

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



‡ DIVINE SERVICE ‡

OPENING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

(LSB 849)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ‡ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ‡ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

T **WORD** T

INTROIT

Ps 84:1-4 (antiphon: 84:5)

- P Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- C **How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!**
- P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- C **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay
her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- P Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

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OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, Giver of all things, we rejoice today in the goodness of Your creation, in Your mercies new every morning, and in the gift of a Savior through whom we have been delivered from sin and death. We give You thanks for Your Holy Spirit, for the gift of faith, for the promise of everlasting life and for the privilege of prayer.

Brief silence

P For the Church, purchased with the blood of Christ; for all pastors who, filled with Your Spirit, proclaim Your saving Gospel and serve us with Your Holy Sacraments, especially thanking you for _____; for our perfection in love and for the good works that manifest this love for our neighbor; and for our witness, that we may speak Your Word to those who do not yet know You, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to preserve our nation and prosper the cause of justice in this land. We pray also for Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; Kristi, our governor; and for all elected and appointed civil servants. Grant us peace among the nations, and watch over those who protect us in the armed forces of our land, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to grant us a spirit of cooperation; that the Lord may remove from us prejudice and hate and dispose our hearts to the common good; for all the places where people teach and learn God's Word; for the homes in which our people dwell; and that the Lord may make them places of blessing and love, where His name is honored and children are raised up to know the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to grant comfort, aid, healing and peace to the sick in their afflictions; for the dying near the end of their earthly lives; and for those who struggle with adversity and sorrow, especially for _____, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to grant to his people the gifts of music and art, and for his people to use those gifts in service to the Lord and to his house, that by their talents and abilities God's people may be enriched and strengthened in their faith and give glory to God, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P All these things and everything else we need, let us pray to the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT † **8:20 am Service**

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD


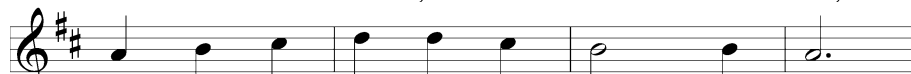
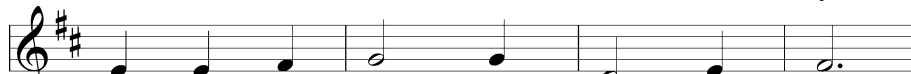
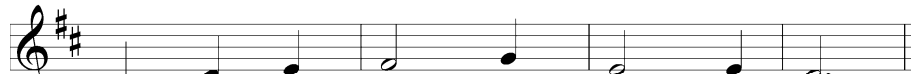
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" (LSB 684)
"When Peace Like a River" (LSB 763)
"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LSB 423)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

(LSB 435)

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Midweek Lenten Schedule

March 18, 2020

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Denying Eyes"—Mark 14:26–31, 66–72

March 25, 2020

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Murderous Eyes"—Mark 14:1–2, 53–65

April 1, 2020

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Worldly Eyes"—Mark 15:1–20

April 9, 2020

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"More Than Meets the Eye"—Mark 14:22–25

April 10, 2020

Good Friday

7:00 pm

"God's Eyes"—Mark 15:21–39

**Good
Friday**

