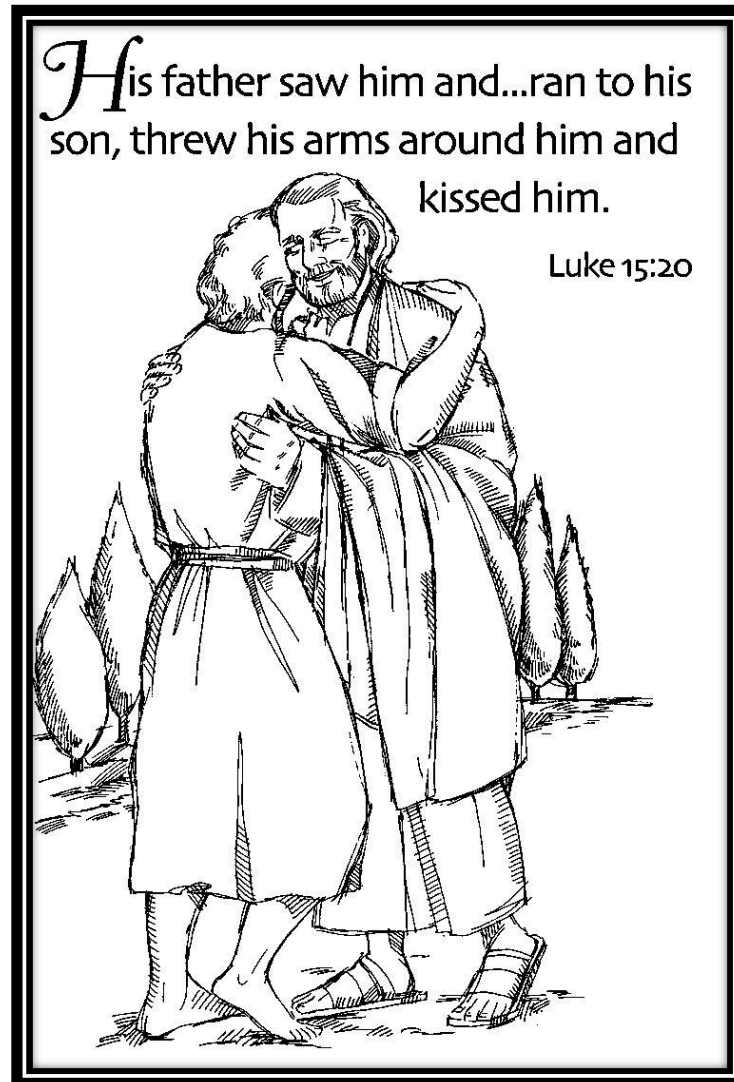


FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

*(As derived from the Lutheran Service Book Matins
beginning on page 219)*

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY: We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In a safety emergency, please keep calm and do not leave the secured building unless instructed by a safety team member or elder.

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty, everlasting God, whose Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal condemnation, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we hold fast the hope that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

(The tolling of the bells is an ancient custom that according to some is said to call upon the name of the Lord and alert the community to our call to worship. As the bells toll, we reverently prepare our hearts and minds to receive the blessings God has promised in His Word and Sacraments.)

T MATINS T

(Please stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing *LSB 528 sts. 1–4*

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

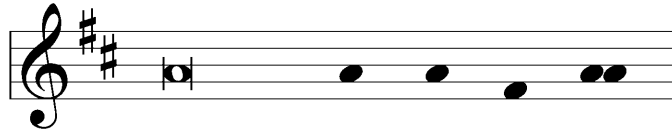


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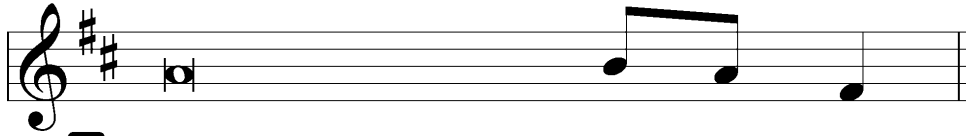
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Call To Worship

LSB 219

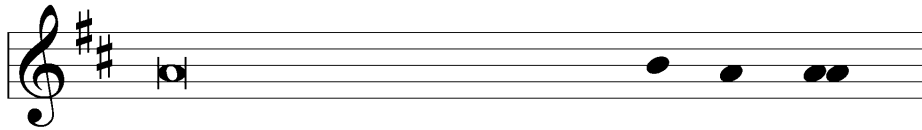


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

[Psalm 51:15]



