

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Reminiscere: The Second Sunday in Lent

The Sunday of the Syro-Phoenician Woman

8 March A+D 2020

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Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

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Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments! **Guests**, please sign our guestbook. To all in attendance, please sign the **Red Attendance Books** as they are passed down the pews during the offering.

### Today's Service

Divine Service I,  
p. 151

Hymns 693  
615  
760, 420  
422  
575

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## About Communion at Grace

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At Grace Lutheran Church, we follow the historical practice of closed Communion. The Lord's Supper is the meal that Christ our Lord bequeathed to the Church on the night when he was betrayed as his last will and testament. In the Supper, we receive the true and substantial body and blood of Jesus Christ which grants to each believing participant the forgiveness of sins. Since those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood without discerning his true and substantial presence do so to their great harm (1Co 11.27), we must, for the sake of love and pastoral care, ask those who are affiliated with other church bodies, or are not affiliated with any church body, to refrain from partaking of the Lord's Supper at Grace. Guests from sister congregations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod are asked to speak briefly with the Pastor prior to the service. We thank you for honoring us and our confession of faith by helping us to faithfully practice closed communion at this altar, until the time when we may receive the Supper together in true and blessed unity!

*For more information, see Mt 26.17ff, Mk 14.12ff, Lk 22.7ff, and 1Co 11.23ff.  
A detailed statement of our practice is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.*

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### Serving Today at Grace

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Pastor	Brian J. Thorson
Organist	Velda Buhrmester
Elders	Mark Summerlin Dan Lefholz
Ushers	Charles Daehler Ethan Daehler
Altar Guild	Marilyn Schumacher Christy Hollingsworth
Greeters	Ted & Diane Traczewski
Video	Dan Lefholz

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### Our Response to God's Grace

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#### **Present Last Week**

Divine Service	42
Communed	37
Adult Bible Study	9
Sunday School	Cancelled
Midweek Study	Cancelled
WWW	6
Midweek Vespers	34

#### **Offerings Last Sunday**

General	\$3190
Sunday School	\$12
Ash Wednesday	\$406

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*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

*–Matt. 20:28*

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**The Call to Worship**

*The Bell is Sounded*

**Opening Hymn**

*LSB 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Stand*

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

### **Invocation**

**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 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.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22*



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

**To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\***

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\***

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your  
goodness, | O LORD!**

**Good and upright | is the LORD;\***

**therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

**For your name's sake, | O LORD,\***

**pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

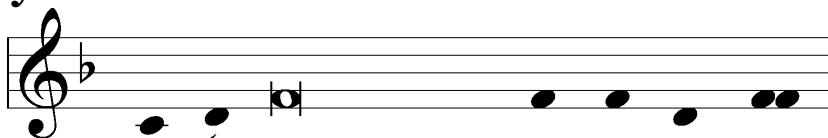
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

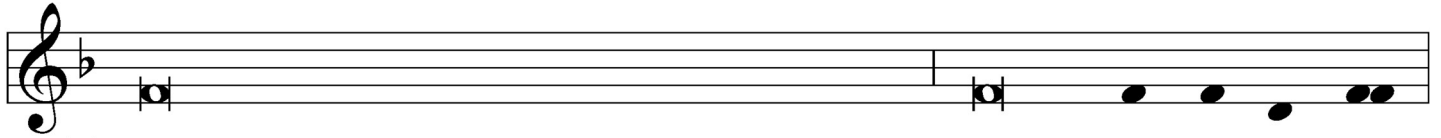
### Kyrie



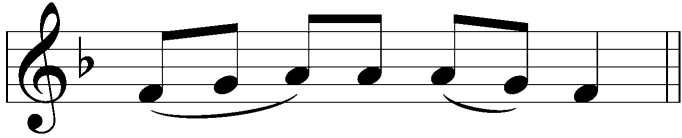
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



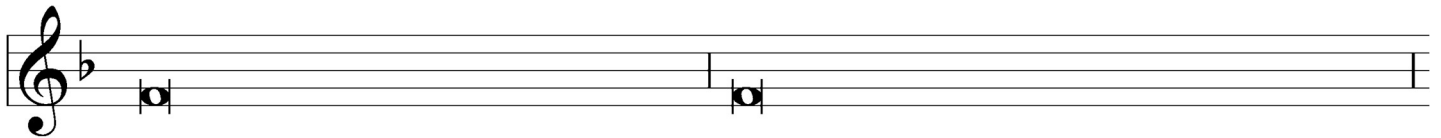
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



