

+DIVINE SERVICE III+  
OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
+FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT+ 03 APRIL 2022

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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.*

### +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:

Karl Osterland serves at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit. His setting of “Love Unknown” features the hautbois (oboe) stop playing an obligato part in the tenor range while the melody is played by flutes and strings, later by principals.

The tune was written in 1925 by John Ireland, (1879-1962) who despite his name, was English. He was a successful composer of mostly smaller forms (chamber music etc.) and was also a church musician. The hymn text dates from 1664, and has had a number of tunes. The first appearance of this tune with this text in a Lutheran hymnal was in Lutheran Worship. (1982)

Charles Org's setting of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast” uses contrasting reed stops. The left hand plays on the Regal, a very old reed with short resonators, which has a thin, biting (some would say nasty) sound, while the melody is played on contrasting Trumpet stops.

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87  
 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 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a*

*Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\**  
*For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.  
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me,\**


let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!  
 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,\*  
 and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.  
 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.  
 Vindicate me, O God,\*  
 and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
 from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!\*


For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

### Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**G** 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




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




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

*Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Genesis 22:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place,

“The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 43; antiphon: v. 5*

### **Send Out Your Light and Your Truth**

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man  
de- | liver me!

<sup>2</sup>**For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you re- | jected me?\***

**Why do I go about mourning  
because of the oppression of the | enemy?**

<sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth;  
let them | lead me;\*  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your | dwelling!

<sup>4</sup>**Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O | God, my God.**

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation | and my God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 129:1-4*

*"Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth"—\**  
*let Israel | now say—*

**"Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\***  
**yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.**

*The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\**  
*they made long their | furrows."*

**The LORD is | righteous;\***  
**he has cut the cords of the | wicked.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 8:46-59*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



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

<sup>46</sup>"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him



and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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



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

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## Hymn of the Day

## 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Text and tune: Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546

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Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

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.

**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** To the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by His death brought us to His holy hill and by His resurrection justified us in His sight; that He would lead us by the light and truth of His Holy Word to vindication in Christ in the face of all the enemies of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** That the Lord, who provided at Mount Moriah a ram as substitute for Isaac and who provided at Mount Calvary His own Son as substitute for the world, would lead us by His Spirit to trust His Word of promise and continually set our hope in Christ, who is able to raise the dead and bless all nations of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all fathers in the home and Church, that our heavenly Father would give them wisdom and fortitude; that He would make them faithful in teaching His Word to the children entrusted to their care; and that all little ones would

come to know their heavenly Father and live as true children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For Joseph, our president; *Gavin*, our governor; and all civil authorities, that our nation would be preserved in peace and all Christians would be allowed to live quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those in need, especially *Alice, Beth, Carmen, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice and her family, Gary, Gloria, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Lynette, Marie, Marion and her family, Philip, Royce, Sabrina, Susie, Timothy and William* that God would receive our prayers not because of our worth, but in His mercy through the intercession of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest; and that He would answer our petitions on account of the merits and mediation of His Son, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who commune, that God would prepare our hearts and give us faith in the Word of His Son, our great High Priest – Mediator of the new testament in His blood; and that we would thus be worthy to eat His body and drink His blood, going in full confidence to the altar of God, to our exceeding joy, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, that we may not be deceived by that liar and murderer the devil, but know Your truth and so come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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,



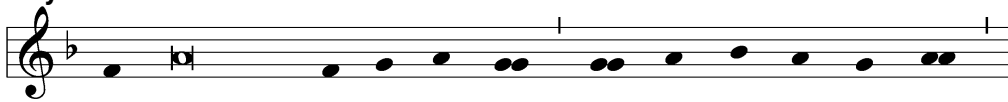
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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



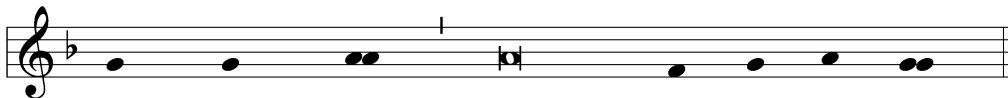
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



