

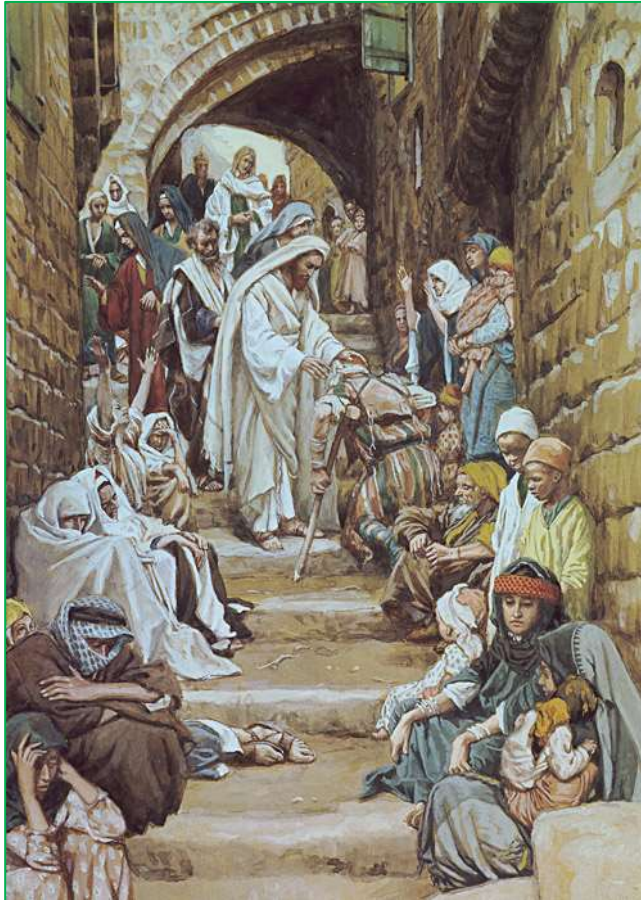
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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QUINQUAGESIMA + 23 FEBRUARY 2020



**The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

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# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“A Church where God gives and we receive”

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*Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.*

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

## Worship Notes

### Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

**Welcome to weekly** Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

**To all of you who are visiting** our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 15.*

## Synod Sentences for Quinquagesima



The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (St. [Luke 18.31-43](#)). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep ([1 Samuel 16.1-13](#)) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us ([1 Corinthians 13.1-13](#)). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind ([Isaiah 35.3-7](#)) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

**Prayer upon entering** *O almighty God above, let my ears and all my faculties be attentive to Your holy Word. With a repentant heart, I acknowledge my sinfulness and ask Your forgiveness. By the power of the Gospel, create in me a deeper trust and appreciation of the cost of my salvation. Being rooted in Your life-giving Word, grant that my faith in Your Son, Christ \*Jesus, may grow ever stronger, Bless me in this hour of worship that I might live my life to Your glory. Amen*

*Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.*

**Voluntary in D Minor**

*William Walond (c.1725-1770)*

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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*Stand*

*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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord \*Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
*\* At the name of Jesus you may bow your head slightly in reverence.*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins


*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, \*Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**



## Kyrie

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

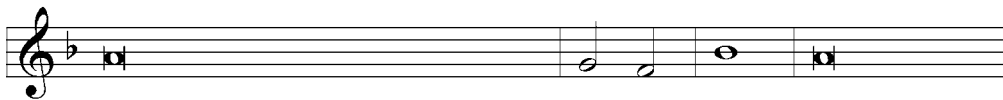
LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



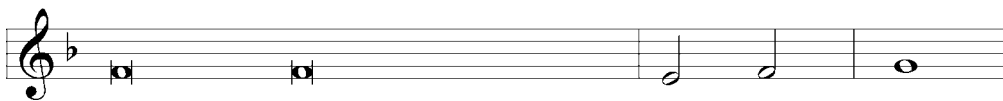
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through \*Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass

by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

<sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise,

anoint him, for this is he." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.



