



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

A detailed pencil drawing of two hands clasped in prayer, with a human skull positioned below them. The drawing is rendered in a sketchy, textured style. The text 'Fourth Sunday of LENT' is overlaid on the drawing in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

**Fourth Sunday of
LENT**

March 30th, 2025 11:00am

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

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THE PRESERVICE PRAISE "Graves into Gardens"

THE GREETING

THE OPENING SONG "Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade, are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus:

Oh there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord,
You've seen them all and You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain, is the God of the valley
There's not a place, Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Chorus twice

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes,
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can!
You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes,
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can!

You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies,
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can. **Chorus twice**

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 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.

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

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

"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.

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

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." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For 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 SONG

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And 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. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his

*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.*

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 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.'"

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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**

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.

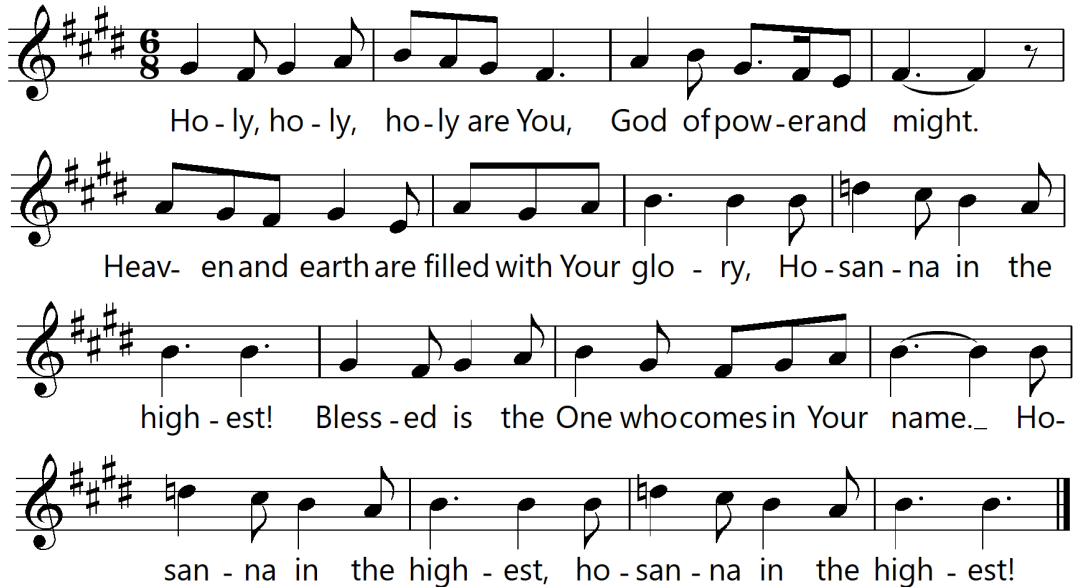
“Sanctus” is the Latin word for holy, and is the name of an important hymn of Christian liturgy. It is sung at the heart of the eucharistic prayer, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. The text is taken from Isaiah 6:3, which describes the prophet’s vision of the throne of God surrounded 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are You, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are filled with Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in Your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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

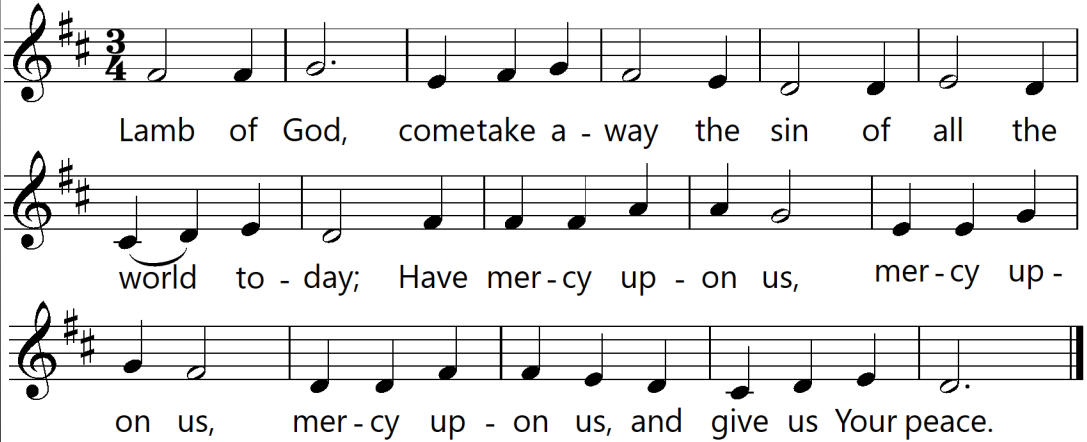
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had 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 is a canticle that found its way into the liturgy as early as the 8th century.

THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, cometake a - way the sin of all the
world to - day; Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us Your peace.

*“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*

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 SONGS

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There’s no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There’s no one like You, none like You.

Chorus:

Our God is greater, our God is stronger!
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power-our God,
Our God!

(repeat Chorus)

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
What can stand against? **(Chorus twice)**

*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.*

*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.*

"Goodness of God"

I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. **Chorus**

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything. Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me. **(repeat)**

Chorus
I will sing of the goodness of God.

"Above All"

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind a stone, You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me above all.

Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all.

"Good, Good Father"

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.

The Post-Communion Song, 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!" Let us shine His light.

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Chorus: You're a good, good Father. It's who You are.
It's who You are. It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You. It's who I am.
It's who I am. It's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

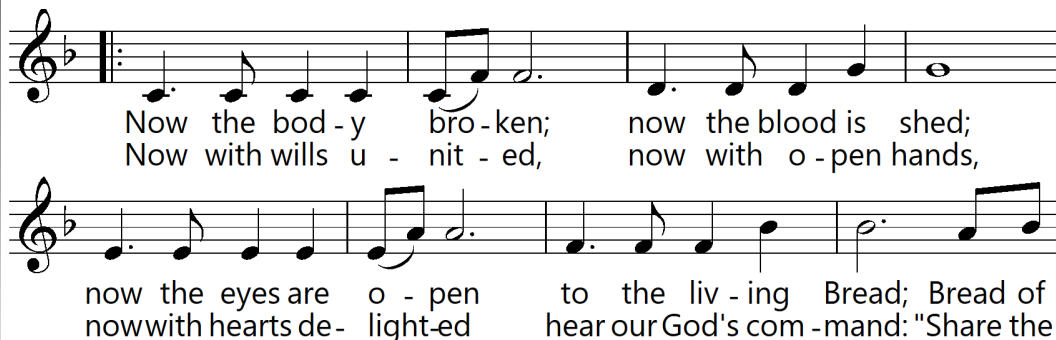
Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. **(repeat)**

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love. **Chorus**

You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

THE POST COMMUNION SONG



Now the bod - y bro - ken; now the blood is shed;
Now with wills u - nit - ed, now with o - pen hands,
now the eyes are o - pen to the liv - ing Bread; Bread of
now with hearts de - light - ed hear our God's com - mand: "Share the

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)



life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace. hope; share the life, share the life, share the hope; share the life, share the hope share the peace.

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 SONG "Not to Us"

The cross before me, the world behind,
No turning back, raise the banner high.
It's not for us-it's all for You.
Let the heavens shake and split the sky,
Let the people clap their hands and cry.
It's not for us-it's all for You.

Chorus: Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.
Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.

Our hearts unfold before Your throne,
The only place for those who know-
It's not for us-it's all for You.
Send Your holy fire on this offering.
Let our worship burn for the world to see-
It's not for us-it's all for You. **Chorus**

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 POSTLUDE

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann
LITURGIST	Rev. Jace C. Detrie
ELDER CAPTAIN	Armin Bernhardt
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 3
USHER TEAM	Team H
ACOLYTES	Elizabeth Lee and Paisley Smith
ANTHEM	Lor Smith
PRAISE TEAM	Special Team, Teresa Logue, Dorothy Sherrod, Charles Hayes, Duane Dieterich
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