



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF  
OUR SAVIOR**

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# *Lutheran Church of Our Savior*

*Divine Service*

Sundays

10:00 a.m.

*5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California*



*"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42*

# Lutheran Church of Our Savior

**GUESTS! Welcome!** We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

## **HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...**



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who – before the service – inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune

with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. **All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.**

**COMMUNION in the PEW...** If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

## **By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light**

### **Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day**

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "*For his righteousness' sake,*" He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "*the darkness before them into light*" (Is. 42:16) because He is "*the light of the world*" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "*while it is day,*" until that night "*when no one can work*" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "*at one time you were darkness,*" now "*you are light in the Lord*" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "*awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead*" (Eph. 5:14).

# ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

## Setting Two

PRELUDEPROCESSIONAL HYMN ..... # 545

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

*The sign of the cross ( ✠ ) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** **Amen.**

## EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8–9*

**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, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

*[John 20:19–23]*

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Evan Michael Cavanaugh*

# The Service of the Word

## INTROIT

Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15



Choir: My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Pastor: *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.*

**Cong: 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.**

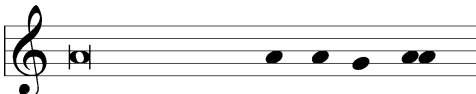
Pastor: *And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,*  
*and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\**  
*I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.*

**Cong: 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.**

Choir: My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

## KYRIE

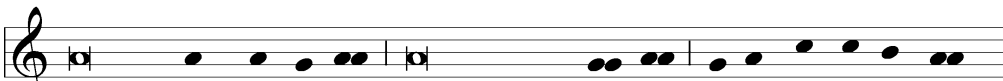
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



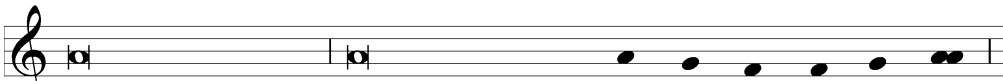
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



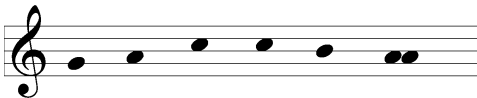
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



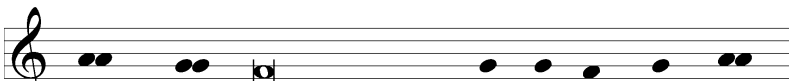
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



**Men:** 1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
**Women:** 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
**All:** 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



**All:** All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
**All:** All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
**All:** All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## CHORALE

### *"Hear Me, O My Precious Love"*

Hear me, O my precious Love, When I call upon you;  
Strengthen me, O Lord above, For my trust is on you.  
Loudly now my voice is crying, Mournfully my heart is sighing:  
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me. Worn and weary, sad and dreary  
"Return, O sinner, and love only Me, With cross and stripe from sin I set you free:  
Come repenting!"

Take away all sinful fear, Jesus, my Salvation:  
For I love to have you near, Lord, my Consolation.  
Willingly I too would languish, Follow you in cross and anguish.  
Only you, only you, only you Will I cherish lest I perish.  
Ah, dearest Jesus, come deliver me From grief and want, I pray, and deign to be  
My Sustainer.

Lord, be merciful, I pray, Pardon my transgression!  
Let my soul no longer stray; Make it your possession.  
On the cross your bitter torment Wrought my dying soul's restorment.  
So that I, even I, even I By your merit, life inherit.  
Ah, dearest Jesus, come and bear me up Above these agonies remove my cup!  
Lord, have mercy!

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## READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For 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.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And 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.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>Who 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?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The 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.**

*Gradual:*

*Hebrews 12:2*

Choir: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

*Epistle:* Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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**Holy Gospel:** John 9:1-41**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.*

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He 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." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So 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." <sup>16</sup>Some 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. <sup>17</sup>So 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."

<sup>18</sup>The 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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But 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." <sup>22</sup>(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.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So 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." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He 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?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and

said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus 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.*



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### THE CREED ~ *Nicene Creed*

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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SERMON



# The Service of Holy Communion

- ✦ **Guests** (both returning and first-time), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✦ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

## PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



**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 saying:*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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

**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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

( \*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues )

**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.\*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

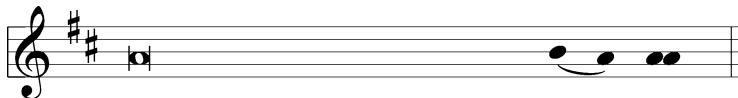
**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*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."*



### PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

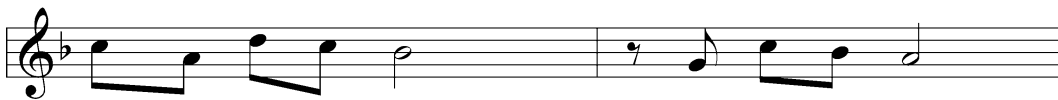
5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y
				bod -	y	and
				His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



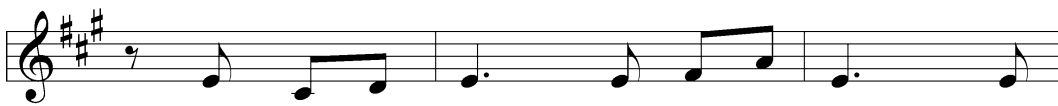
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