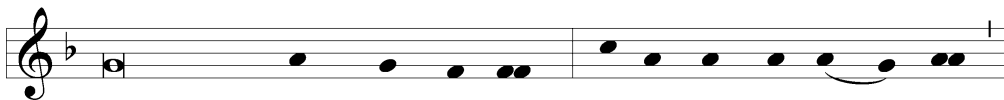
**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



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  $\text{†}$  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



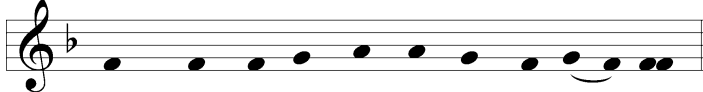
My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



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.



■ 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

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.

Tune: French, 17th cent.

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## 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.

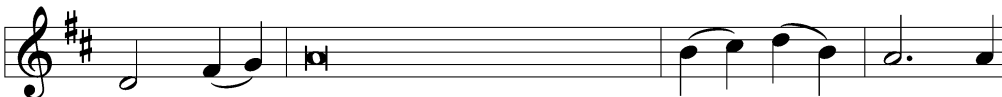
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*Stand*

## 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



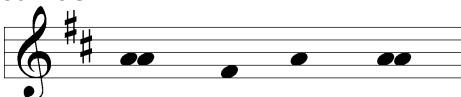
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



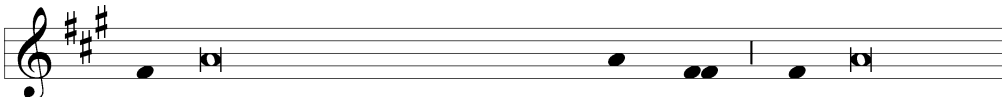
**A** Bless we the Lord.



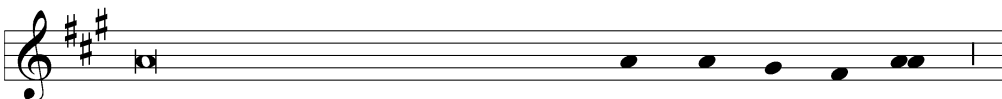
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

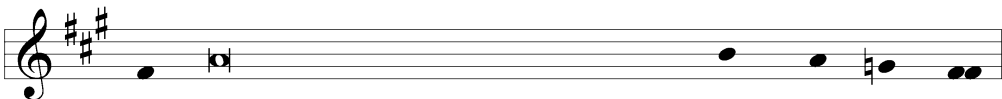
LSB 202



**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

## 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Love

*Charles Ore (b. 1936)*

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# ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

## Announcements

+ **Last Sunday's Attendance: 44**  
**Midweek Attendance: 32**

+ **This Sunday's Greeters:** Marlene Wood & Stephanie Cram

+ **If you would like to order an Easter lily, talk to Moira or contact the church office!**  
**Order sheets are on the desk next to the bulletins.**

+ **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!**



## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

**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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

### *Jesus Is Our Redemption*

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

## **A Prayer for the Week**

We beseech You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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

"What does Christ do here? His life He abandons to shame and dishonour, is silent and suffers them to call Him a Samaritan; while He takes pains to defend His doctrine. For the doctrine is not ours, but God's, and God dare not suffer in the least, here patience is at an end; but I should stake all that I have and suffer, all that they do, in order that the honour of God and of His Word may not be injured. For if I perish, no great harm is done; but if I let God's Word perish, and I remain silent, then I do harm to God and to the whole world. Although I cannot now close their mouth nor prevent their wickedness, I shall nevertheless not keep silent, nor act as if they are right, as I do about My good life, so that they retain their right. Although they do me injustice at the time, yet it remains right before God." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Judica.*