**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Gradual

*Psalm 77:14–15*

You are the God who works | wonders;\*  
you have made known your might among the | peoples.  
You with your arm redeemed your | people,\*  
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



- P** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 100:1–3*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

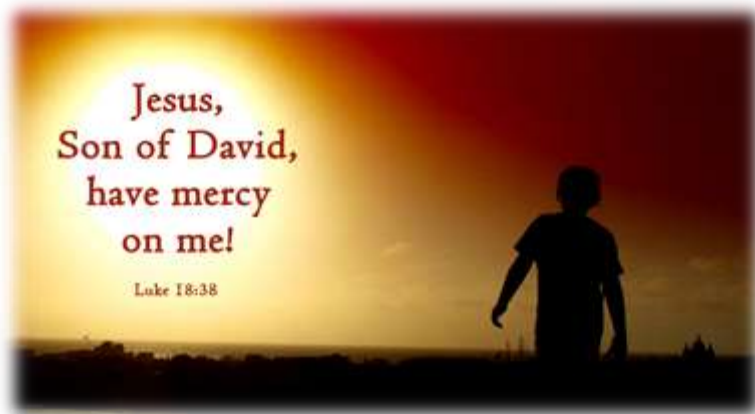
<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, *\**[Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "*\**Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, "*\**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>And *\**Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup>And *\**Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord \*Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pier - cing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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**Sermon** (*see worksheet on p. 27*)

*Pr. von Hindenburg*

### Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ \*Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

**A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR QUINQUAGESIMA: Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.”**

The last known words of Martin Luther were found scratched on a slip of paper next to his death bed: “We are all beggars, this much is true.” All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts.



*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer".*

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

*Brief silence (In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during the Prayer.)*

Remember, Lord, Your promise to be a rock of refuge for Your baptized children. Be gracious to us. Create in us humble and contrite hearts, that we

might always cry out to You for mercy. Fill us with Your love, and grant us grace to follow Christ, our Savior, with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

- ❏ Remember, Lord, Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; Jonathan, our circuit visitor; Bruce, our pastor; and all pastors in Christ. Make Your face shine on them so that, through their faithful service, the eyes of those blind to Your mercies may be opened and see the salvation they have in \*Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Remember, Lord, our nation and its leaders. Guide them in the direction You would have them go, that peace and prosperity, truth and justice, religion and piety may dwell in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Remember, Lord, the widows and orphans, the lonely and downtrodden, the poor and destitute, and our brothers and sisters in Christ who are shut in and unable to attend the Divine Service with us, *including Abai, Charlotte, Cynthia, David, Lucy, Martin, Rodgers*. Be a mighty fortress for them, surrounding them with Your compassion and care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Remember, Lord, those who are sick, hospitalized, in treatment, undergoing surgery or recovering, and all who are in need *especially Alice, Angie, Anita, Bonnie, Charles, Clinton, Dalton, Debra, Deneice, Edward, Gerald and Lois, Irmgard, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Katrina, Kristopher, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Michele, Olivier, Philip, Royce, and Stephen*. Comfort them with Your presence, sustain their faith through Your gracious promises, and bring healing to them as You will and know to be best. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Remember, Lord, those who come to the holy altar this day to receive the medicine of immortality in the Holy Eucharist. Fill all who partake of Your Son's very body and blood with His life and love, that they may depart in His peace, which surpasses all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Remember, Lord, Your promise to fill the wedding banquet of Your Son and His Bride, the Church, with guests clad in white robes. For those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we give You thanks and praise. Bring us, with them, to the day of our Lord's glorious return, that we may all receive the eternal inheritance You have prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through \*Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

❏ **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

**PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION:** At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

**As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10).** Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

**Please be assured that we do so not out of** spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

## Preface

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.



