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MID-WEEK

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OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

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Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

A LENTEN ADMONITION

The Church is always prepared in the same way – through repentance. To prepare for her Easter celebration, the Church marks off forty days of special preparation called “Lent” beginning with Ash Wednesday. It is a time reminiscent of Our Lord's fasting in the desert and the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. During Lent, especially, the Church urges her members to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Even as true repentance is not simply feeling sorry, but rather turning from sin and toward God, along with sorrow over sin and faith in Jesus, so likewise, Lent is not so much a time of “giving things up” as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God's mercy in Christ. Therefore you are encouraged to make use of Lenten customs that aid you in your devotion and,

specifically, to make an increased use of the Means of Grace. The Holy Communion is administered every Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Come, and avail yourself of what God wants to give.

THE SEASON OF LENT AND CEREMONIES AT OUR SAVIOR

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-Lent. The second is Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide. We continue, during Lent, to abstain from the *Alleluias* and *Gloria in Excelsis*. The color is violet to signify the mourning of a monarch.

We now give up most chanting, singing only the hymns and some of the ordinaries. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give up things in order to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in these things when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

The season is meant to order our hearts and minds not only by consideration of the terrible cost of Our Lord's gracious sacrifice on our behalf, but also upon His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. It is a catechetical season. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and hope, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Along with regular Sunday morning Divine Service, the Lord's Supper is offered on Wednesdays (Feb 21 - Mar 20) in Lent at 6:00pm. Private Confession and Absolution are available by appointment whenever desired.



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

6:00pm

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 758 *The Will of God Is Always Best*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

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]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

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.

Upon this your confession, 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.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

THE INTROIT

PSALM 25:6, 2B, 22; PSALM 25:1-2A, 7-8, 11



| Remem- | ber, O LORD, thy tender mercies
and thy / lovingkindnesses;
For they / have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies / triumph over me.

Redeem Israel, O God, out / of all his troubles.

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O my God, I trust in thee: / let me not be ashamed,

**Remember not the sins of my youth
nor / my transgressions;**

According to thy mercy remember thou me

For thy / goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright / is the LÔRD;

therefore will he / teach sinners in the way.

**For thy name's / sake, O LÔRD,
pardon mine iniquity, / for it is great.—**

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

as it was in / the beginning,

is now, and will be / forever. Amen.

| Remem- | ber, O LORD, thy tender mercies
and thy / lovingkindnesses;

For they / have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies / triumph over me.

Redeem Israel, O God, out / of all his troubles.

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

THE FIRST READING

ESTHER 13:9-11, 15-17

In those days [Mordecai] prayed to the Lord, saying: "O Lord God, King who rules over all things, for the universe is in Your power and there is no one who can oppose You when it is Your will to save Israel, You have made heaven and earth and every wonderful thing in it under heaven, and You are Lord of all, and there is no one who can resist You, the Lord. And now, O Lord God and King of kings, God of Abraham, spare Your people; for they are looking to annihilate us, and they desire to destroy the inheritance that has been Yours from the beginning. Do not neglect Your portion, which You redeemed for Yourself out of

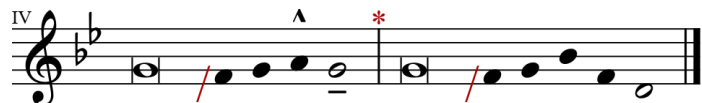
the land of Egypt. Hear my prayer and have mercy upon Your allotment and turn our mourning into feasting, that we may live and sing praise to Your name, O Lord; do not destroy the mouth of those who praise You.” our God.

Thus concludes the reading.

STAND

THE GRADUAL AND TRACT

PSALM 25:17-18; 106:1B-4



The troubles of my heart / are enlarged;
O bring thou me out / of my distresses.

**Look upon mine affliction / and my pain;
and for- / give all my sins.—**

O give thanks unto the / LORD; for he is good:
for his mercy en- / dureth for ever.

**Who can utter the mighty acts / of the LORD?
who / can shew forth all his praise?**

Blessed are they / that keep judgment,
and he that doeth right- / eousness at all times.

**Remember me, O LORD,
with the favour that thou bearest un- / to thy people:
O visit me / with thy Salvation.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 20:17-28

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.” Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.” But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.” And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



THE NICENE CREED

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

555 *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



SIT

THE OFFERING

Kyrie! God, Father

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE OR STAND

THE LITANY (*see insert*; it is THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Lent)

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

STAND

THE SERVICE OF

☩ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ☩

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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 CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

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.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.
 Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

696 *O God, My Faithful God*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.
And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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.
Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please face the Procession as it passes your pew.
Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ✠ peace.*