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

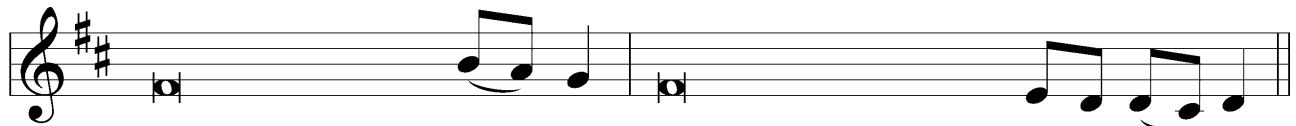


C make haste to help me, O Lord.

[Psalm 70:1]



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

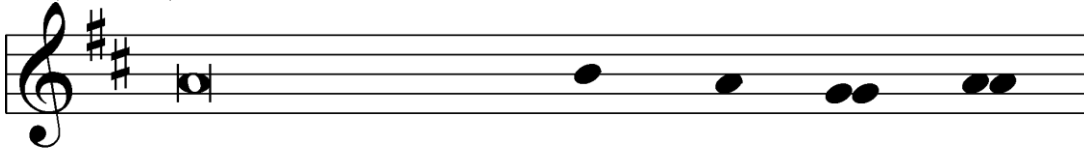


Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

LSB 220

ANTIPHON (LENT)



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE

LSB 220

(Music found in hymnal)

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

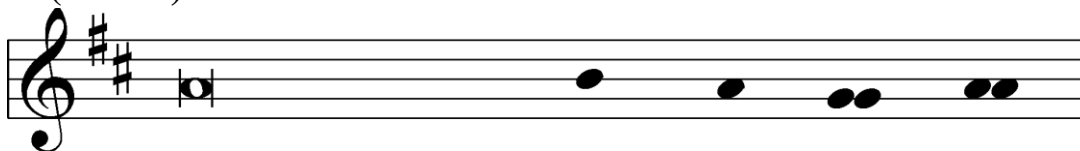
For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.



ANTIPHON (LENT)

LSB 221



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Readings

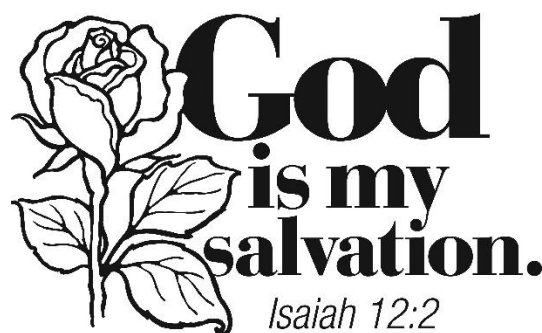
OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You 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.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM) “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Joyful Ringers

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“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 property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And 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! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And 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. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But 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. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For 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. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY (LENT)

LSB 222

Verse

To Refrain



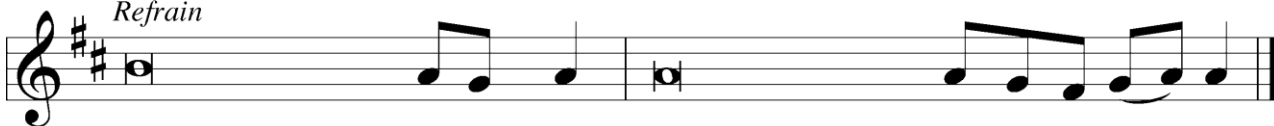
L 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

2 Blessed is he whose

transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.

3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain



c He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

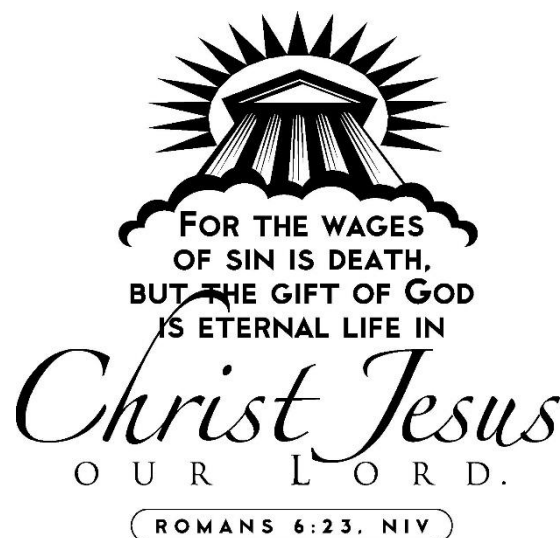
(Be seated)

OFFICE HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 1, 3, 6–7

1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.



