

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. You can greet our pastor as you leave the sanctuary after services. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center near the Fellowship Hall for more information. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets** (or scan the QR code below to complete online). Place the card in the offering plate on your way out. NOTE: You can give online at our website or place in offering plates at back of sanctuary (we don't pass plates).

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Saturday and Sunday (except on FRIEND DAYS), and all festival services. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Jesus: "This IS my Body given for you...This IS my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction on this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or meeting with the pastor. To inquire, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are packaged and placed in wafer bowl, indicate to server.**



SURVEY QUESTION

No survey questions during the Lenten season.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare

March 10, 2024

Lutheran Service Book, Divine 1, page 151

Laetare: This is the 3rd Sunday before Easter. It is about half-way through Lent. Historically, some churches used rose colored vestments on Laetare Sunday, which is associated with the 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete. It is from Isaiah 66:10. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages. The Introit for the Day is: Rejoice O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who esteem her...

Prelude

Welcome, Connection Card, and Announcements

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LSB 543

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 That caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down
 Beneath God’s righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb,
 Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b)

- 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.** (1John 1:8-9)
Kneel if you are able.
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. (John 20:19-23)
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 122:1-2, 6, 8

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

**C that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.**

D I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**C Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

D Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!

**C For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

**All Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

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D In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

D 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.



D For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



D Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation (from 2 Timothy 4:22)

D The Lord be with you.



Collect of the Day

D 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.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people 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, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever

gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Holy Cross Handbells

Second Reading

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

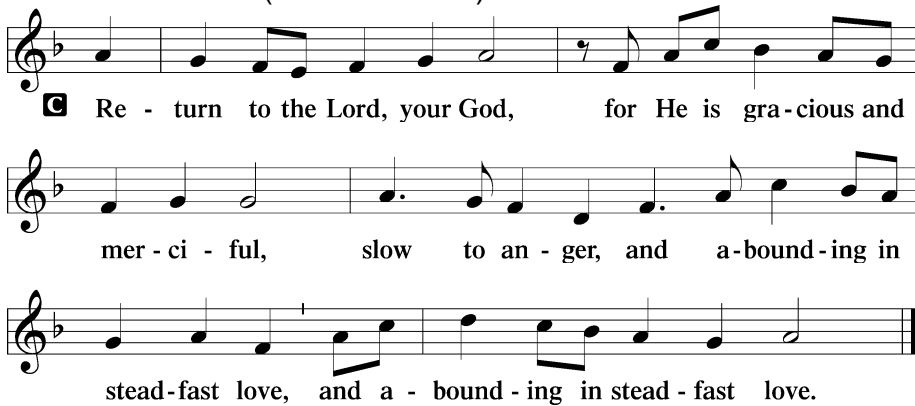
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

Gospel Acclamation (from Joel 2:13)

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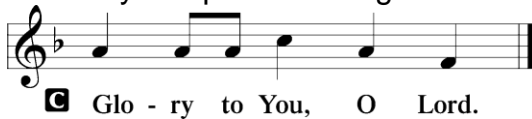


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-15

D The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus 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 would not buy enough bread 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.

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

LSB 641

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

2 With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
 Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in Your name
 In truth and charity. **Refrain**

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Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory (from Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19) LSB page 159

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.

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

D Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf and You make the lame to walk. In the darkness of sin, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know You and give You thanks for all Your benefits to us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Heavenly Father, restore to all Christian hearts the joy of Your salvation by the blood of Christ, and make us eager to hear the voice of the Gospel in the forgiveness of sins. So, in turn, lead every Christian household — husbands, wives and children — to speak the truth with our neighbors and to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D O God, our Shepherd, protect, comfort and guide all who call upon You in need [especially _____]. Grant healing and peace, that they may continue to serve You with joy in this life and finally come to that good land in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You fed 5,000 men in the wilderness with five loaves and two fish. Graciously abide with us also in the fullness of Your blessing. Preserve us from greed and the cares of this life. Grant that we would seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness and perceive Your fatherly goodness in all things; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you. (from 2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (from Colossians 3:11)



C We lift them to the Lord.