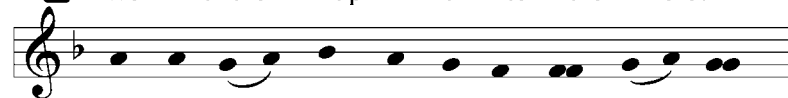
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

*LSB 194*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



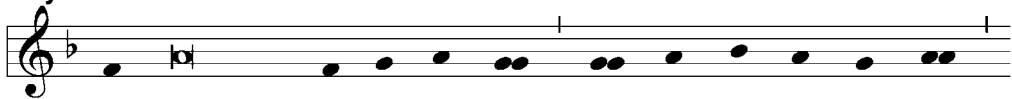
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

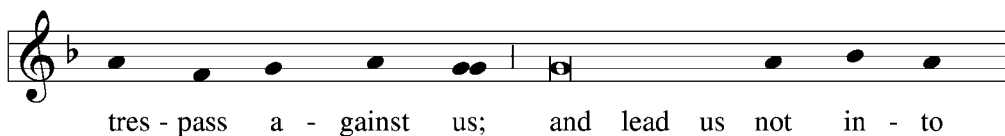


is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

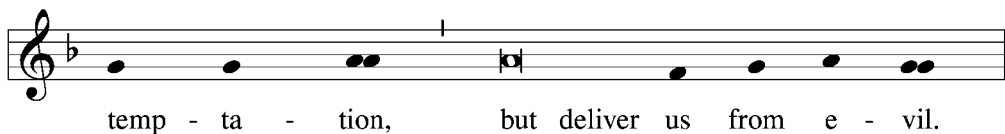


and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who





tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



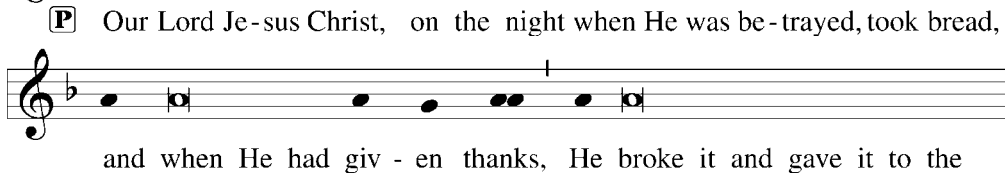
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*



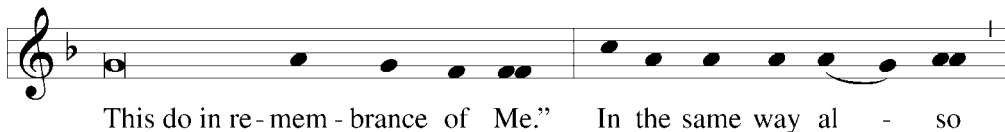
Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



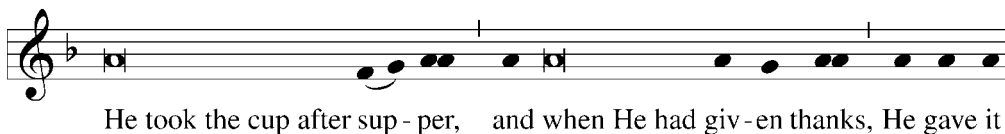
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

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dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  bod - y, which is giv - en for you."



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so"



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
 My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*LSB 199*

*Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:*

**Amen, Amen and Amen.**

*When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

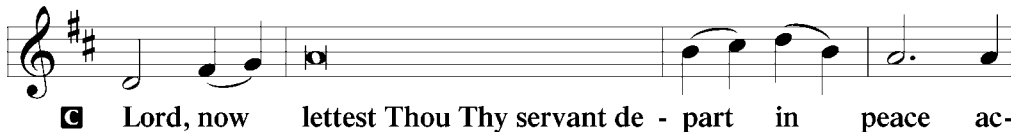
*LSB 199*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord \*Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.

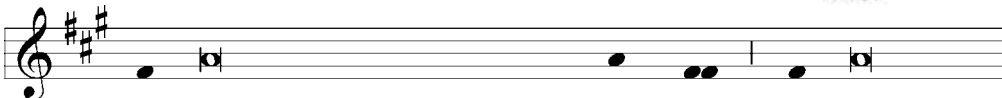


**C** Thanks be to God.

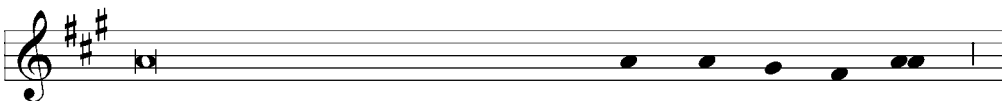


## Benediction

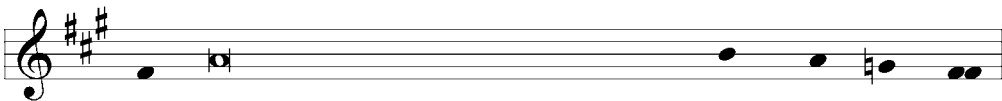
LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart

