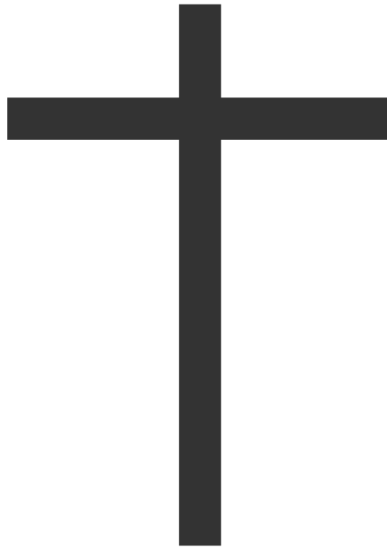


**Third Week in Lent**  
**March 15, 2023 7:00 p.m. Service**

LENT



**Life Under Christ's Cross**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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## Offering

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates 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!)*

**THIRD WEEK IN LENT**  
The Office of Vespers *LSB 229*  
March 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Note: Where there is a Lenten option, we shall use it.**

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*Opening Hymn* *LSB 454 sts. 1-5*  
*“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”*



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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## Versicles and Response

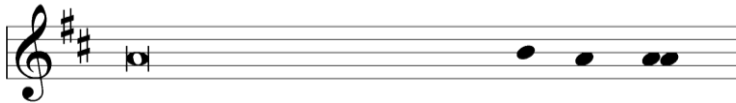
*LSB 229*



**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.

## **Psalm 95** *(in the front of the hymnal)*

**P C** 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

**10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.”**

**11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”**

**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.**

*Sit*

*Office Hymn*

*LSB 433 sts. 1-6*

*“Glory Be to Jesus”*



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

*LSB 230*

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the  
Four Gospels – The Palace of the High Priest*

**P** Those who had arrested Jesus brought him to the high priest's house, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed him afar off, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So that other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in. He went in

and sat with the servants to see the end. He was warming himself at the fire they had kindled in the middle of the courtyard.

Meanwhile, the chief priests and the whole council were seeking evidence that might make the case for a death sentence, but they could not find any. Many bore false witness against him, but their statements did not agree. Two stepped forward and said, "We heard him say, 'I shall destroy this temple made with hands and after the beginning of the third day I shall build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point the evidence did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up, moved to the center, and put this question to Jesus, "Do you have no answer? What is this evidence they have given against you?" But he was silent and gave no answer.



Again the high priest put a question to him and said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

Jesus said, "I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God's power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his garments and said, "Do we still need any witnesses? You have heard this blasphemy. What is your opinion?" They all declared that he was liable for death.

Then some of them began to spit on him; they blindfolded him, struck him, and said to him, "Prophecy to us, O Christ, who is he that struck you?" The guards beat him as they took him away.

Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maidservants of the high priest came and saw Peter warming himself. She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said, "You also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus."

Peter denied it and said, "I do not know what you mean." He went out to the forecourt.

Another maidservant saw him there and said to those who were standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Peter denied it again with an oath, "I do not know the man."

A little later those standing around said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away."

Peter took an oath calling down a curse upon himself, "I do not know the man."

And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." Peter broke down, and went out, and wept bitterly.

As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes held the court session with all the Sanhedrin. Then they bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, was sorry and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood."

They said, "What is that to us? That is your affair." Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed. He went and hanged himself.

The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." They took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. That is why to this day that field has been called "the field of blood."

In this way was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by the children of Israel, and gave them for the potter's field."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*LSB 231*



- 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.



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

**Sermon**

**Pastor David Burge**

**“Rest Under The Cross:  
Christ’s Gift of Worship”**

*Sermon Text Psalm 95*

*Stand*

**Canticle Verse**

*LSB 231*

**☐** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**☐** and the lifting up of my hands as the  
evening sacrifice.

**Canticle – The Magnificat**

*LSB 231-232*

**☐ ☐** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my  
spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

**☐** for He has regarded the lowliness of His  
handmaiden.

**☐** For behold, from this day all generations  
will call me blessed.

**☐** For the Mighty One has done great things  
to me, and holy is His name;

**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

**I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

**P 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.

## Kyrie

*LSB 233*



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

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 233*

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

**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.**





## Collect for Peace

*LSB 233*

**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.



## Benedicamus

*LSB 234*



# Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14, LSB 234*



**L** The grace of our Lord  $\text{†}$  Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



**G** A - men.

## *Sit*

### *Closing Hymn*

*LSB 422 st. 1*

*“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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## *Announcements*

### *Postlude*

**LENTEN PRACTICES** As part of our Lenten practices, we make use of any Lenten options that Vespers may offer.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN VESPERS** Our Lenten Vespers continue next **Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor Burge's sermon, "Refuge Under The Cross: Christ's Gift Of Hearing When We Cry Out," will be based on Psalm 142. Continue to prepare for Jesus' resurrection by worshiping on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.