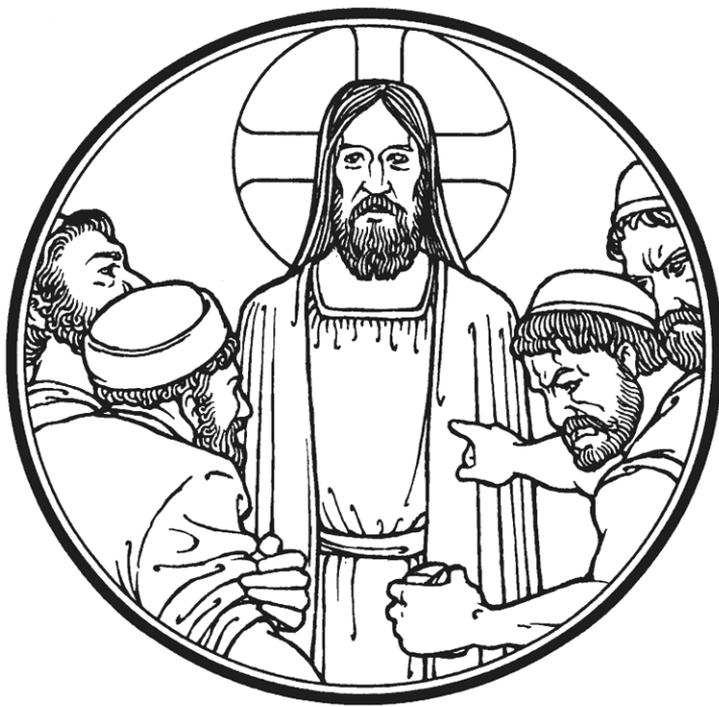


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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 22 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.

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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

**454** *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

## 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 43:1-2A; PSALM 43:3A



| - | Judge / me, O Gôd,

And plead my cause against an / ungodly nation:

**Oh deliver me from the deceit- / ful and unjust man.**

**For Thou art the / God of my strength:—**

Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth: / let them lead me;

Let them bring me / unto Thy holy hill.

*\*The Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.\**

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**Oh deliver me from the deceit- / ful and unjust man.**

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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. We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; 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

GENESIS 22:1-19

*In those days:* God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”

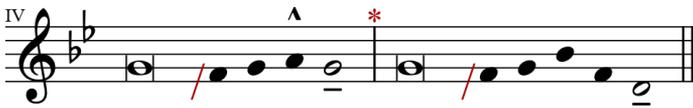
And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 143:9A, 10A; 18:48



Deliver me, O LORD, / from mine enemies:

- / Teach me to do Thy will;

**He delivereth me / from mine enemies:**

**Yea, Thou liftest up above those that rise up against me:**

**Thou hast delivered / me from the violent man.**

**THE EPISTLE**

HEBREWS 9:11–15

*Brethren:* Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves,

but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

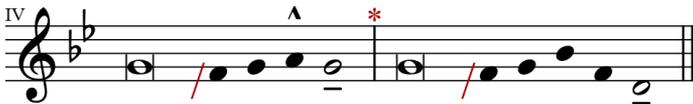
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

**THE TRACT**

PSALM 129:1-4



Many a time have they afflict- / ed me from my youth,  
May / Israel now say:

**Many a time have they afflict- / ed me from my youth:  
Yet they have not / prevailed against me.**

The plowers / plowed upon my back:  
They / made long their furrows.

**The / LORD is righteous:  
He hath cut asunder the / cords of the wicked.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. JOHN 8:46-59A

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

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

✠ *At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests:* “Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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

430 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

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 -



**THE OFFERTORY VERSE**

PSALM 9:1A; 119:17, 25B



I will praise / Thee, O LÔRD,  
- / With my whole heart.—

**Deal bountifully with Thy servant,  
that I may live, and / keep Thy wôrd:  
Quicken Thou me accord- / ing to Thy word, O Lord.**

