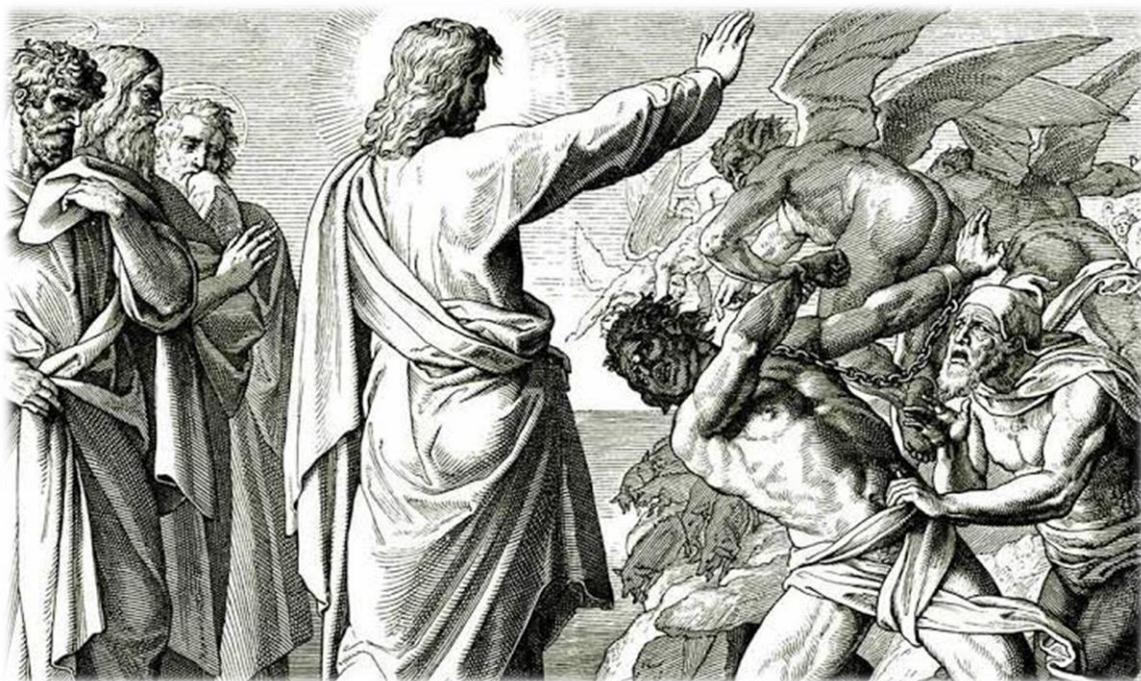


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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

*We are pleased that you are with us.*

### +Worship Notes+

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

**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 membership, pastor would love to speak with you!**

### A Note From the Organist:

J. S. Bach was born on March 21, 1685, so today is a good day to celebrate his music. “Jesus Priceless Treasure” is an extended fantasy, very much under the influence of Buxtehude. The melody moves from voice to voice on alternate phrases. The final section, a free treatment in triple meter, is marked “dolce” (sweetly), and is played on a single stop, the Swell Rohrflöte. (“Chimney Flute,” so called because the pipes have a small tube coming out of the top.)

BWV 549, with its opening pedal solo, also shows the influence of Buxtehude. The prelude is fantasy-like, while the fugue is energetic, concluding with an extended cadenza.

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

Tune: Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

Text and tune: Public domain

*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.

**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.**

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.  
To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.  
The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.  
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.  
Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



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



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

*✠ Gloria is omitted during Lent ✠*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 26:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'"

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*

Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

**<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\***

**How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\*

the LORD hears when I | call to him.

**<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and | do not sin;\***

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacri- | fices,\*

and put your trust | in the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?\***

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!"**



<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.



### Return of an Unclean Spirit

<sup>24</sup>"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

### True Blessedness

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**P** This is 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

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
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Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

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.