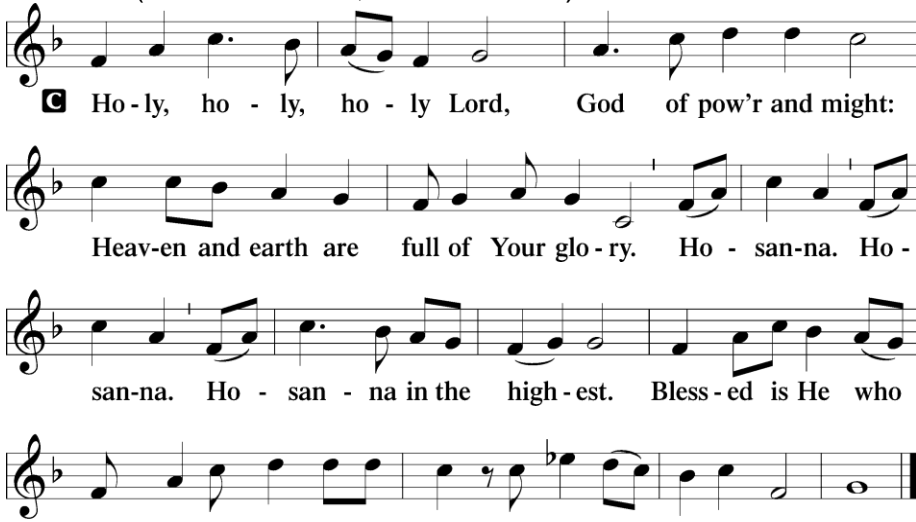
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (from Psalm 136)



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 (from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) LSB page 161



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

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 Words of Our Lord

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(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1Corinthians 11:26)

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (Revelation 22:20)

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)

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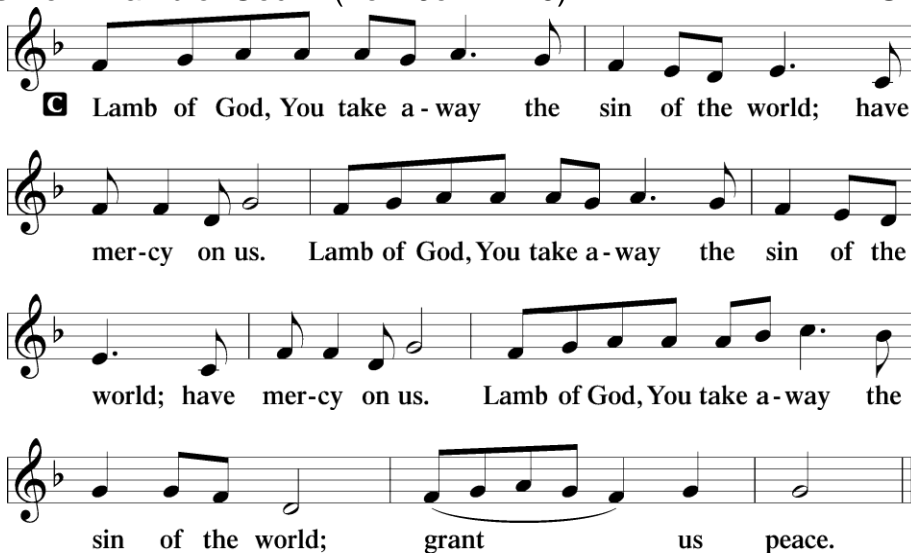
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (from John 1:29)

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Please be seated.

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:

Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Please stand if you are able.

Post-Communion Collect

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P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Postlude

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

DEACON/ELDERS

Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott
Sunday 10:00 Deacon Larry Hoeft,
Roger Withrow

USHERS

Saturday 5:30 Dan & Sue Jager
Sunday 10:00 Cynthia Hecker, Graddie &
Allison Hall

SCREEN OPERATORS

Saturday 5:30 Becky Northcott
Sunday 10:00 Lorrie Atkinson

LAY READERS

Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott
Sunday 10:00 Ray Marchionda

GREETERS

Sunday 10:00 Phyllis Ullmer

ALTAR GUILD

Cynthia Hecker, Allison Hall

BIBLE CLASS HOSTS Phyllis Ullmer -Coffee,
Set-up, Pastor Eric-Donuts/Bagels,
Kevin & Lorrie Atkinson-Clean-up

ATTENDANCE

3/2/2024 – 28,
Bible Class – 5, 3/3/2024 – 88, Bible Class – 26
Sunday School – 14, Youth Group – 12,
Lenten Midweek - 28

