with Thrivent: <https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/orgDetails/100244343209>



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