
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2026
✧ DIVINE SERVICE I/HOLY COMMUNION ✧
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REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy Communion, are asked to speak in person with the pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *LSB 841 O Son of God, in Galilee***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

C: AMEN.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

INTROIT*Ps. 27:4-6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15*

MY EYES ARE EVER | TOWARD THE LORD,*

FOR HE WILL PLUCK MY FEET OUT | OF THE NET.

ONE THING HAVE I ASKED OF THE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK | AFTER:*

**THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,
TO GAZE UPON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS |
TEMPLE.**

**FOR HE WILL HIDE ME IN HIS SHELTER IN THE DAY OF | TROUBLE;*
 HE WILL CONCEAL ME UNDER THE COVER OF HIS TENT; HE WILL LIFT ME
 HIGH UP- | ON A ROCK.
 AND NOW MY HEAD SHALL BE LIFTED UP ABOVE MY ENEMIES ALL AROUND ME,
 AND I WILL OFFER IN HIS TENT SACRIFICES WITH | SHOUTS OF JOY;*
 I WILL SING AND MAKE MELODY | TO THE LORD.
 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.
 MY EYES ARE EVER | TOWARD THE LORD,*
 FOR HE WILL PLUCK MY FEET OUT | OF THE NET.**

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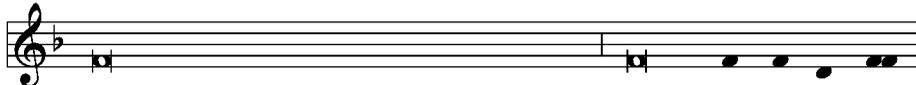
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



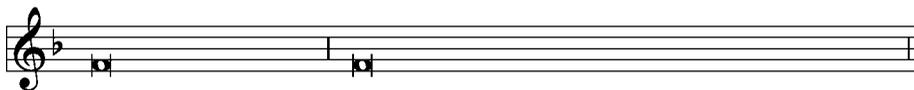
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



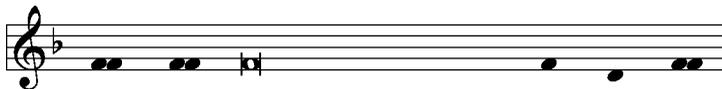
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(The Hymn of Praise is not used during Lent.)*

SALUTATION

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. AMEN

THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLKFIRST READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness' sake, to magnify His law and make it glorious.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM Psalm 142

(Sung responsively by verse)



With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;*
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.

I POUR OUT MY COMPLAINT BE- | FORE HIM;*

I TELL MY TROUBLE BE- | FORE HIM.

When my spirit faints within me, You | know my way!*

In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

²And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, **"It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of Him Who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."** ⁶Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, **"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"** (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The Man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this Man, we do not know where He comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a

man born blind. ³³If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “**Do you believe in the Son of Man?**” ³⁶He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?”

³⁷Jesus said to him, “**You have seen Him, and it is He Who is speaking to you.**” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. ³⁹Jesus said, “**For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.**” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near Him heard these things, and said to Him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “**If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.**”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 849 _Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

SERMON

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C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render to the Lord
Psalm 116

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Q What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

The Hymn: LSB 550 Lamb of God

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, 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 singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*Page 161*

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER*Page 162, Right Column*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD (*Words of Institution*)*Page 162, Right Column*

P: 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."

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

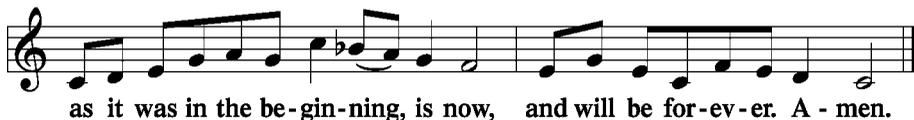
P: May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: AMEN.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon
Lord, Now You Let Your Servant*

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