<u>MARCH 3, 2024</u>	<u>BUDGET INCOME</u>
Weekly Budget Goal	\$6,767.00
Church at Home	\$9,632.00
Church at Large	\$30.00
Other Income for budget	\$794.00
Total Income for Budget	\$10,456.00
Over / (Under)	\$3,689.00

<u>2024</u>	<u>BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Y-T-D Weekly Budget Goal	\$60,903.00
Y-T-D Actual Received for budget	\$59,464.00
Over / (Under)	(\$1,439.00)

MARCH TELLERS

Pat Stewart, Phyllis Ullmer
Maurice & Mary Hintze

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Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott
Sunday 10:00 Deacon Larry Hoeft,
Lary Llewellyn

USHERS

Saturday 5:30 Dan & Sue Jager
Sunday 10:00 Dave Difatta, Jim Marquette
Kevin Atkinson

SCREEN OPERATORS

Saturday 5:30 Carol Dehnke
Sunday 10:00 Suzanne Adler

LAY READERS

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Sunday 10:00 Denise Vandenberghe

GREETERS

Sunday 10:00 Ron & Joanne Vollbrecht

ALTAR GUILD

Michelle Hoeft, Maurya
Withrow, Ana Conrad

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

March 11 – March 17, 2024

MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
Church Council Meeting	7:00pm	
WEDNESDAY		
Film & Discussion	7:00pm	
THURSDAY		
Prayer Group	3:00pm	
Bells	6:30pm	
Choir	7:30pm	
FRIDAY		
DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER		
Bulletin Assembly	10:00am	
		SATURDAY
		Scrapbook Workshop 9:00am
		Praise Band rehearsal 4:30pm
		Bible Class 4:30pm
		Communion Worship 5:30pm
		SUNDAY
		Bible Classes for all ages 9:00am
		Communion Worship 10:00am
		Youth Group 6:00pm

BIBLE READINGS FOR JUDICA (5TH SUNDAY IN LENT)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15

Holy Gospel: John 8:42-59

LENTEN JOURNEY

Our Lenten midweek services will be on Wednesdays through March 20. This year during the Lenten midweek services we will be watching the film, "The Gospel of John" with famous actor Henry Ian Cusick. We'll split up the 3-hour film into 5 Wednesdays with prayer, discussion, popcorn and drinks in Haggerty Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your kids. See you there.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Maundy Thursday we will be stripping the Altar at the end of service. If you would like to help, please see Sharron Haggerty or Kathy Green. There will be a short rehearsal on Wednesday 3-27 at 7:00pm. Hope to see you then.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter breakfast is back with some changes. This year everyone is invited to help, cook, serve, set up and clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Breakfast will be served from 9:45-11:00 am.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm and Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am. **Maundy Thursday**, Worship with Holy Communion, March 28, 7:00 pm. **Good Friday**, Worship Service, March 29, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm. **Resurrection of Our Lord**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 30, 5:30 pm, and Sunday, March 31, 8:45 & 11:00 am, with Easter breakfast between services.

TELLERS NEEDED

We need additional tellers to count offerings on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe. Thank you.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Beth Shutko State Farm. **Saturday March 30th at 10:00am**. Join us for an Easter message followed by our egg hunt. Sunday School is collecting plastic eggs and wrapped candy now through, March 24th. We will also need help on the day of the event with registration and the prize table. If you are interested in helping contact Laurel Clemons.

NEW DIRECTORY

Please find your church mailbox a copy of the current church directory. If you did not receive one or need an extra one, please contact the church office.

COVENANT TRAVEL 2024

Day Trip to Turkeyville, Cornwell's Dinner Theater in Marshall, MI to see the musical "Oklahoma" on **Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 am**. The cost is \$95 per person which includes: motor coach transportation, a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings, the show and all tips. Contact Alison Werner (a member Of Trinity Lutheran in Utica) (586) 599-8066 for full information. Reservation forms are on the communion bulletin board. **Deadline to register is April 2.**

GLUTEN FREE INFO CLASS

ONLY \$15

Would you like to learn the basics of gluten free food prep in a fun interactive 2-hour class which is taught by Laurie Santavicca, MS, RDN? Join us on Saturday, March 23 from 10-12 Noon in Haggerty Hall. Each participant will make 5 GF dinner rolls. RSVP is required. The sign-up sheet is on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please bring 2 bowls and 1 mixing spoon. The cost of ingredients is included in the \$15 fee.