

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A Congregation of The Lutheran—Church Missouri Synod
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Oculi: The Third Sunday in Lent

The Sunday of the Dumb Demoniac

15 March A+D 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

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.

Today's Service

Divine Service I,
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Hymns	433
	659
	420, 541
	422
	714

About Communion at Grace

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.

Serving Today at Grace

Pastor	Brian J. Thorson
Organist	Velda Buhrmester
Elders	Mark Summerlin Dan Lefholz
Ushers	Charles Daehler Ethan Daehler
Altar Guild	Marilyn Schumacher Christy Hollingsworth
Greeters	None
Video	Dan Lefholz

Our Response to God's Grace

Present Last Week

Divine Service	48
Communed	32
Adult Bible Study	7
Sunday School	8
Midweek Study	Cancelled
WWW	6
Midweek Vespers	25

Offerings Last Sunday

General	\$1578
Sunday School	\$10
Midweek Lent 1	\$375

*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
—Matthew 20:28*

The Call to Worship

The Bell is Sounded

Opening Hymn

LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus

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

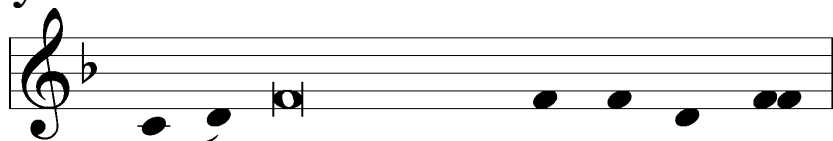
Introit

Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
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.
Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

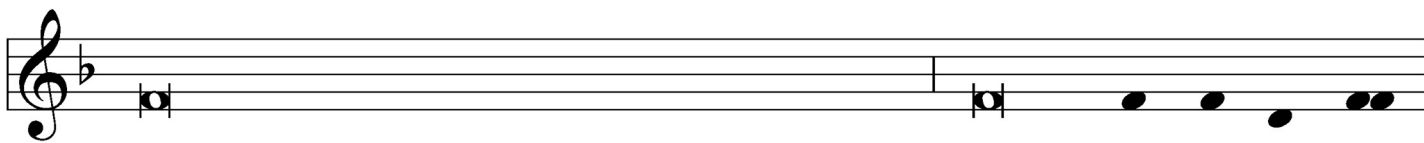
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



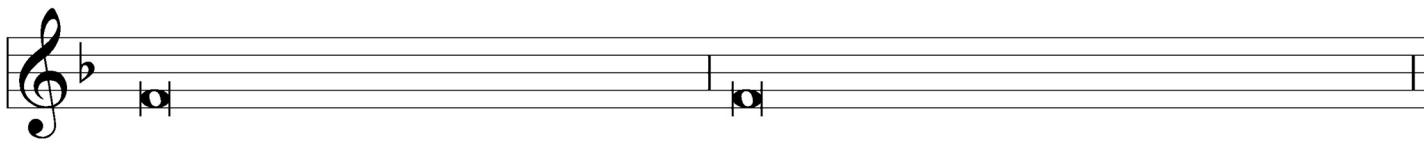
G Lord, have mer - cy.



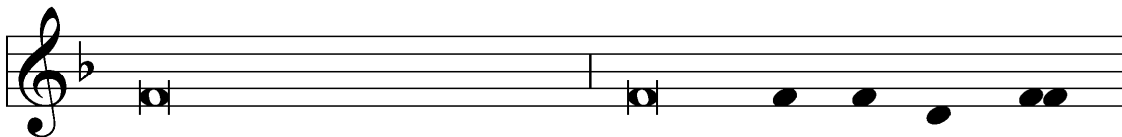
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



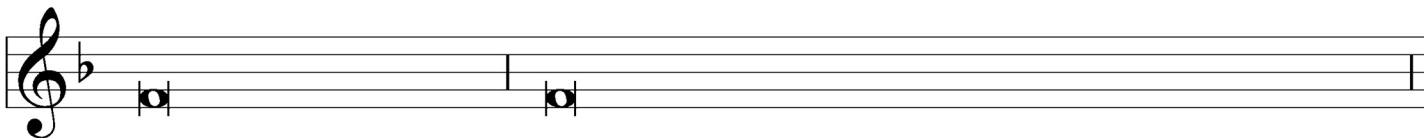
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



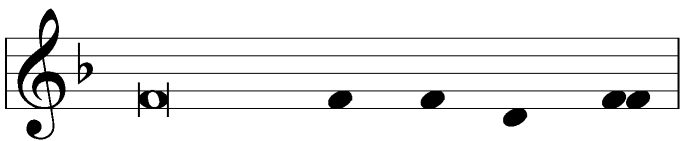
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



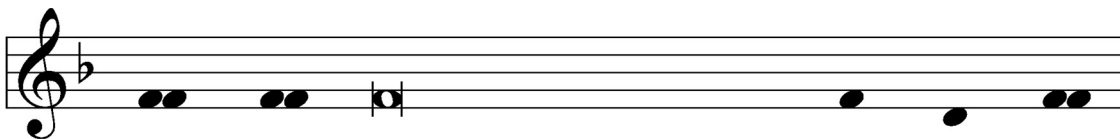
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



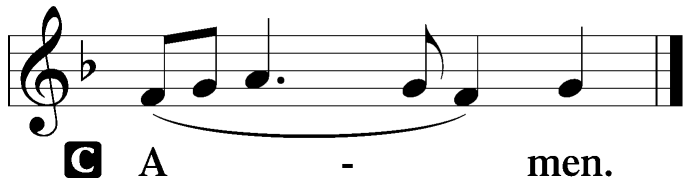
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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, 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.

