



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Fourth Sunday of
LENT

March 30th, 2025 8:30am

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome to Messiah! Whether you're a member, a returning guest, or maybe this is your first time at Messiah, we welcome you to this time of worship. During our time together, we hope that you experience the presence and love of God in a profound and life-changing way! May the music we share stir you, may the prayers we offer comfort you, and may the proclaimed Word of God challenge you to live with a new passion and purpose. Again, we are honored that you have chosen to worship here today. Let's give God all glory and praise.

First-Time guests, we invite you to look through the "Welcome to Messiah" brochure found in the attendance card slot on the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please talk to an usher. For families with young children, there is a cry room available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Once we enter God's House, we pray that our hearts are changed, and that His perspective becomes ours; that we release the cares of this world, and bask in the beauty of His holiness; that we give Him whatever burdens our heart, and find the Spirit's peace that passes all human understanding; that we learn more about Jesus through His Word, and the joy that comes from a closer walk with the Lord.

"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord,
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another."

If a song is being sung, words are provided on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. We invite you to sing along, or meditate on the song's message.

*O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.
Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Today's service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of Isaiah:

"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth"

(Isaiah 12:5).

"Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of

Israel" (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

"The early Christian Church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." Acts 2:42

P=Pastor
C=Congregation

In the **Invocation**, we "invoke" God's presence by repeating the name in which we were baptized by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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THE PRELUDE

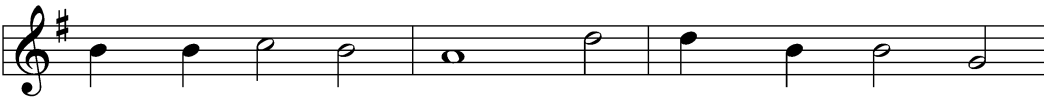
THE GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

THE INVOCATION

P: We celebrate in victory today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Behold, God is my salvation;

C: I will trust, and will not be afraid;

P: For the Lord God is my strength and my song,

C: And He has become my salvation.

P: Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,

C: And then to the resurrection and eternal life.

In the Confession, we bare our souls before the Lord, confessing our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in our relationships with God and with each other. (1 John 1:8-9; Rom. 3:23)

The pastor then speaks God's Word to give the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. (John 20:23)

In the Collect, The pastor and congregation greet each other as the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation. (Luke 1:28)

The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation. We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

The Old Testament Lesson is found on page 576 in the pew Bible.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, Paul reassures us, saying, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability." Let us with confidence and gladness enter God's presence, confessing our sins and receiving His grace, assurance, and forgiveness.

C: Lord God, we are exceedingly glad to enter Your house this day, for we have heard and believe in the invitation of Your loving kindness and redemption through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In the trust and hope of the faith You have given us as Your baptized children, we confess to You all our sins and failures to share Your gifts of mercy with others. Grant us the forgiveness for which we ask, and give us a renewed heart and spirit to sing Your praises in worship of You, and to the joy of all.

P: "Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to 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.

C: Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting, Your true and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Day by day we magnify You, and we worship Your name forever and ever. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. In You have we trusted; let us never be confounded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has

become my salvation.”³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.”⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

The Epistle Lesson is generally from St. Paul’s letters, and is found on page 966 in the pew Bible. We may read through an entire book over several weeks.

THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Gospel Verse may change weekly or the ordinary verse is from John 6:68.

THE GOSPEL VERSE

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come, seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

“Return to God” is based on Psalm 86:15. During Lent, we do not sing “alleluias,” but instead sing a verse that helps us focus on our need for God’s mercy, forgiveness, and compassion.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more

We rise for the Holy Gospel as we would stand for Jesus Himself, since the Gospel is His living Word to us.

*The Holy Gospel
is selected
according to
the season or
festival Sunday of
the Church Year,
and is found on
page 874 in the
pew Bible.*

*We respond to the
Word of God with
an acclamation of
praise, and then by
confessing
our faith.*

*The Apostles'
Creed dates from
about 75 AD and
was used in the
instruction of those
to be baptized. We
are confessing our
personal faith.*

than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

The Sermon Hymn is based on today's sermon topic.