## 841 O Son of God, in Galilee



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of  
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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## Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

*Bach Circle*

*As the postlude is played, all will follow Pastor down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.*

**Amani ya Bwana!**  
**The peace of the Lord!**

**Mungu akubariki!**  
**God bless you!**

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# ✠ Parish Announcements ✠

## + Christian Education +

**WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**—*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes."* (Psalm 119:11-12.)

**Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.**

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God's Holy Word:

**Adult Bible Classes:** Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

**Sunday School (ages 3+):** Sunday at 8:30

**Confirmation and Membership Classes:** As requested

## STEWARDSHIP

**Offerings for February 16:** \$1517 Attendance: 31 Adult Bible Class/SS: 8

Altar Guild today: **Susie** Ash Wednesday: **Gayle** Next week: **Marie**

Greeters today: **Leon & Gayle** Next week: **Stephanie & Marc**



### Upcoming Celebrations

Birthdays - February 28: Marlene

March 1: Kevin

Anniversary - March 5: Dick & Alice



**Please join us this Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. for Divine Service with the imposition of Ashes to mark **Ash Wednesday** and begin the season of Lent for 2020.**

## **Mark the Dates**

for our Lenten Midweek Services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.:

March 4

Mar 11

Mar 18

Mar 25

April 1

**We will begin with a Soup Supper at 6 pm!** See Gayle if you can provide a soup for any of those Wednesdays. Thank you!



**Sola Fide** -"Faith alone", but what is faith? Some define faith as an act of *mind*, achievable only after reaching an arbitrary "age of reason". By such a definition, infants are excluded (thus why some churches withhold baptism from them). Nor is saving faith a *knowledge* of historical events. Even the demons have such knowledge! Instead, we Lutherans confess that saving faith is the reliance *of the heart* on the promises of grace set forth in the Gospel." (Franz Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*)

**Lutheran Bible Translators Visit** - We are privileged to have **Paul Federwitz** with Lutheran Bible Translators join us on Tuesday, March 10, for our Matins service at 11:00 a.m. Paul will speak about his work with LBT at our Bible Study time at 11:30 a.m. The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League of The Good Shepherd have been supporters of Paul and his family, living in Ghana, Africa, for several years and you may remember them visiting in the past with their three children! Paul serves as a computer consultant to missionaries and organizations in both Ghana and Liberia. Please take this opportunity to learn more about his and LBT’s work in Africa in words and pictures. LUNCH will be served after his presentation! I would especially like to see some of our LWML women attend. Hope to see you there! - Gayle Tarr



**All women are invited to come and join in worship at the annual  
LWML Prayer Service  
Saturday, February 29, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – Registration & Continental breakfast  
10:00 – Prayer Service begins  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
17910 Prairie Ave., Torrance, CA**

Christians are saved to serve. We are chosen and called to bear fruit for Jesus. We do this as we live in His love, not only in our home or church, but in the world, where it is often more difficult to love others. We are empowered by the love that Jesus showed us in His sacrificial death on the cross so that we would have life. Now we are blessed to live in His love, bearing much fruit for His sake. May this prayer service help us take time to reflect on His love for us, our love for Him, and how the fruit we bear is a result of living in His love.

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (John 15:16).*



## The Importance of Preparation

*Rev Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria VA*

Lent is at our door. Are we ready? Ready for the change that God demands of us – change that should have been our program all along? Since Transfiguration Sunday, I have been consciously reminding my people, and myself, at every opportunity, that the Gesima-tide is our time to prepare for and map out the journey that we are going to undergo in following Christ in the way of the cross.