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.
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,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

Canticle

(The term “canticle” refers to a hymn-like passage from Scripture other than the Book of Psalms. By the fourth century, nonbiblical canticles began to appear—including the Te Deum. The Te Deum was used as a morning canticle as part of monastic communities. Because of the widespread acceptance of Benedict’s rule throughout Europe, the Te Deum was firmly established as a morning hymn of praise. It was often the hymn of choice at special events, such as the election of a pope, the consecration of a bishop, or the coronation of a king. In Martin Luther’s 1538 treatise, The Three Symbols or Creeds of the Christian Faith, he included the Te Deum with the Apostles’ and Athanasian Creeds.)

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

(Be seated)

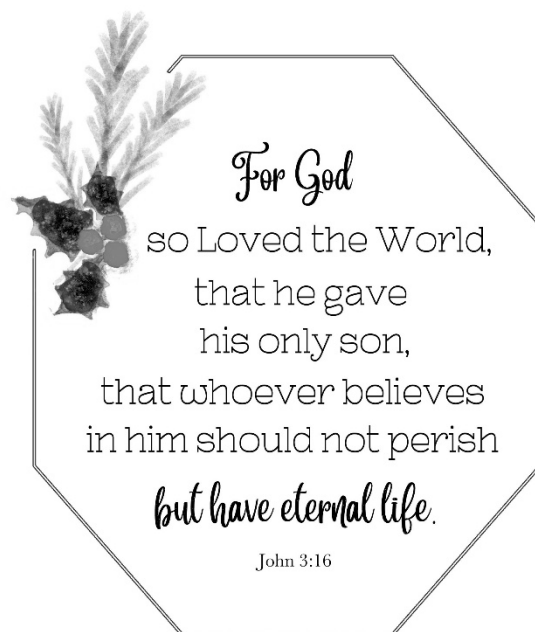
OFFERING

(Please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card and hand them to the center aisle.)

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30AM) “Contemplation of the Cross” Vocal Choir

OFFERING HYMN (7:30AM) God Loved the World So That He Gave
LSB 571 sts. 1–4

1. God loved the world so that He gave
 His only Son the lost to save,
 That all who would in Him believe
 Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
 Who was made flesh and suffered death;
 All then who trust in Him alone
 Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die;
 His Son with saving grace is nigh;
 His Spirit in the Word declares
 How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
4. Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
 Forgives all sins which you have done;
 And, justified by Jesus’ blood,
 Your Baptism grants the highest good.



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KYRIE

[Mark 10:47]

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

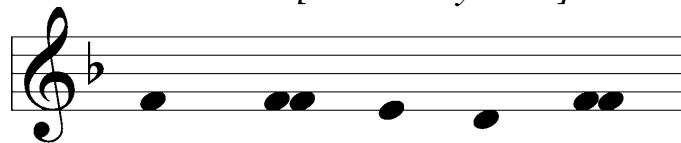
[Matthew 6:9-13]

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

[2 Timothy 4:22]

LSB 227



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

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. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who are in any need, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound;
[especially...Joyce Schankin, John Vogel]

for the lonely and abandoned; for the oppressed and the afflicted, come to all with healing, hope, and restoration of freedom and health. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Throughout the world the holy church acclaims You:

C **Father, of majesty unbounded;**

P Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;

C **and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

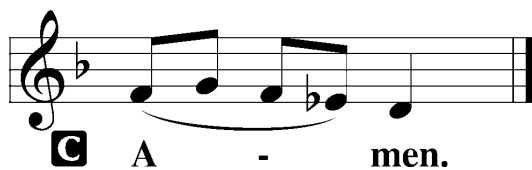
P Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood,

C **and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

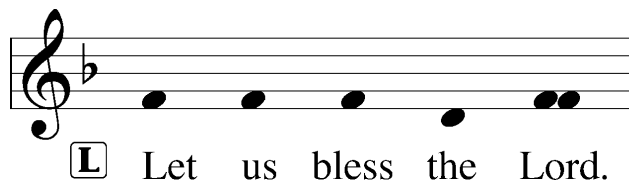
LSB 228

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS

LSB 228



[Psalm 103:1]



BENEDICTION

[2 Corinthians 13:14]

LSB 228



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
L The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.



