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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 8 March AFD 2026



# OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Missouri Synod

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✠ Hymns ✠

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755

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954

**On receiving the Lord's Supper:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

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## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### 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 as it passes.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **420** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

## THE PREPARATION

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

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

Our ✠ help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*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.**

*Please STAND*



# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## THE INTROIT

PSALM 25:15-16; PSALM 25:1-2A



| Mine eyes | are / ever toward the LORD:  
For He shall pluck my feet / out of the net.—

**Turn Thee unto me, and have mer- / cy upon me:**

**For I am deso- / late and afflicted.**

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

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

*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.**

| Mine eyes | are / ever toward the LORD:

For He shall pluck my feet / out of the net.—

**Turn Thee unto me, and have mer- / cy upon me:**

**For I am deso- / late and afflicted.**

## THE KYRIE

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

## THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. We beseech Thee, Almighty God, to look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE PROPHECY

EXODUS 8:16–24

*In those days:* The LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.’ ” And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said. And the LORD said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be.” ’ ” And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants’ houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD; / let not man prevail:

Let the heathen be / judged in Thy sight.—

**When mine ene- / mies are turned back:**

**They shall fall and per- / ish at Thy presence.**

**THE EPISTLE**

EPHESIANS 5:1-9

*Brethren:* Be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*



## THE TRACT

PSALM 123:1-3A



Unto Thee / lift I up mine eyes:

O Thou that dwell- / est in the heavens.

**Behold, as the / eyes of servants**

**Look unto the / hand of their masters,**

And as the eyes / of a maiden:

Unto the / hand of her mistress.

**So our eyes wait upon the / LORD our Gôd:**

**Until that He have / mercy upon us.**

Have mer- / cy upon us:

O LORD, have / mercy upon us.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 11:14-28

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ St. Luke.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time:* Jesus was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and

overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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.

*Please BE SEATED*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

823 *May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

**THE SERMON**

*Please STAND*

**THE OFFERTORY**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir- it with- in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho- ly Spir- it  
 from me. Re- store un- to me the joy of Thy sal- va-  
 tion, and up- hold me with Thy free spir- it. A- men.

**THE OFFERTORY VERSE**

PSALM 19:8A, 10B-11A

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoy- / cing the hêart:  
 Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
 Moreover by them is / Thy servant warned.—

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 Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is / Thy servant warned.—

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## THE OFFERING

*Please STAND*

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert*

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

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

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# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

## THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

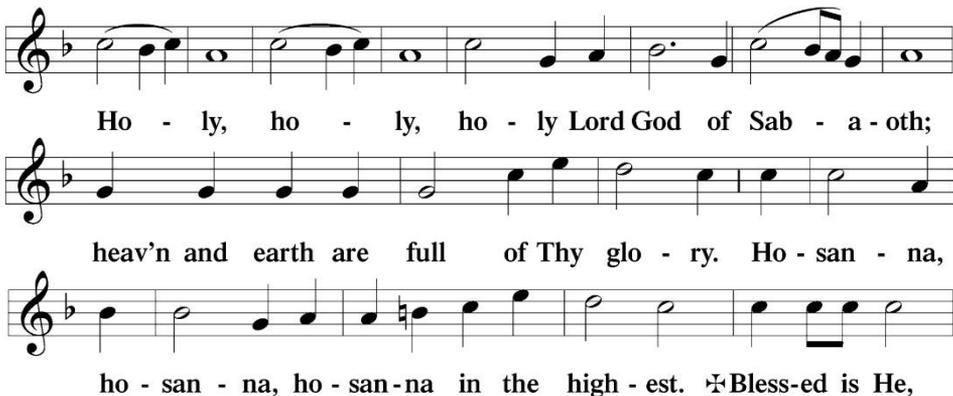
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

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

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

## THE SANCTUS



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.

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

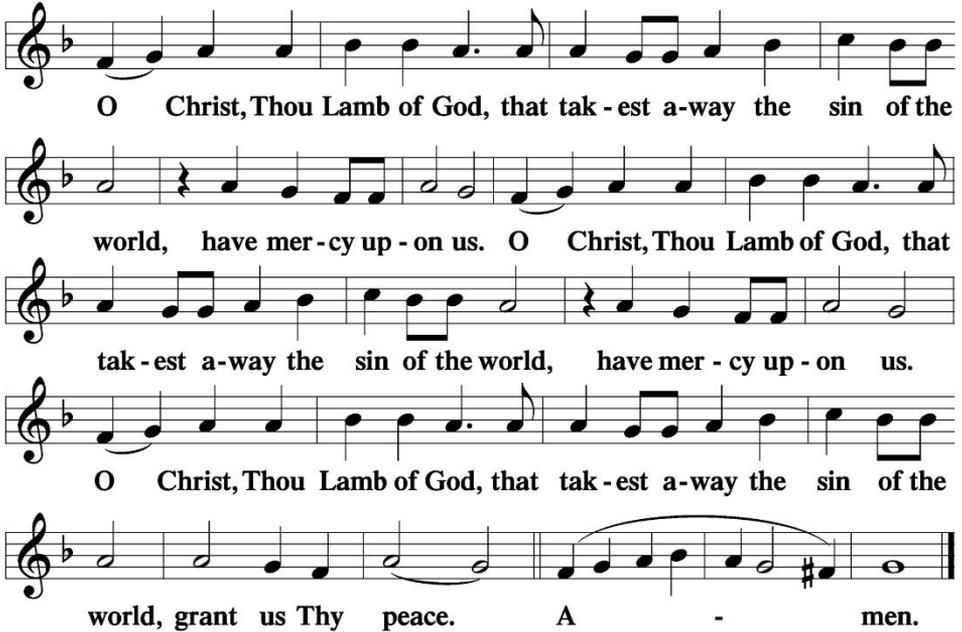
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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

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

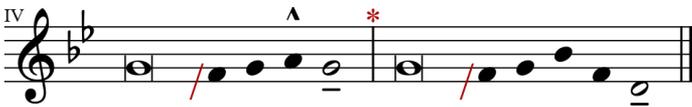
## THE AGNUS DEI



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 VERSE

PSALM 84:3-4



IV <sup>^</sup> \*

The sparrow hath / found an house:  
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
even Thine altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my / King, and my God.—

**Blessed are they that dwell / in Thy hōuse:  
They / will be still praising Thee.**

*Please BE SEATED*

*Communion Distribution: Our congregation practices closed communion for the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

755 *In the Very Midst of Life*

614 *"As Surely as I Live," God Said*

954 *We All Believe in One True God*

*Please STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE THANKSGIVING

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. Mercifully release us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from every sin and danger, even as Thou hast granted us be partakers of so great a mystery; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

### **THE SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### **THE BENEDICAMUS**

Bless we the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able*

### **THE BENEDICTION**

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.

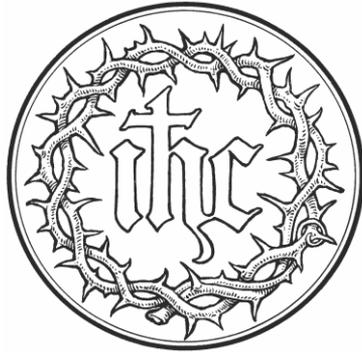
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Please STAND*

### **THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.*





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