With Quinquagesima, there is the stark reminder that the journey is upon us: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,” and the things that are written about the Son of Man are about to come to pass. I have done what I observed at Redeemer, Fort Wayne, back in seminary days – ended the service with the singing of “Jesus, I will ponder now, on Thy holy passion.” The Quinquagesima mass brings us to the threshold of that door, like Frodo and the Fellowship of the Ring setting out on the road to Mordor.

It would be insane to undertake such a journey without planning and preparation. Schmemmann in *Great Lent: Journey to Pascha* writes about the five (!) Sundays of Lenten preparation in the Orthodox tradition.

*To take Lent seriously means then that we will consider it first of all on the deepest possible level—as a spiritual challenge which requires a response, a decision, a plan, a continuous effort. It is for this reason, as we know, that the weeks of preparation for Lent were established by the Church. This is the time for the response, for the decision and the planning.*

It saddens me greatly that most of Lutheranism today has embraced a church year that abandoned the idea of preparation—the -gesima Sundays—for three more Sundays of Epiphany, which is hard for me to see as anything other than a capitulation to a kind of liturgical theology of glory. But that is not my main point here, but merely to remind you, gentle reader, and most of all myself, that the season we are about to enter into is one which we must, in Schmemmann’s words, take seriously. It is not merely a time to follow certain customs, such as fasting, or attend church more frequently, but to ask, seek, and knock for a “real impact on our existence.” To understand that in a Lutheran way, I would argue, would be to understand more deeply the price of our justification—the death of the Son of God—and to be drawn ever more closely into union, communion with Christ, that the Spirit would lead and guide us in holy living according to the Word of God.



# We Pray For . . .



**Abai:** friend of Pr&K – guidance and comfort (K)  
**Alice** – recovering from surgery  
**Angie:** Karina's cousin – recovering from a fall  
**Anita** – grieving the death of her mother  
**Bonnie:** Pr's cousin - liver cancer  
**Charles:** Pr's brother – heart issues  
**Charlotte:** Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie – financial, strength (L)  
**Clinton** – recovering from surgery; grieving  
**The Conrad Family** – our missionaries in Mexico  
**Cynthia** – our TGSLC shut-in  
**Dalton** – chronic sciatica  
**David** – DD/ID shut-in  
**Debra:** Jod's cousin - recovering from cancer  
**The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** – our missionaries in Albuquerque  
**Deneice** – breast cancer recovery  
**Rev. Ed Killian** – recovering from systemic bacterial infections  
**Gerald and Lois:** friends of Marlene – cancer (Gerald); strength and comfort in the loss of 2 sons  
**Irmgard:** friend of Pr&K – 89 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues  
**Rev. James Kollie:** Jamesetta's father and our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)  
**Janice:** member at St Philip Compton – breast cancer recovery  
**Jod** – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health  
**Johnathan** – strengthening of faith; continued remission