🎵 THE SERMON HYMN "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.

The Sermon applies God's Word to our lives and helps to equip us to fulfill our baptismal calling to new life in Christ.

We present our gifts to God to symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord, saying thank You to God, and showing we trust Him to supply all our needs. (Romans 12:1)

After the Offering Prayer, we ask all of those present to please fill out an attendance card.

THE SERMON "What is God Like?" Luke 15:20

1. A Father who loves us enough to let go.
2. A Father who patiently waits for us to decide.
3. A Father who welcomes us back unconditionally.

🎵 WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" 915

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

🎵 THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

THE ANTHEM

"All My Hope (Is in Jesus)"

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42.

Here the congregation, established and gathered by God according to His purpose, agrees together on earth that it may be done for them by the Father in heaven, as prayers, supplications, and thanksgivings are offered for all in authority and all sorts of human need.

More prayer requests for the week are located in the Announcement Guide.

P: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness of sins.

C: Enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are focused on You.

P: Lord, we pray for Your comfort for those who are struggling with health, economic, and emotional challenges.

C: May they find their hope, strength and courage comes from You. Give us boldness to reach out and help others humbly in Your name.

P: Lord God, we pray for Your whole church on earth. Grant that Your life-giving, life-sustaining Word be rightly proclaimed and firmly believed, that many may come to repentance and faith and the eternal life of Your new creation.

C: For Your whole creation, we praise and glorify You, almighty God. Let Your blessing be upon seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, and all the realm of our life together as a nation. Preserve us, O Lord, in justice and honor that we may live in peace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared many good works for us to do in our earthly lives.

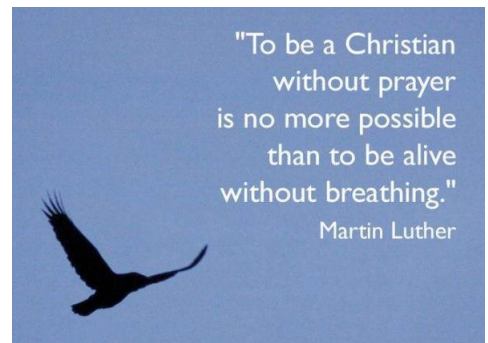
C: Give us courage to do those good works with joy, expecting nothing in return, knowing we are saved by grace alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for You.

P: In the community of believers, strengthen our bond with each other, as we worship, serve, love and pray together.

C: Bless the work of Your people here at Messiah. Give us Your peace, as we meet the challenges in our daily lives. Open our hearts and minds to Your voice, as You speak to us through Your Word and Sacrament.

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



"To be a Christian
without prayer
is no more possible
than to be alive
without breathing."

Martin Luther

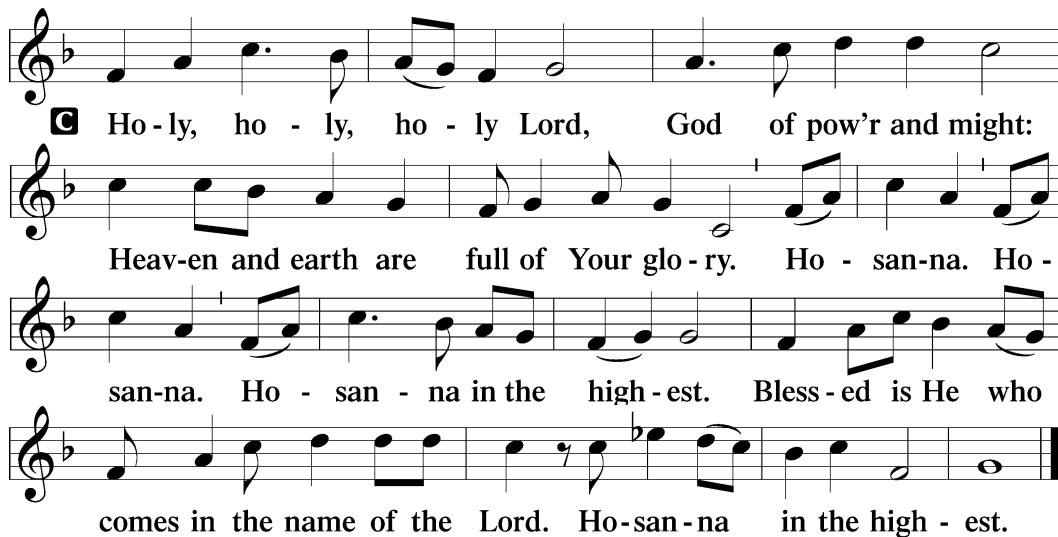
“Sanctus” is the Latin word for holy, and is the name of an important hymn of Christian liturgy. It is sung at the heart of the eucharistic prayer, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine.