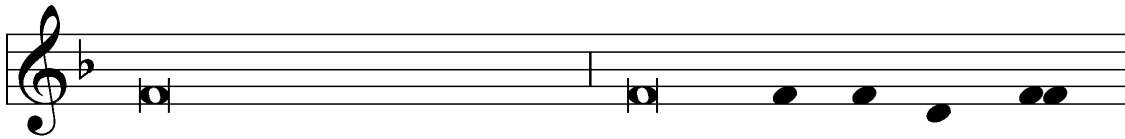
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



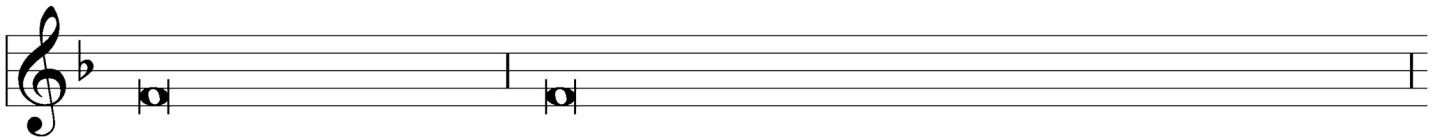
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



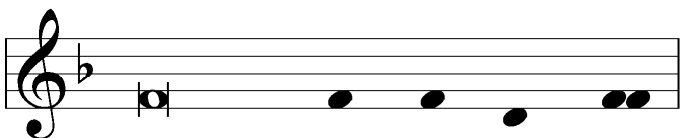
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



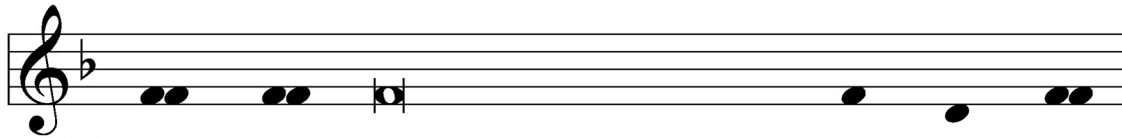
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be Seated*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he

blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 25:17–18*



**The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.  
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 106:1–4*



**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,\***

**or declare | all his praise?**  
**Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\***  
**who do righteousness | at all times!**  
**Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;\***  
**help me when you | save them.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21–28*

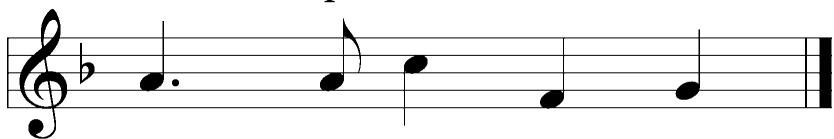
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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



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

## 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 † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

*LSB 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

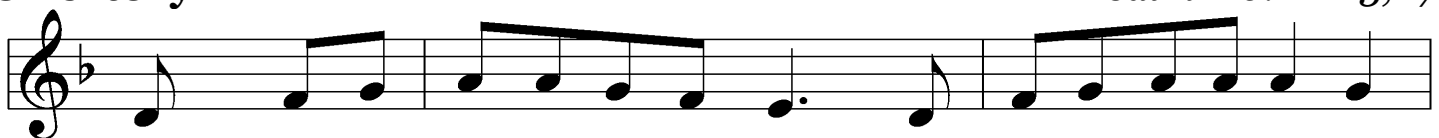
**Sermon**

*Pastor Brian Thorson*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**©** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving 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 presence of all His people, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Be Seated*

**The Offering is Received**

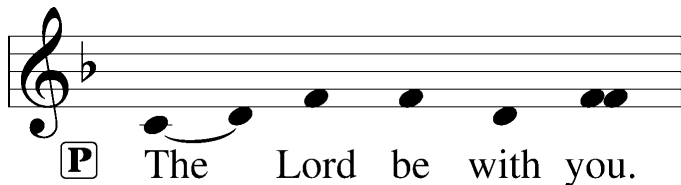
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**Prayer of the Church**