**Offering** *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

**Prayer of the Church**

*The proper response is "Lord, have mercy."*

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
  
- P** That our eyes may ever be fixed on our merciful and unchanging God, who is always ready to hear our prayers; and that we would be ready to receive His forgiveness and help in time of need, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all Christians, plundered from Satan's kingdom and liberated by Christ's blood to join the ranks of His saints, that God would preserve us faithful to the end, guard us from abandoning or blaspheming the Spirit's work, and turn us in brotherly love toward one another to live according to God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the members of every Christian family, that the Lord who calls us to live in purity and holiness would protect us and guide us; and that we would love

and seek chastity and decency, learning to grow in virtue and godly living, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For our nation with its government, that as no kingdom or house divided can ever stand, God would frustrate the destructive work of Satan, unite our leaders and our people for the common good, and lead us to place our true hope in His eternal kingdom, which is not of this world, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who are sick, anxious, lonely or oppressed in any way, especially *Alice, Beth, Carmen, Cynthia, the Conrad's, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice and her family, Gary, Gloria, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Lynette, Marie, Marion and her family, Philip, Sabrina, Steve, Susie, and William* that God, who is the strength of the weak, would overcome the devil's demonic attempts to lead them into despair, and grant His healing, cleansing power to rest upon their bodies and minds, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who commune, that the Lord, who joins His Word to the bread and wine and invites us to eat and drink, would grant us to hear and keep His Word in faith, and so worthily receive the true body and blood of our Savior in our mouths and be given His eternal blessing, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Blessed Lord, the mother of Your Son was blessed because she heard Your Word and kept it. Grant that we who hear Your Word would also treasure it in our hearts and minds and so receive Your eternal blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### 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

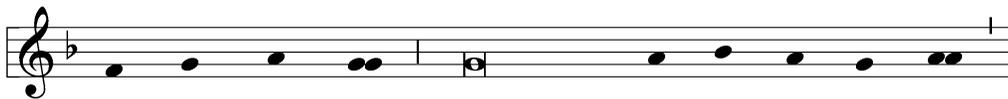
LSB 196



**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



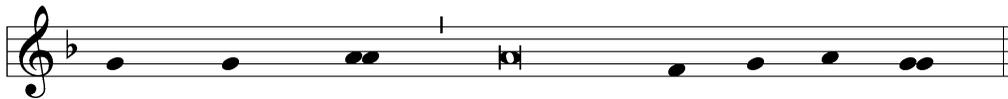
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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.



**C** 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



**P** 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



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



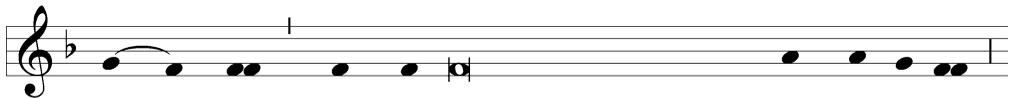
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



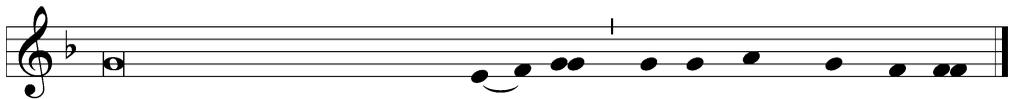
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\text{I}$  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

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

### Distribution Hymn

### 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
- 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
- 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
- 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
- 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,

From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt.  
 Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591

# Distribution Hymn

# 638 Eat This Bread

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir*

1 This is His bod-y giv-en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death-un-til He comes a-gain.

3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

Text (sts. 1–2): Stephen P. Starke, 1955; (sts. ref, 3–5): Robert J. Batastini, 1942; (sts. ref, 3–5): Taizé Community

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*Stand*

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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 with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

**B** 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*



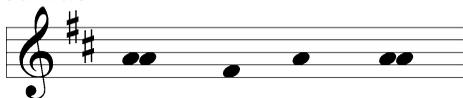
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



**A** Bless we the Lord.



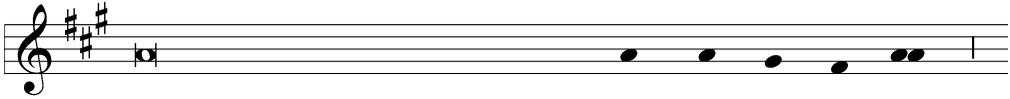
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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

### 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Tune: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1778, London; adapt. Edward Miller, 1731–1807

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## Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549

*J. S. Bach*

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# ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

## Announcements

+ Last Sunday's Attendance: 37  
Midweek Attendance: 32

+ If you would like to order an Easter lily, talk to Moira or contact the church office!