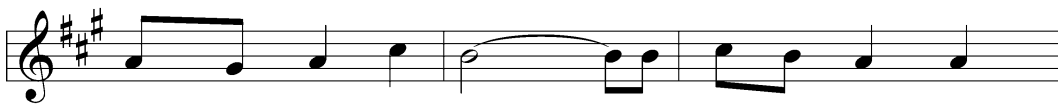
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 found in means di - vine; Be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found.  
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

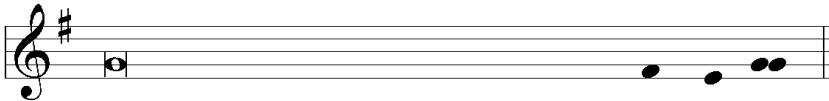
**P** *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

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POSTLUDE

## ~ Announcements ~

### ◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m.

**YOUTH CLASS** ... *Grade 6-High School* – Class meets in Fireside Rm. *"The Invocavit Sermons of Martin Luther."* Taught by Pastor Debner.

**ADULT CLASS** ... Class meets in Parish Hall. Topic: *"Titus: Model of Christian Doctrine."* Taught by Pastor J. Bestul.

*COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.*

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<b>Mon:</b>	8:30 am – <b>Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy</b> – Meets Mon-Fri
	9:30 am – <b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue:</b>	7:30 pm – <b>Board of Directors</b> – Meets in Fireside Rm
<b>Wed:</b>	9:00 am – <b>LCOS Homeschool Together Day</b> – Meets until 3:00 pm
	10:00 am – <b>Lenten Midweek Service</b> – <i>Service of Prayer and Preaching</i>
	6:15 pm – <b>Lenten Soup Supper</b> – Meets in Parish Hall ( <i>Served until 7:15 p.m.</i> )
	7:30 pm – <b>Lenten Midweek Service</b> – <i>Service of Prayer and Preaching</i>
<b>Thu:</b>	10:30 am – <b>All Saints Bible Study</b> – Meets in Fireside Rm
	6:00 pm – <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> – Meets in choir loft
<b>Sun:</b>	8:30 am – <b>Christian Education</b> ( <i>See above for class meeting locations</i> )
	10:00 am – <b>The Divine Service</b>

**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD" ...**

- ◆ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS** ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Mim Balzer (medical); Fran Jenkins, Barbara Bestul, Julie Ryan (homebound); Vicar Peter Williams (LCOS-supported missionary).

**LCOS LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** ... LCOS Lenten Soup Suppers are offered Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. (and served until 7:15 p.m.). To supply a soup/casserole, please see Narthex Cart.

~ Lenten Midweek Services ~

“The *Epistolary* Riches of Lent”

*Service of Prayer and Preaching*

Wednesdays ♦ 10:00 a.m. ...and... 7:30 p.m.

*The Epistolary Riches of Lent*...Join us Wednesdays during Lent (Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25) as together we consider the riches of Lent’s appointed Epistle lessons, pray, and sing!

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** ... This morning during the Divine Service, *Evan Cavanaugh* is baptized into the death and life of Jesus Christ. Warmly and gladly we welcome Evan into the membership of this congregation of Christ’s people, and pray the Holy Spirit’s continued blessing upon him. *Welcome, Evan, in the name of Christ!*

**LOOKING AHEAD: HOLY WEEK AT LCOS** ... Join us as we mark with reverence and joy the solemnities of our Lord’s passion and resurrection...*all for us!*

- ❖ *Palm Sunday (Mar 29)* – Divine Service, 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ *Maundy (Holy) Thursday (Apr 2)* – Divine Service, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Good Friday (Apr 3)* – Tenebrae Vespers, 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.\*
- ❖ *Holy Saturday (Apr 4)* – Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ *Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter (Apr 5)* – Festival Divine Service, 10:00 a.m.

(\*Note: There will be an additional daytime Good Friday service offered this year, 12:00 p.m.)

**INVITE A FRIEND, PROMOTE LCOS HOLY WEEK SERVICES!** ... For handy cards informing family members, friends, and neighbors about the LCOS Holy Week schedule of services, please see the Narthex Cart. *Grab some cards; give ‘em away! Grab some more.*

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING** ... In preparation for next Sunday morn...  
*Occasion: Fifth Sunday in Lent; Lessons: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45; Hymn of the Day: 430, “My Song Is Love Unknown.”*

SERVING WEEK OF: <b>March 15</b>		<b>March 22</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Hall, T. Lung, A. Sacarelos	J. Bestul, J. Kiiski, N. Mogor
<i>Wed Evening</i>	D. Bunsey, M. McThrow, I. Bestul	<i>Wed Evening.</i> D. Mitby, J. Cox, D. Delaney
<b>Acolyte</b>	Henry Mitby	Luukas Kiiski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Senja Kiiski, Sue Larkin	Rachael Bestul, Kathy Matulewicz
<b>Comm. Music</b>	Walter Mitby	Paul Kvamme
<b>Counters</b>	Team 2	Team 3
<b>Greeters</b>	Rachael Bestul and family	Eunice Armstrong