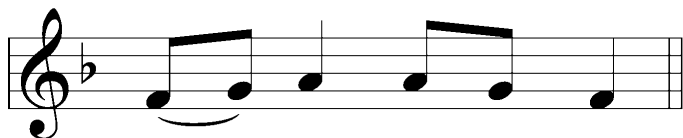
**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

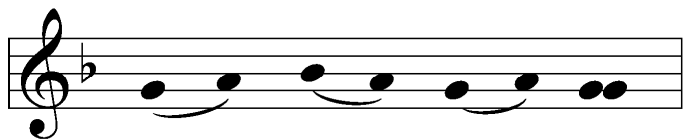
*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



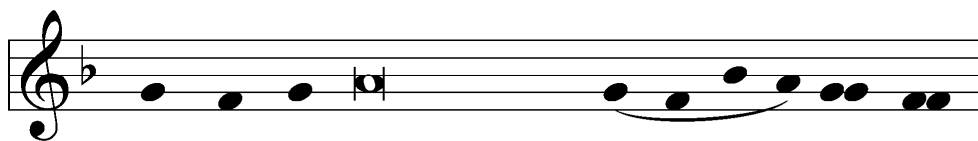
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

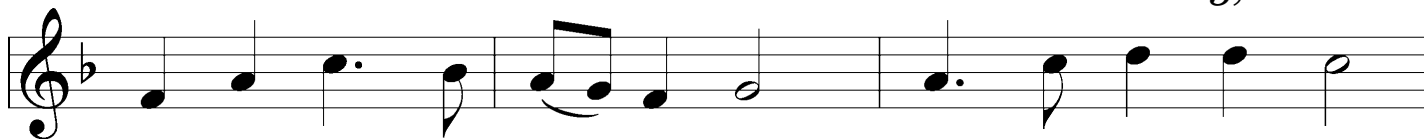


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**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

**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

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

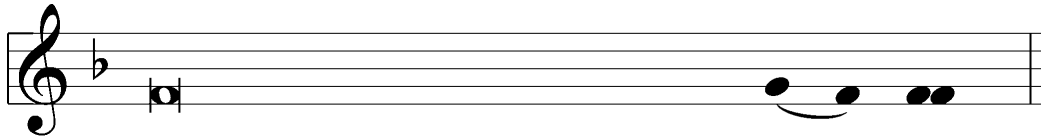
*Matt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20*

**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**

*John 20:19*



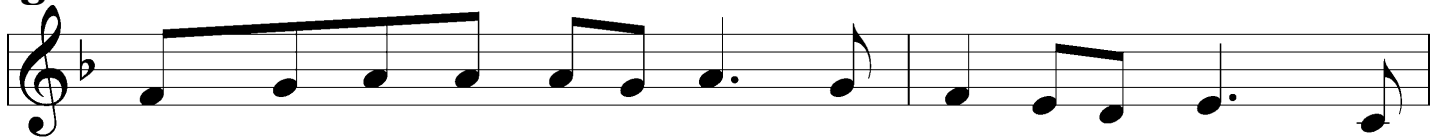
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



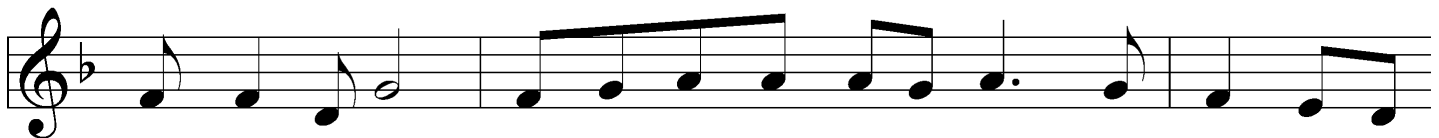
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*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.

*Be Seated*

## The Distribution

*Visitors and guests are asked to observe our Communion policy on page 2.*

### First Distribution Hymn

*LSB 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good*

### Second Distribution Hymn

*LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living*

*Stand*

### Post-Communion Hymn

*LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

1 On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;

Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

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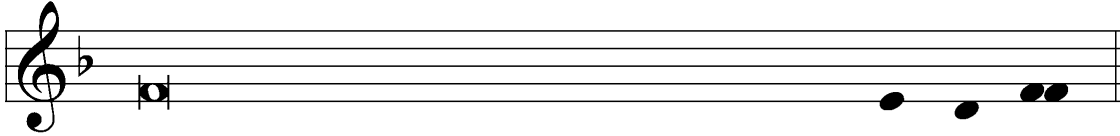
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.