**Katheryn:** Karina's mother - various health issues

**Katrina** – pneumonia

**Ken:** friend of Pr&K – wisdom

**Kevin** – at university

**Kristopher** - bronchiolitis

**Lucy** – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee, new studies (K)

**Lynette** – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

**Marc** – complications with diabetes

**Marie** – recovering from surgery

**Marilyn:** Stephen's mother - various health issues

**Marion and her family** – various health issues around the country

**Marjorie:** mother of Pr. Rob't Green – 87 y.o. in final stages of bladder cancer

**Martin:** friend of Karina – financial, various health (K)

**Michele:** friend of Pr&K – strength

**Olivier:** friend of P&K – studies, general health

**Philip:** friend of Marlene and Stephanie – metastasized colon cancer

**Philip Magness:** our missionary to Francophone Africa

**Rodgers:** friend of Pr&K – employment (K)

**Royce** – health issues

**Stephanie** - bronchitis

**Stephen** – COPD, other health issues

**Susan:** friend of Pr&K – financial, good health (K)

**Susie** – auto accident

**Tuomo Simojoki:** our LHF missionary in Kenya – severe attacks from the Enemy as he shares the Word in East Africa (K)

**Walter Steele** – our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya (K)

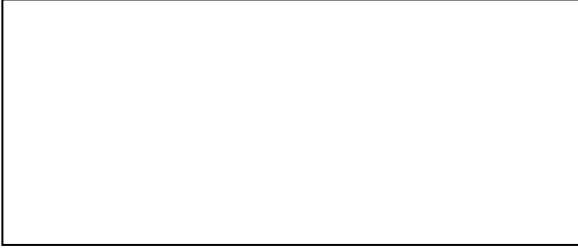
(K) – person living in Kenya

(L) – person living in Liberia

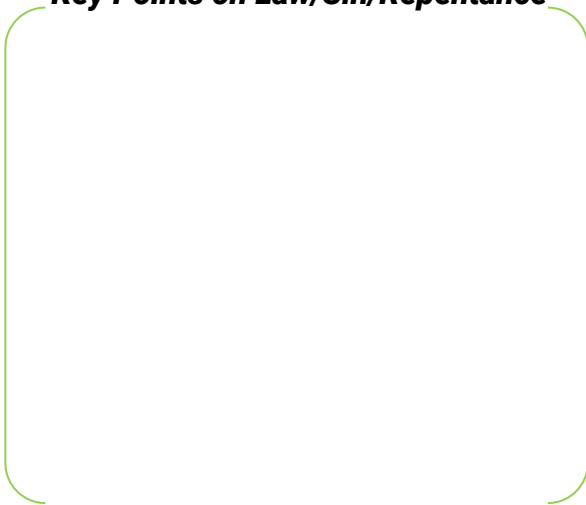
You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. **It is our joy to pray for you!** Check out the **Picture Board in the Narthex** of those for whom we are praying, to put faces to names. If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, just let Karina know.

# Sermon Notes

Scripture Text



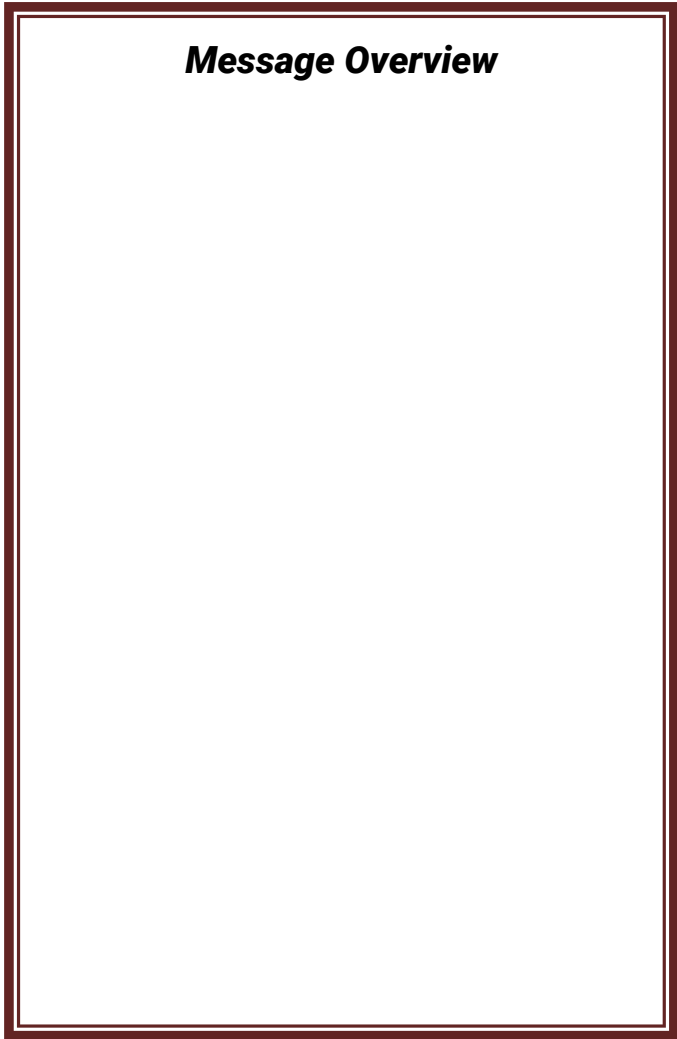
**Key Points on Law/Sin/Repentance**



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**Message Overview**



Things to Study Further

