

LAETARE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 14 March A†D 2021



ABIDING SAVIOR/ MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠
642
743
556:1-5
556:6-10
625
737

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This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. 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, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me**

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 and also 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 Jesus.

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 10:30am and 7:00pm. Come, and avail yourself of what God wants to give.

The Season of Lent and Ceremonies at Abiding Savior/Mount Olive

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 Passion, which includes Holy Week.

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 certain ordinaries and the hymns. The Gospel is now read from the horn of the altar, and there is no Gospel procession. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up 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 five Wednesdays (24 Feb - 24 Mar) in Lent in identical services (choose which best fits your schedule) at 10:30am and 7:00pm. Private Confession and Absolution are available by appointment at any time.

✠ HOLY WEEK ✠

Sunday, 28 March	Palmarum (Palm Sunday) 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service with Palm Procession
Thursday, 1 April	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Divine Service, Stripping of the Altar
Friday, 2 April	Good Friday 12:00 pm Tre Ore
Saturday, 3 April	Holy Saturday 8:00 pm The Easter Vigil
Sunday, 4 April	Easter Day 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Divine Service



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

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 **642 O Living Bread from Heaven**

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

Amen.

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

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]

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]

☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

THE INTROIT

PSALM 122:1-2, 6, 8; ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 66:10A, 11A



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Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

**that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.**

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

**Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;***

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

**that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.**

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted during Lent

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 49:8-13

In those days, the prophet Isaiah said, ⁸ Thus says the LORD:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;

in a day of salvation I have helped you;

I will keep you and give you

as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹ saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’

to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'
 They shall feed along the ways;
 on all bare heights shall be their pasture;
 10 they shall not hunger or thirst,
 neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,
 for he who has pity on them will lead them,
 and by springs of water will guide them.
 11 And I will make all my mountains a road,
 and my highways shall be raised up.
 12 Behold, these shall come from afar,
 and behold, these from the north and from the west,
 and these from the land of Syene."
 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
 break forth, O mountains, into singing!
 For the LORD has comforted his people
 and will have compassion on his afflicted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 122:1, 7



I was glad when they | said to me,*
 "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

THE EPISTLE

GALATIANS 4:21-31

Brethren: 21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One

is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
 break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
 For the children of the desolate one will be more
 than those of the one who has a husband."

28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE TRACT

PSALM 125:1-2, 5B



Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
 which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and forevermore.
Peace be upon | Israel!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. JOHN 6:1-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time,* ¹Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

743 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12

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 OFFERING – Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: *Abiding Savior*—wooden; *Mount Olive*—brass.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Litany is used as **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** during Lent.

THE LITANY (please grab a copy from the bulletin stand at this time if you do not have one; also, please return the Litany copies to the stand after service unless you'd like to take the copy for home devotion use.)

SIT

THE HYMN 556:1-5 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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 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:

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.



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.

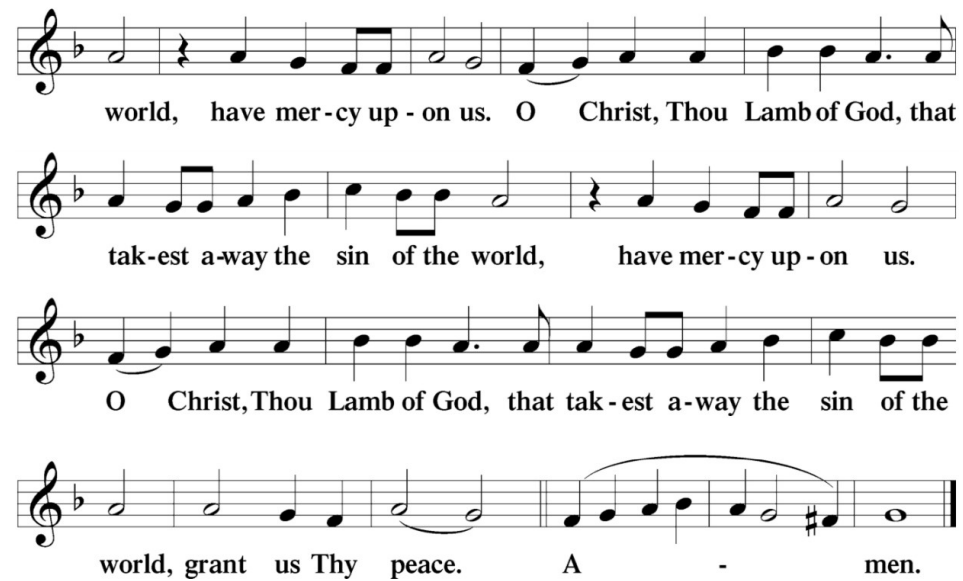
THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

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

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



SIT

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

- 556:6-10 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*
- 625 *Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*
- 737 *Rejoice, My heart, Be Glad and Sing*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32





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 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.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ✠ peace.

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.



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