**G** 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.

*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*LSB 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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## Announcements

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**The Lent/Holy Week offering designations** are as follows:

- Midweek Lent 2 (March 11): St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia
- Midweek Lent 3 (March 18): Missionary Charles Ferry (SE Asia)
- Midweek Lent 4 (March 25): University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis
- Midweek Lent 5 (April 1): KMMO Radio Missions
- Maundy Thursday (April 9): Seminarian Tom Goodroad from Trinity, Kearney
- Good Friday (April 10): Local Lutherans for Life
- Holy Saturday (April 11): Community Charity

**Midweek Lenten Services continue this Wednesday.** Our topic is the Lord's Prayer and the Vespers service begins at 7:00 p.m.

**A meal will be served before our midweek services** beginning at 6:15 p.m. If you would like to donate a meal, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you.

**Welcome to the Girl Scouts** who are visiting this Sunday. Present are Junior Girl Scout Troup 0398 and Daisy/Brownie Troop 2795.

**March newsletters** are available in the narthex.

**Volunteers are needed to be trained in using the church's automatic defibrillator (AED).** A layperson's CPR class and AED training will be offered at the Lexington Fire Department once a month for the next several months (a free 2-hour class). Please see Kristin Summerlin or Bernice Wagner for additional information.

**Plans for Vacation Bible School** are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

**Look for Swaddling Clothes in the Lexington St. Patrick's Day Parade** on March 14 at 2 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the float, contact Jennifer Thorson.

**Thank you for your cards and prayers for Ella** following her recuperation from the accident. She is doing well. ~Sharon Crump

**We have a Preschool teacher.** If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waverly** will be hosting their annual Soup and Chili Dinner on Sunday, March 15 from 11:00-1:00. The dinner is freewill donation and will be held at Eagle Bluff Ranch (31827 HWY 65, Waverly). There will also be crafts and baked goods for sale, and all proceeds from the event will go toward church repairs. All are invited!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars expire March 31.** Please take time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choosing. Choice Dollars can be designated online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars, they will expire at the end of March. If you require further assistance, please contact your Thrivent Financial Representative.

**Our hymn of the Lenten season** is LSB 420, "LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living." written by Ernst Homburg (1605-1681). He became highly regarded as a poet while writing secular poetry but after an illness and domestic issues, he began to write Christian poetry. This hymn is based on John 1:4, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men."



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## An Order for Daily Prayer

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **And with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips, **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

**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.**

### **Hymn: LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living**

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee

Thus didst Thou my soul deliver

Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;

From the bonds of sin forever.

Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

O Thou sinless Son of God!

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### **Catechism Recitation: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Rom. 6:4)

### **Scripture Recitation: Acts 22:16**

Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

*The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord’s Prayer may be prayed.*

Let us pray. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Special Prayers

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**Homebound:** Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

**Sick, injured, recovering or special needs:** Perry Copus (recovering at home), Erma Hechsel, Terry Thorson, Sam Wagner, and Lyn & Barb Wilkey

**Expecting Parents:** Rebecca & Scott Steele

**Those in the armed forces:** Jared Clapper (deployed to Iraq), Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

**Seminary Students:** Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

**Missions:** Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

**Our congregation,** as we observe our centennial

*To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.*

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## This Week at Grace

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*For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.*

### Today, Mar. 8, 2020: Reminiscere, the Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Galatians)  
10:00 a.m. Divine Service  
6:30 p.m. Lexington Care Center

Mon, Mar. 9: 6:30 p.m. Vesper Guild

Tues, Mar. 10: 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wed, Mar. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays With the Word  
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper  
7:00 p.m. Vespers

Thur, Mar. 12: 1:00 p.m. Set up for Swaddling Clothes

Sat, Mar. 14: 9:00 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day  
2:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes at St. Patrick's Parade

### Next Sunday, Mar. 15: Oculi, the Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Divine Service

### Looking Ahead

Apr. 5-11 Holy Week

Apr. 12 Easter

Oct. 4 Centennial Celebration