

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. * Please turn off cellphones*

AS WE GATHER

As we come closer to the goal of our Lenten journey, this Fifth Sunday has us pause and consider the basis of our hope. It has everything to do with our identity---who we are. Of ourselves, of course, we are hopeless. For as much as we try to cover up or make superficial changes for the better, sin holds us captive. The only true hope comes from the new identity given to us by our baptism into Christ. As He identified with us so completely, even to the point of dying our death, so now our identity is completely awash in the grace of Christ who came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. This He did to establish God's new covenant promise, to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more (Jeremiah 31:34). This, then, is how we are free to live - to live grace out in our lives so others can identify us, as servants of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:1) and of one another.

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. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion -a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LSB 184

Divine Service – Setting Three March 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ℜ
Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*C Amen.



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Stand

+ 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. Hebrews 10:22

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

■ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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.
 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.



- Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
 LSB 293
- **C** Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
- P Upon this your confession, LSB 185I, 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.*John 20:19-23* C Amen.
- + SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 186
 Introit Ps. 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 43:1
 P Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- **C** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

C The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

P Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

G For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
P G 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 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!





(During Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted)

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

 P Let us pray. 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 Amen.

Sit

Old Testament ReadingJeremiah 31:31-3431 "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "whenI will make a new covenant with the house ofIsrael and with the house of Judah.32 It will not be like the covenant I made with

their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

A This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Heb. 12:2

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

Hebrews 5:1-10

5 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

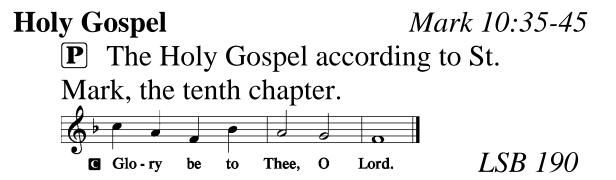
7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Stand

VerseMark 10:45PC Even the Son of Man came not to beserved but to serve, and to give his life as aransom for many.

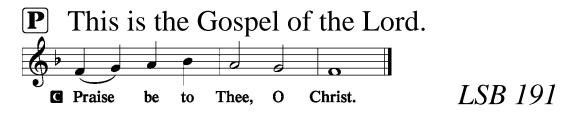


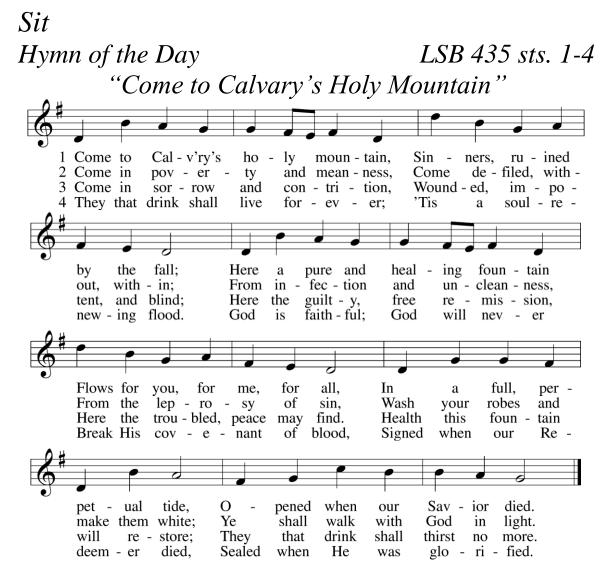
35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you.

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."





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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "The Marriage Counselor" Stand

Nicene CreedLSB 191C 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,

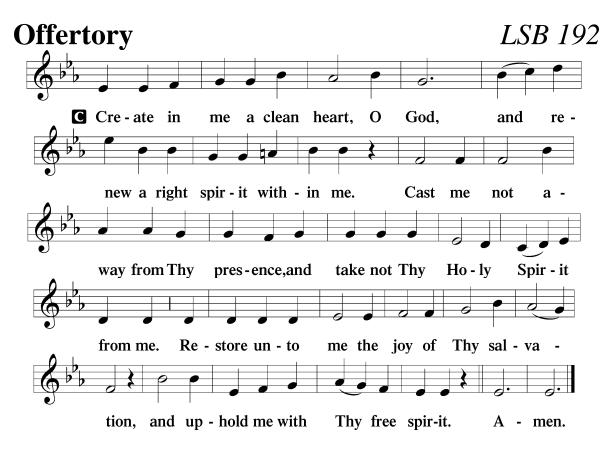
whose kingdom will have no end.

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 承 of the world to come. Amen.

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!



Prayer of the ChurchLSB 193PLet us pray for the whole people of God in
Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their
needs.

P Holy God, preserve the people You have reconciled to Yourself everywhere on this earth; keep Your Church grounded in the Word of promise in Your new covenant; and grant that she boldly may declare Him who came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

 P Lord of the Church, as You appointed Your Son as High Priest for us in the order of Melchizedek and heard His prayers, hear our prayers for those who minister to Your people today; grant to us, Your servants, Your guidance, steadfast faith, and willing hearts. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of the nations, even when Your Son was condemned to death by the powers of this world, You used the government for Your purposes and for our eternal good, so use civil authorities today for the benefit of all people and guide them to govern according to Your will. Lord in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

P Gracious God who did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son from us, come to the aid of all those in need, especially those on our prayer list and cards; relieve their anxieties, heal them according to Your will, grant them Your peace, provide for their needs, and fill them with rejoicing because of Your goodness; Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

