

Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion  
February 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. Service

LENT



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*'HEARING, SHARING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'*



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*Holy Communion is offered today:*

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

ASH WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION

Divine Service – Setting Three  
February 22, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Note: Because of the solemn nature of Ash Wednesday, we shall speak all of the liturgy, singing only the hymns.**

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*Opening Hymn*

*LSB 610 sts. 1-5*

*“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.

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+ INVOCATION +

LSB 184

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+ OPENING LITANY +

**P** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws for it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son, and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and give the feast in sincerity and truth.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

*Stand*

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;

by Your holy nativity;

by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;

by Your agony and bloody sweat;

by Your cross and passion;

by Your precious death and burial;

by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;

and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** In all time of our tribulation;

in all time of our prosperity;

in the hour of death;

and in the day of judgment:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** to hear us, O Lord.

**P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;  
to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen  
and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart  
to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To draw all to Yourself;  
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;  
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the  
distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned,  
and all who stand in need of our prayers;  
to give abundant bless to all works of mercy;  
and to have mercy on us all.

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To turn our hearts to You;  
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and  
slanderers;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** We implore You to hear us.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** and with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The Imposition of Ashes (for those desiring it)*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *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.**

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

**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.**

**P** Upon this your confession, *LSB 185*  
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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 186*

**Entrance Psalm** (*spoken in unison*) *Psalm 51*  
(*can be found in the front part of the hymnal*)

**P C** 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love; according to your abundant  
mercy blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and  
cleans me from my sin!

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is  
ever before me.

**4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

**6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

**9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

**14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

**17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

**19 then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

**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.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Joel 2:12-19*

**P** 12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster. 14 Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the

nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" 18 Then the Lord became jealous for His land and had pity on His people. 19 The Lord answered and said to His people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

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

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

**Gradual**

*Hebrews 12:2*

**P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**C** **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**



## **Epistle Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

**P** 20 ... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse**

*LSB 190*

**P** Return to the LORD, your God,

**C** For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord. *LSB 190*

1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ. *LSB 191*

**☐ ☐ 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

LSB 615 sts. 1-6

“When in the Hour of Deepest Need”



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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**Sermon** **Pastor David Burge**  
**“Repentance Under The Cross:  
Christ’s Gift of Restoration”**  
*Sermon Text Psalm 51*

*Stand*

**Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal  
stewardship of God’s abundant provision to you, please  
use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit.  
This is just as it says: An offering to God through His  
church. As a reassurance to those in worship today,  
especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the  
good news of Jesus is free to all!*



## Offertory

*LSB 192*

**P** **C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church/The Litany *LSB 288-289*

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

from the crafts and assaults of the devil;

from sudden and evil death;

from pestilence and famine;

from war and bloodshed;

from sedition and from rebellion;

from lightning and tempest;

from all calamity by fire and water;

and from everlasting death:

**C** Good Lord, deliver us.

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;

by Your holy nativity;

by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation;

by Your agony and bloody sweat;

by Your cross and Passion;  
by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the day of judgment:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;  
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your  
Church in the true knowledge and understanding of  
Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy  
living;  
to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;  
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred  
and are deceived;

to beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;  
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and  
Spirit:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those  
who stand;  
and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the  
distressed:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To give to all peoples concord and peace;  
to preserve our land from discord and strife;  
to give our country Your protection in every time  
of need;  
to direct and defend our president and all in  
authority;  
to bless and protect our magistrates and all our  
people;  
to watch over and help all who are in danger,  
necessity, and tribulation;

to protect and guide all who travel;  
to grant all women with child, and all mothers with  
infant children, increasing happiness in their  
blessings;  
to defend all orphans and widows and provide for  
them;  
to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young  
children;  
to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us  
all:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and  
slanderers and to turn their hearts;  
to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of  
the earth;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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**      *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 195*

**☐ ☐** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer**      *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196*

**☐** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach  
us to pray:

**☐** 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 Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19, LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29, LSB 198*

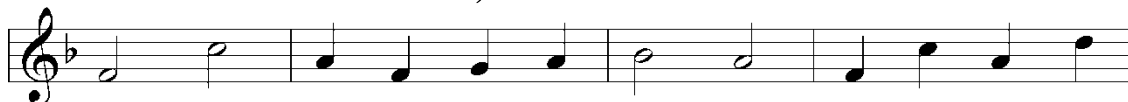
**P C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## *DISTRIBUTION*

*Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 627 sts. 1-10*

*“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
And with the wine the blood He shed.  
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.

8 “For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?”

9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior’s guest,  
Be at His banquet truly blest.

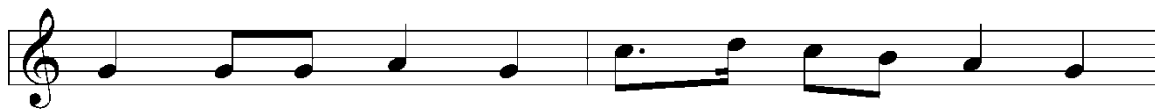
10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you  
How much God’s wondrous love can do.

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## *Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 617 sts. 1-3*

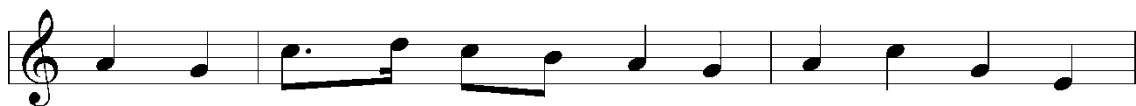
### *“O Lord, We Praise Thee”*



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Thanksgiving

## *Psalm 107:1, LSB 200*

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

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

*LSB 201*

**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** Amen.

## **Salutation and Benedicamus**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 418 sts. 1-4*

*“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”*



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

## *Announcements*

### *Postlude*

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#### **LENTEN PRACTICES**

Because Lent is a time of repentance, self-denial, self-examination, reflection, and spiritual renewal, its worship is more subdued than at other times of the Church Year. Thus, we omit The Hymn of Praise, all Alleluias, and the Post-Communion Canticle. We will take these parts of the Divine Service up again when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

#### **MID-WEEK LENTEN VESPERS**

Our special Lenten services continue next **Wednesday, March 1**, with Vespers at **7:00 p.m.** Pastor Burge's sermon, "Preservation Under The Cross: Christ's Gift of Steadfast Love," will be based on Psalm 32. Prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection by attending our Wednesday Lenten Vespers at 7:00 p.m.