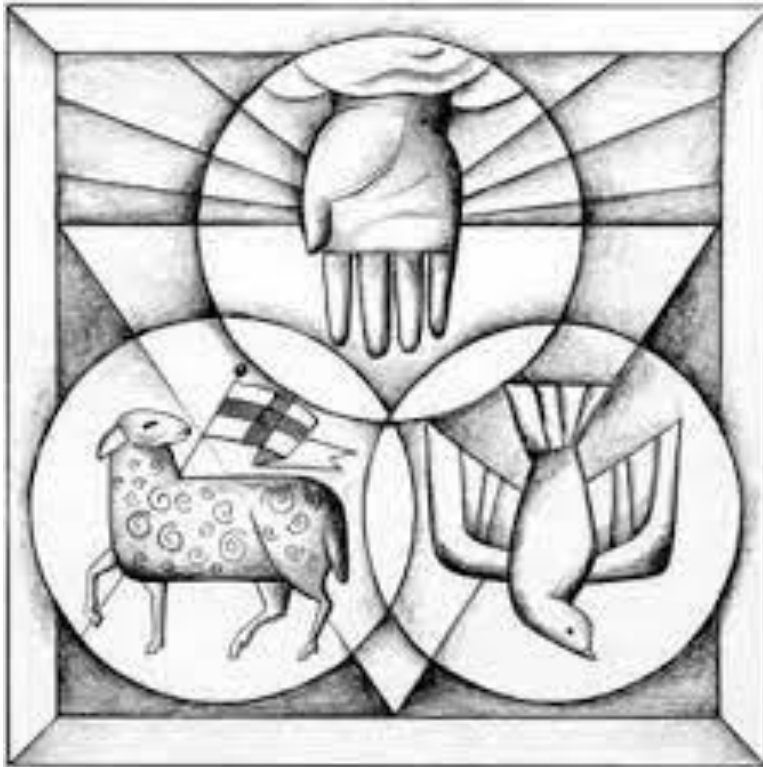


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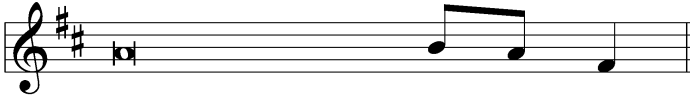
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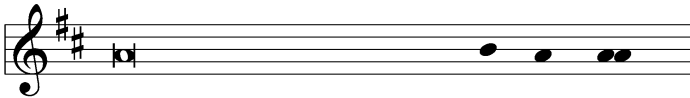
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



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



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

**With long life I will sat - | isfy him\***

**and show him my sal - | vation.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
**I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,\***  
**my God, in | whom I trust."**  
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\***  
**no plague come | near your tent.**  
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
**With long life I will sat- | isfy him\***  
**and show him my sal- | vation.**

*Sit*

Office Hymn

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent

whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -

from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our  
 cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.  
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## Readings

### Reading

*Deuteronomy 6:3–9*

**P** A reading for the first midweek in Lent is from Genesis, the twenty-second chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Love the LORD your God  
 with all your heart and  
 with all your soul and  
 with all your strength.

## Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

*Verse* *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.

*Refrain*

- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

## Sermon: The Creed

*Pastor Edward Killian*

## Canticle

### *Stand*

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Magnificat

933 *My Soul Rejoices*

- 1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

- great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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

## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Kyrie

LSB 233



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

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us ✝ from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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.

*Stand*

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 234*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*LSB 234*

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

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

**C** A - men.





## Hymn to Depart

## 890 O Blessed Light, O Trinity

1 O bless - ed Light, O Trin - i - ty, O ev - er -  
2 To You our morn - ing song of praise, To You our  
△ 3 All glo - ry be to God a - bove And to the

last - ing U - ni - ty: As now the fi - ery  
eve - ning prayer we raise; We praise Your light in  
Son, the Prince of love, And to the Spir - it,

sun de - parts, Send forth Your light in - to our hearts.  
ev - 'ry age, The glo - ry of our pil - grim - age.  
One in Three! We praise You, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; (st. 1): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 2–3): tr. Gracia Grindal, 1943

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### **Lenten Midweek Services**

Vespers – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm – The Lord’s Prayer

Vespers – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @7pm – Holy Baptism

Vespers – Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @7pm – Confession

Vespers – Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @7pm – Sacrament of the Altar

Vespers – Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @7pm

Lenten Suppers will be held in the Assembly Room at 6pm before service.

## **Luther's Small Catechism Explanation**

### **The First Article: Creation**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

### **The Second Article: Redemption**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

### **The Third Article: Sanctification**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

## Reflections and Notes