

March 12, 2023

*The Third Sunday
In Lent*



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Toccata in C Minor"

J. Walther

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

arr. L. Leatherman

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister,
1671-1756
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Darmstadt
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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:1-3, 5, 22

P I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C **Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed
The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in
Him will be condemned.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout our lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily

see that we need repentance and renewal that can only come through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

PSALM, *I font side, II Pulpit side*

Psalm 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

C **Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

I *How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*

II *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

I *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

II *Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!*

C **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.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM, *I font side, II Pulpit side*

Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

G Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

I *Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;*

II *let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

G For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

I *In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.*

II *The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.*

G Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

I *Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,*

II *when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.*

C **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.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–8

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GRADUAL AND VERSE, I font side, II Pulpit side

Hebrews 12:2, John 4:23a

C **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

I *who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,*

II *and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

C **The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

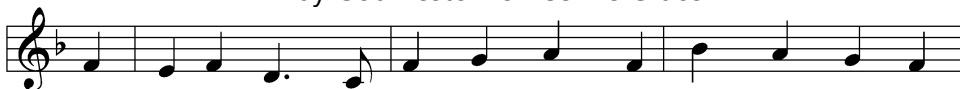
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

LSB 824



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
△ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -

vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,

 To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,

 health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!

 And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -

 mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church. Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on all in Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- A** We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's baptized and holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy

and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, in our district, and in our local congregation, that God may work among us through their examples and that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray that our lives be offerings of the best that we have and are in response to the great offering of our Lord Jesus for us on the cross and that what we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of the Lord bring blessing to many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We make petitions for the sick, the shut-in, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day need our prayers, [*especially* . . .], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, since You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give ear to their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

"Cross" Reference *Large Catechism IV 37*

P In his letter to the Romans, Paul asks his readers, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3). As it was at work on the cross, the grace of God is at work in Holy Baptism. In his *Large Catechism*, Luther writes of Baptism, "So you see plainly that there is no

work done here by us, but a treasure, which God gives us and faith grasps [Ephesians 2:8–9]. It is like the benefit of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross, which is not a work, but a treasure included in the Word. It is offered to us and received by faith.” English hymnwriter Isaac Watts captured that sense of an appreciation of the wonderful and mysterious work of God in the crucifixion as he wrote the cherished hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.”

Sit

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 426



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Tune: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1778, London; adapt. Edward Miller, 1731–1807

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OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. R. Lau

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

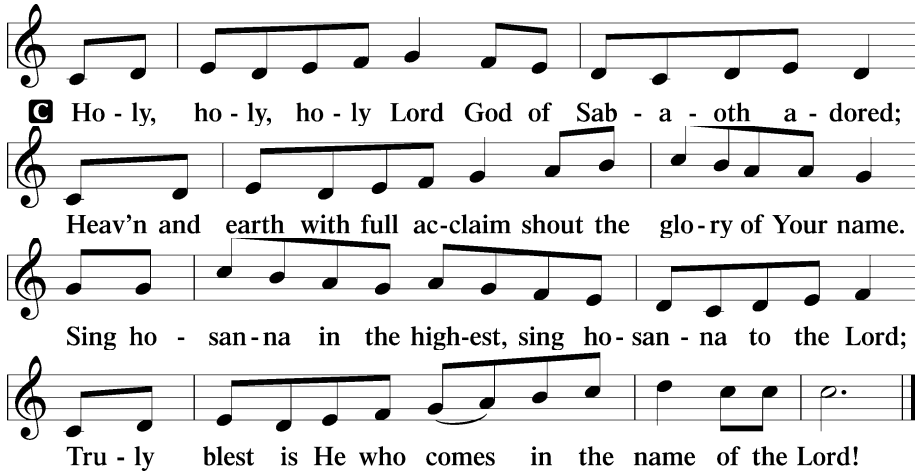
- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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. And now we thank You that by the working of Your Holy Spirit through the Gospel, You have called us as Your own and given us eternal promises through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, as the perfect offering, has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P O Lord of heaven and earth, we thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with gratitude and joy for all Your gifts to us. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, hope-filled and eagerly awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.

G 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

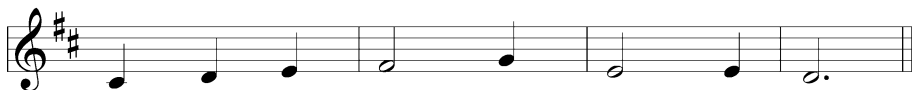
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"No All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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VOLUNTARY

"The Well of Living Water"
"Lenten Meditation"

D. Paxton
R. Blake

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

A Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for having welcomed us at Your Table, giving us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live in hope-filled anticipation of the end of all earthly things and await with joy Your final coming in glory. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be kept in the true faith until the last and greatest day of our Lord's return. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849



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.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

" Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

arr. D. Paxton

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