## **Lutheran's For Life Quote for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

God's gifts do not always make immediate human sense (John 8:48, 53, 57). What remains certain regardless is that God is good and God gives. The Father who eternally gives Himself to the Son (John 8:42) and the Son who offers Himself to the Father in appreciative obedience (John 8:55) are the Holy Trinity who imparts this life-giving Spirit even where only death appears possible (Genesis 22:10). Trusting His Word and work releases from death's threatening grip (John 8:51, Genesis 22:13). *Father, Son, and Spirit, guide us to trust Your Gospel that we may share in Your abundant life. Amen.*

## **A Snippet From 1517**

### **On Mount Moriah You Can See the Whole Bible**

*Jesus was not killed in Bethlehem as a baby, or in Galilee or Samaria as an adult. He couldn't be, for it was necessary for him to die in Jerusalem, where Moriah is.*

...There's a young man, ropes around his wrists, and stretched out atop firewood that's been arranged on a makeshift altar. There's a father, standing above him, the hilt of a knife clasped in his hand, the blade lifted high. "Take your son," God had told Abraham, "your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." That's where they are. On Moriah. The place where the father is to sacrifice his son. Yet he doesn't. A split second before the knife plummets, an angel stops Abraham. In the stead of his son, the father offers a ram caught in a nearby thicket as a burnt offering. Here is where the story begins. On Mt. Moriah, God provides a substitute to die in Isaac's place.

Fast-forward a few centuries. In the latter years of his reign, David has incensed the Lord by commanding a census be taken of all Israel. Catastrophic casualties follow as a plague steamrolls through the land. Finally a skyscraping angel unsheathes his sword over Jerusalem. David hurries up Moriah, to a threshing floor owned by a local farmer. He buys the plot of ground and the oxen used for threshing. He builds an altar, kills the beasts, and flames fall from the sky upon the altar to consume their bodies. The plague stops, the angel sheathes his sword, Zion is saved. On Mt. Moriah, God provides oxen to die in order that his people might be spared.

The son of David, wise Solomon, built the temple of the Lord on this exact spot ([2 Chron 3:1](#)). On this mountain where the promised son, Isaac, had been spared by the sacrifice of a ram in his stead. On this mountain where Jerusalem was spared by the sacrifice of oxen in their stead. On this mountain, Moriah, the house of God was erected and the massive altar set up. Here, year after year, morning and evening, the blood of cattle, sheep, goats, and birds was spilled. Their bodies reduced to ashes. Until the time appointed, these beasts died in the stead of God's people. They bore the guilt of sinners. Onto their heads was transferred the sin of the congregation. And through their blood shed and bodies burnt, the Lord provided cleansing and forgiveness to his people. On Mt. Moriah, God provided sacrifice after sacrifice in order that his people might be spared. But the story of Moriah was far from over. For these three stories are but the pre-story to why this mountain is so important. For what Abraham and David and Solomon did not do, could not do, a greater one did.

Jesus wrote the last chapter of Moriah. He made this mountain his own. He climbed Mt. Moriah, to enter his Father's house, time and again. He taught on this mountain. He turned over the tables of the money-changers like a madman on this mountain. On Moriah, he declared, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it." He spend the last week of his life on this mountain. And he brought this mountain's story to its peak.

Jesus was not killed in Bethlehem as a baby, or in Galilee or Samaria as an adult. He couldn't be, for it was necessary for him to die in Jerusalem, where Moriah is. He is the promised Seed of Abraham, the new and better Isaac. He is the promised Son of David, the new and better Solomon. He is the tabernacle and temple of God. And he is the Son who is not spared, but given up for us all. At his death, the angels outside Eden sheathe their swords and welcome us back into the paradise of God. He is the lamb of God, upon the altar of the cross, who transforms Golgotha into Moriah. He is the substitute, by whose sacrifice we are not just spared, but welcomed into the life and family of the Father. When Abraham offered a ram in the stead of Isaac, he called the name of this place Yahweh-Yireh, meaning, "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."

Indeed, it will. And it was. God provided his Son. And in that Son, we receive everything.  
*Chad Bird, 2015*