The text is taken from Isaiah 6:3, which describes the prophet’s vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim. This text is also influenced by Rev. 4:8. The concluding text, “blessed is He who comes.”

The Lord’s Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

The Words of Institution are a collection of all four Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, based on the oldest and fullest text found in 1 Corinthians 11.

THE SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow’r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE 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 INSTITUTION

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 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Dearest Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy.
On us poor sinners, Lamb of God have mercy.
You take away the guilt of this world’s sinning.
Grant us Your peace, Lord.



“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest today, please read page 15 before communing. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the communion rail.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” LSB 420



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.



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

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.

Chorus

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

- 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. **Chorus**
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, **Chorus**

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

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

“God Loves Me Dearly”



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

*Gracious God,
You entered the
darkness of this
world of blindness,
sin, and death, and
brought life and
immortality to
light through the
forgiveness of our
sins. Receive our
thanks for the body
and blood given
and shed for us,
that we always
look to Your light
of grace, that we
live as Your
children of light
and as beacons to
those around us
who walk in
darkness.
Sustain us in hope
and faith
throughout our
pilgrimage;
through Jesus
Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who
lives and reigns
with You and the
Holy Spirit, one
God, now and
forever. Amen.*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425



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!

The Post-Communion Canticle, is based on Psalm 105. The first time this canticle appeared in the liturgy was in the 4th century. The personal encounter with Christ and His gifts in the Lord's Supper leads indeed to a joyful service to "tell everyone what He has done!"

Then follows the **Aaronic Benediction** in which the Lord recognizes us as His people, putting His name on us, and fulfilling all promises in His name. (Numbers 6:24-25 and Matt. 18:19-20)

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for personal devotions this week.

Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher. Thank you!

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, now let Your hum-bled ser-vant, leave ac - cord-ing to Your
 Word. For I've seen the true sal - va-tion You've pre - pared for all the
 world. Be the Light to the Gen - tles, and Your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. As I leave Your ho - ly
 tem - ple, help me shine Your light as well.

THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen.

THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CLOSING HYMN "Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
 Glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!
 Glory, glory while eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;
 Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!
 Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
 Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
 Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

THE POSTLUDE

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann
LITURGIST	Rev. Matthew A. Lee
ELDER CAPTAIN	Kevin Warneke
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 3
USHER TEAM	Team G
ACOLYTES	Avery Looney and Cora Maldonado
ANTHEM	Lor Smith
ORGANIST	Dorothy Sherrod
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishew, Manager Chuck Tolsma, Sound - Max Hall, Media

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	650
Adult Bible Class	155
Sunday School Attendance	55

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 63,251
Given year to date	\$ 634,102
Given year to date last year	\$ 549,549

Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 440
Given year to date	\$ 116,814



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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. Limit the line behind the usher to about twenty persons. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.



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Services available on our Website/YouTube

♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
(Holy Communion every Sunday in Lent)

♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40 AM

♦ Lent Family Worship-6:00 PM

Traditional Lent Wednesday Worship-7:00 PM



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With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:

Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1

Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27

Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24

Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27