PARTING HYMN Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing *LSB 686 sts. 1, 3–4*

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.



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SILENT PRAYER, PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.

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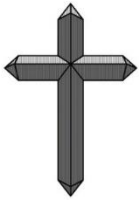
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Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Jeff & Elisabeth Geltz in remembrance of
Howard & Ruth Geltz, Laurie Thiboutot & Robert Adam.
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Wayn & Sonia Nelson.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Dale Kuhn, Millie Tyczka

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Marlin & Millie Doctor	Friends of LCC; healing & recovery
Tracy Fisher	Daughter of Sue Heim; recovery & healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Virderie Kaminska	Continued recovery & healing
Cathy McCabe	Recovery & healing
Janet Melvin	Recovery & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
The family of Sam Sayers	Friends of LCC; peace & understanding, closure
Joyce Schankin	Recovery & full healing
Ron Scheff	Recovery
Grant Senkbeil	Nephew Steve & Lori Nelson; recovery & healing
Ronna Trueman	Recovery & healing
John Vogel	Strength & healing
Kathy Weaver	Recovery & healing
Ken & Mary Werring	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Todd Klietz	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer

Lisa Sayers
 Tracy Shattuck
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
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 US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
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 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
 Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT
& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 03/23/2025		
On-Site Attendance	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 9,189
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Tues-Apr 1	1:00pm	Sarasota Circuit Meeting (Faith Lutheran, Parrish)
Wed-Apr 2		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Apr 3	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
	1:00pm	LWML Ladies Parish Guild Meeting (FMC)
Sat-Apr 5	11:00am	Memorial Service: Mueller (Sanctuary)
Tues-Apr 8	3:30pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting (FMC)
Wed-Apr 9		Lent Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Apr 10	9:00am	Shepherding Leaders Meeting (FMC)
Sat-Apr 12	9:00am	Stephen Minister Supervision Meeting (OFH)
Sun-Apr 13		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY
Wed-Apr 16	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
Thurs-Apr 17		Maundy Thursday Worship Services (<i>see times below</i>)
Fri-Apr 18		Good Friday Worship Services (<i>see times below</i>)



Wed. April 2 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services "Get Out!"
Wed. April 9 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services "One Little Word Can Fell Him"
Sun. April 13 7:30am ~ 10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship Services "God Loves Small Things"
Thurs. April 17 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Services "He Prepares a Table"
Fri. April 18 1:00pm ~ 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Services "All"

LWML Ladies' Parish Guild, Dutch Treat Luncheon, Thursday, April 3 at 1:00pm



The Ladies' Parish Guild will host it's annual Dutch Treat Luncheon on Thursday, April 3 at 1:00 pm. The luncheon is being held at Perkins Restaurant, 1700 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. As a "thank you" for their support of our Ladies Guild, the Ladies Guild is buying lunch for the pastors, LCC staff and their families. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex through Sunday, March 30th, to place your reservation.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS NEEDS EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE HELPERS!



The Board of Elders are looking for folks who would be willing to assist with the set up and take down of the chairs for the Early Easter Worship Service at the base of the Cross Monument.

There is a need for a group of folks to arrive at 5:30am to help move chairs from the FMC over to the Cross Monument for set up of the early service and a group of folks who will take down the chairs and return them back to the FMC.

This is quick work but the more available hands help makes work lighter! Please contact Jim McCabe (847) 741-1421 with any questions about this volunteer opportunity or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



If you plan to attend the Early SON-Rise Worship Service at the Cross Monument, we ask that you please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Your sign up will allow our boards to properly plan for the expected amount of attendance at this very special service.

This service will begin at 7:15am, April 20th.



EASTER LILLIES:

Our Cross Board will be in the Narthex adorned with Easter Lily order cards. If you would like to purchase a flower, please take a card and return it for purchase. Be sure to grab your card early as **there are only 36 lilies available for purchase.**

They do sell out fast!

Please note, we have one card for each flower ordered – please take the same amount of cards to match what you plan to purchase.

Also, please be sure to return your card with your payment. This ensures you get the proper designation in the worship folder.

All cards and payments should be returned to the church office by

Sunday, April 13th.

Checks are to be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Cross.

God's Blessings to you this Easter season!