 P Holy Father who placed Your own Son into the earthly family care of Joseph and Mary, bless our homes with Your presence and Your care. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, because You have promised to forgive each of us our iniquity and remember our sin no more; write Your Word anew upon our hearts that we may be Your people even as You are our God; 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 + LSB 194 Preface

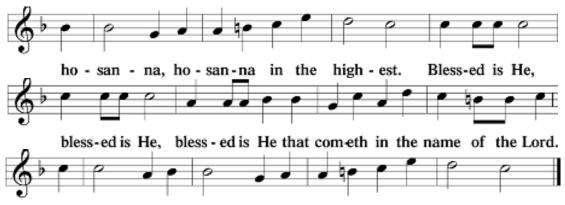
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

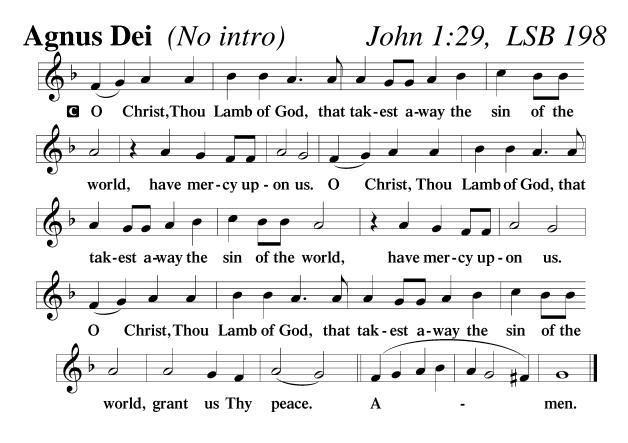
The Words of Our LordLSB 197Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 \mathbf{P} Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when Hewas betrayed, took bread, and when He had giventhanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples andsaid: "Take, eat; this is My \checkmark body, which is givenfor you. This do in remembrance of Me."

▶ 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.



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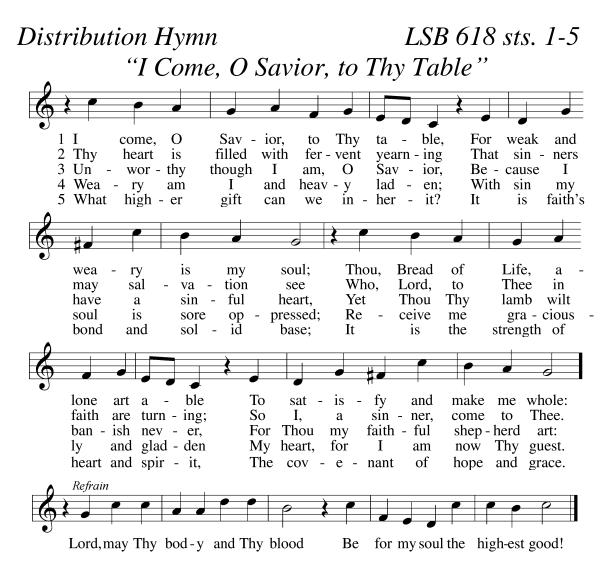
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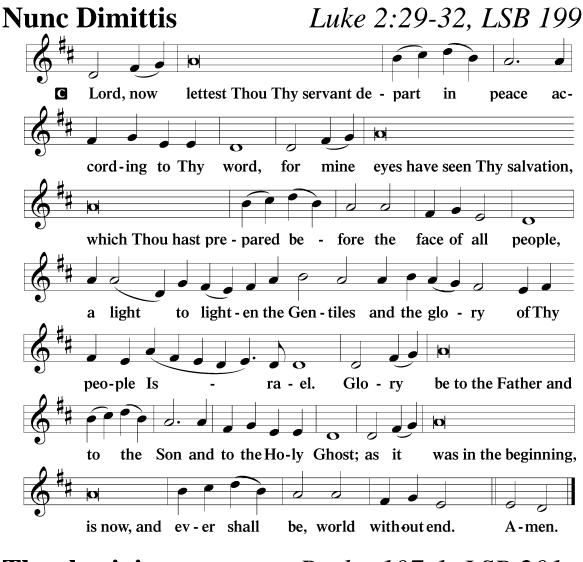
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.Heav'n's morning breaks,and earth's vain shadows flee;In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Stand



Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1, LSB 201
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

▶ Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

LSB 201 2 Timothy 4:22

Psalm 103:1

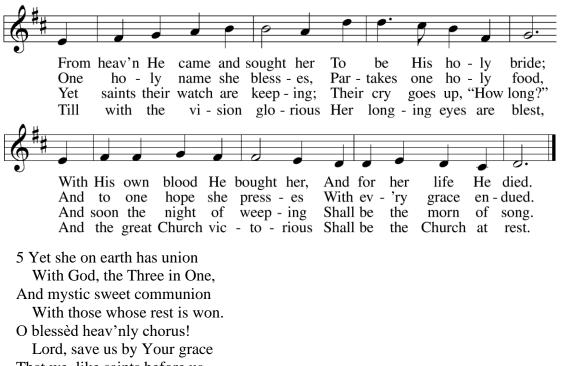
BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26, LSB 202PThe Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \blacksquare give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

(requested) LSB 644 sts. 1-5 Closing Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 1 The lect from ev - 'ry na-tion, Yet 2 E one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed, 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war She His new cre - a - tion the Word. is By wa - ter and Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth. schisms a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed, By rent She waits the con-sum-ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



That we, like saints before us,

May see You face to face.

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