+ **Sunday Morning Greeters**-- if you are interested in serving as a Sunday morning greeter, please see Stephanie Cram or call her at 310.597.1332. Greeters' schedule will begin the first week of April!

+ Join us for supper before Vespers on Wednesday evenings at 6pm!

*Happy Birthday To:*

*19 Taylor Hard*

*22 Kannon Wilhite*



## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

**Lent III** – March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

**Lent IV** – March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Lent V** – April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Maundy Thursday** – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Good Friday** – April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## Synod Sentences for the Third Sunday in Lent

### *Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man*

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the

inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

### **A Prayer for the Week**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, that He might overcome the devil, and defend us poor sinners against the adversary: We give thanks to You for Your merciful help, and we beseech You to attend us with Your grace in all temptations, to preserve us from carnal security, and by Your Holy Spirit to keep us in Your Word in Your fear, that we may be delivered from the enemy, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Children’s Lenten Devotional**

**“Simon Peter answered Him ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” (John 6:68)**

Some people in Jesus’ day didn’t believe in Him. Some people today don’t either. But Peter knew that faith in Jesus is the only way to Heaven. We know it too! (See John 14:6)

### **An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings**

“This is a beautiful Gospel from which we learn many different things, and in which nearly everything is set forth as to what Christ, His Kingdom and His Gospel are: what they accomplish and how they fare in the world. In the first place, like all the Gospels this one teaches us faith and love; for it presents Christ to us as a most loving Savior and Helper in every need and tells us that he who believes this is saved.... By this act, Christ draws us to Himself, leads us to look to Him for every blessing, and to go to Him in every time of need. He does this that we also, according to the nature of love, should do unto others as He does unto us. This is the universal and the most precious doctrine of this Gospel and of all the Gospels throughout the Church year. This poor man, however, did not come to Christ without the Word; for those who brought him to Christ must have heard His love preached and were moved thereby to trust in Him. We learn therefore that faith comes through the Word....” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

### **Lutheran’s For Life Quote for the Second Sunday in Lent**

Children of light (Ephesians 5:8) need not hold back a word (Jeremiah 26:2), even when it becomes politically dangerous or elicits cultural hostility (Jeremiah 26:8). Indeed, we find great blessing (Luke 11:28) in lovingly shining the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the haunts of darkness and death. *Light of the World, let us walk and speak Your image as beloved children. Amen.*

## **A Snippet From 1517**

### ***Psalm 4***

*The Light of the LORD, Jesus Christ, has risen upon us and set us apart as the chosen people of God.*

The Psalm for the third Sunday in Easter is Psalm 4. The assigning of this Psalm for the Easter season may, at first, seem a bit peculiar. However, if we consider the text according to the three-fold designation discussed last week (Orientation-Disorientation-New (Re)orientation) the assignment seems clearer. At first read, one notes the language of disorientation in the beginning of the Psalm. Yet, there is also an eye on and trust in a re-orientation. Nevertheless, the Psalmist is clearly speaking of two separate “groups.” The disorientation belongs to the unbeliever, while the re-orientation is the reality of the believer. Even as David brings this Psalm to its conclusion one can hear he is speaking as if the re-orientation has already taken place. He is declaring the reality of what the LORD has already brought to past.

The verse numbering of this Psalm differs from the Hebrew to the English translations. The Hebrew text counts the title as verse 1 and the Psalm contains 9 verses compared to the 8 verses of the English.

The “How long?” of verse 3 (English 2) is really a complaint concerning the ungodly. But as with the prophets, the “How long?” is a question asked in faith. It is faith there will be an end to the current, difficult situation because the LORD has promised. Thus, the rest of the Psalm addresses the believers who the LORD has set apart for Himself and lifted the light of His face upon them (note the similarity to the Aaronic Blessing) and put joy in their hearts so they have peace.

As one thinks of preaching from the Psalm for this third Sunday of Easter, the application can easily be made as we live amid the unbelieving sons of man who dishonor and shame the people of God with lies and vain words. However (How long?), the LORD has shown His light upon us. Indeed, the Light of the LORD, Jesus Christ, has risen upon us and set us apart as the chosen people of God. In Christ Jesus, we see the face of God shining upon us, bringing with it joy and peace even in the midst of our present darkness. *Jeffery Pulse, 2021*