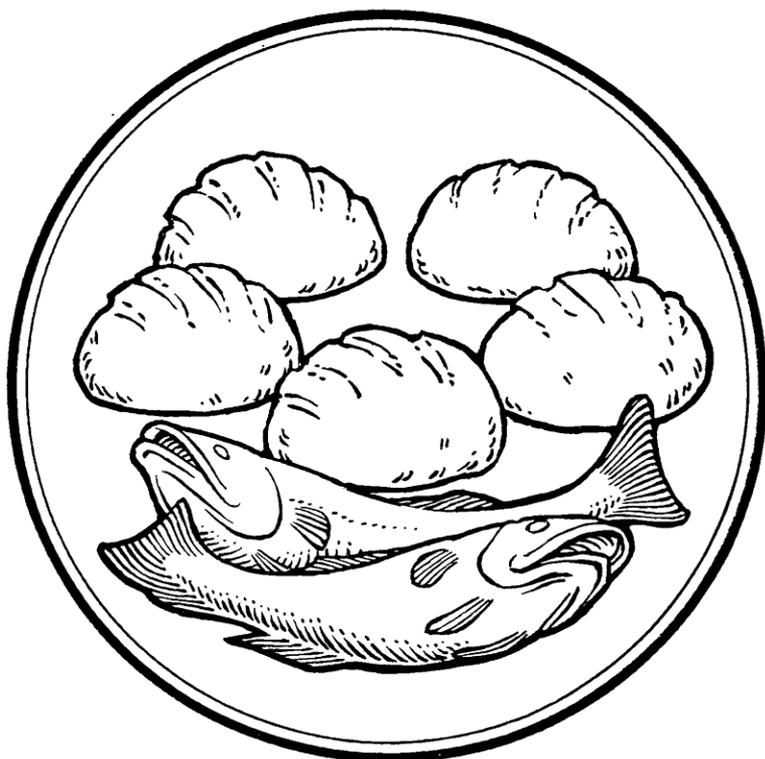


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 15 March A✠D 2026



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✠ Hymns ✠

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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.



✠ 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

421 *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

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

ISAIAH 66:10A, 11A; PSALM 122:1

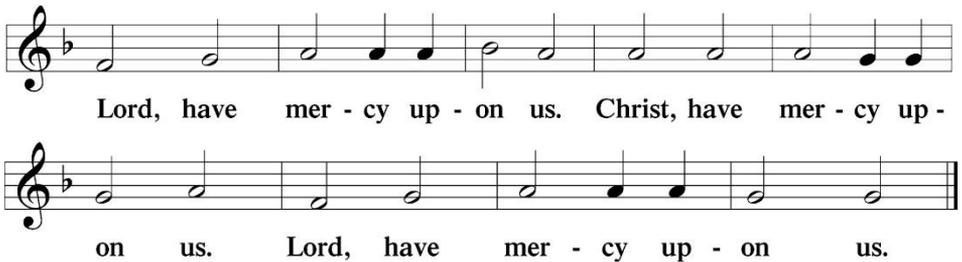


| Rejoice | ye / with Jerusalem,
And be glad with her, / all ye that love her:
Rejoice for joy, all ye that / have been sorrowful:
That ye may rejoice and be satisfied
with the breasts of / her consolations.

I was glad when they said / unto m^e,
Let us go into the / house of the LORD.—
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.

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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. Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds are worthily punished: by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; 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 16:2-21

In those days: The whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.” Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?” Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.” Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory

of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ” So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one’s need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.’ ” Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need. And Moses said, “Let no one leave any of it till morning.” Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 122:1, 7



I was glad when they said / unto m^ê,
 Let us go into the / house of the LORD.—

Peace / be within thy walls,
And prosperity / within thy palaces.

THE EPISTLE

GALATIANS 4:22—5:1A

Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free, in the liberty by which Christ has made us free.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE TRACT

PSALM 125:1-2



They that trust in the LORD shall be / as mount Zion,
Which cannot be removed, but a- / bideth forever.

As the mountains are round a- / bout Jerusalem,
So the LORD is round about his people
from henceforth / even forever.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The ✠ Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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

743 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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 135:3, 6A

Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good:
 sing praises unto His name; for / it is pleasant.
 Whatsoever the LORD pleased,
 that did He / in heaven, and in earth.

Please BE SEATED

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)

Please STAND

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

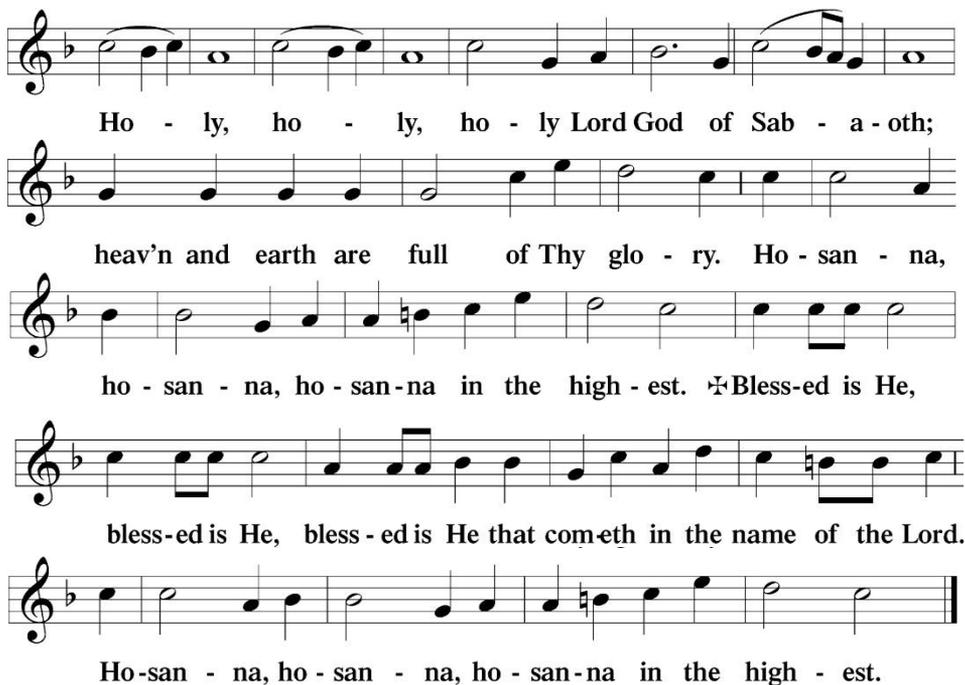
We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

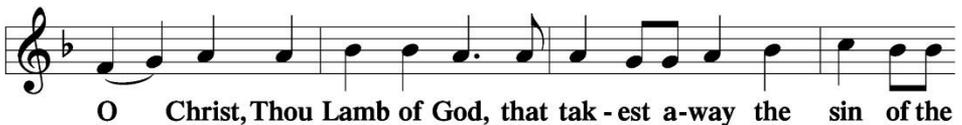
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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 122:3-4

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 Jerusalem is built as a city that is com- / pact together:
 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
 to give thanks unto the / name of the LORD.—

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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

556 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

537 *Beautiful Savior*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

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 with - out end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

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

And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. Grant unto us, O merciful God, both to handle with sincere obedience Thy holy things by which we are continually filled: and to partake of them with a mind ever faithful; 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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