*Please BE SEATED*

**THE OFFERING**

*Please STAND*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

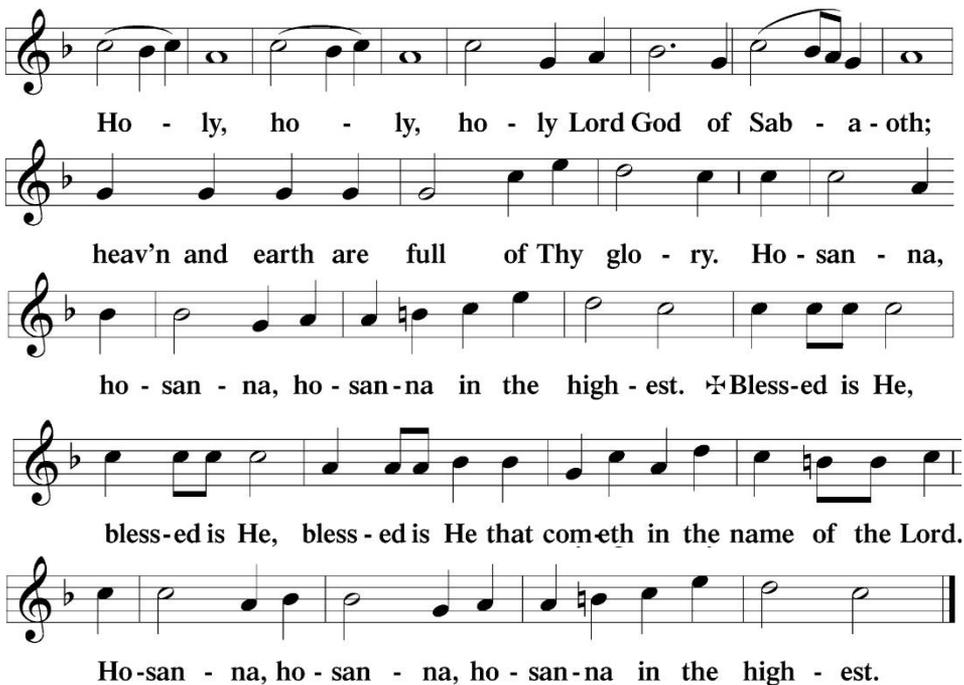
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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.

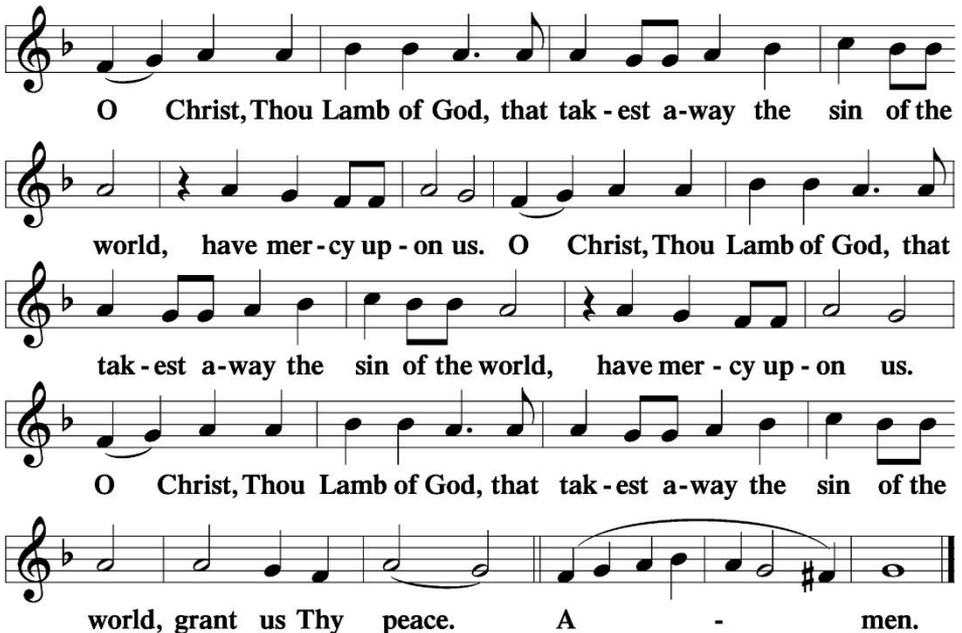
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY ✠ BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## 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

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24B, 25B



This is My body, which is brok- / en for yôu.

This cup is the new testament / in My blood, saith the Lord.

**This do ye, as oft / as ye drink it,**

**In re- / membrance of Me.—**

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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

604 *I Bind unto Myself Today*

429 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*

*bulletin page 15 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

*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 - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra-el.

## THE THANKSGIVING

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

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we whom Thou hast here refreshed with Thy holy mysteries, may be defended by Thy perpetual help; 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.*



*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who aught  
3 The ho - ly, meek, un - spot - ted Lamb, Who from the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed,  
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly thro' these ab - solved I am  
Fa - ther's bos - om came, Who died for me, e'en me t'a - tone,  
mer - cy - seat of God For - ev - er doth for sin - ners plead,

With joy shall I lift up my head.  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
Now for my Lord and God I own.  
For me—e'en for my soul—was shed. A - men.

5 Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

6 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then this shall be all my plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

7 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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