C Amen.

Be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1–15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the

LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!
When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 123:1–3a



To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

have mercy up- | on us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 659 Lord of Our Life

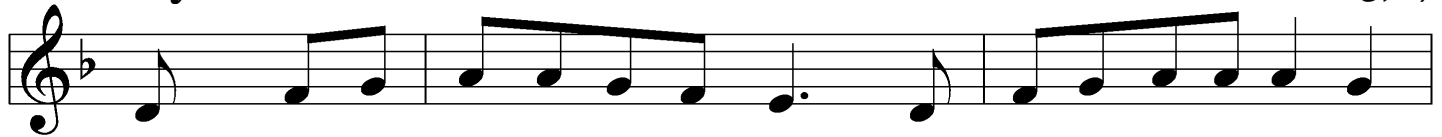
Sermon

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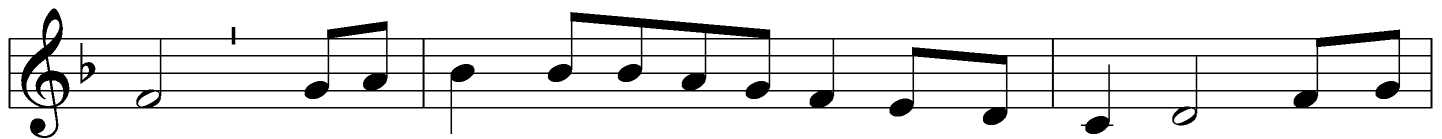
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Offertory

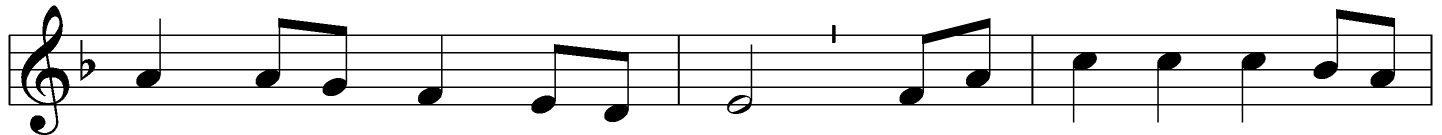
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C 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



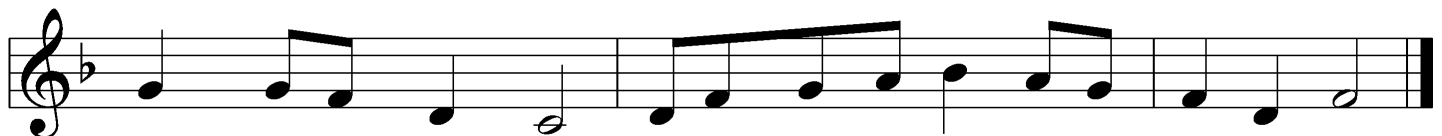
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



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.

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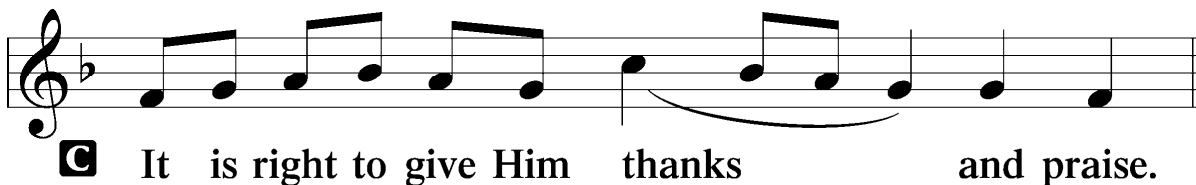
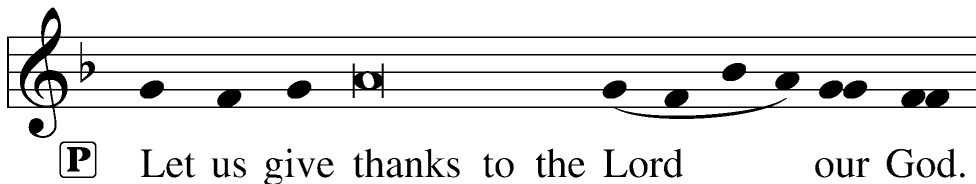
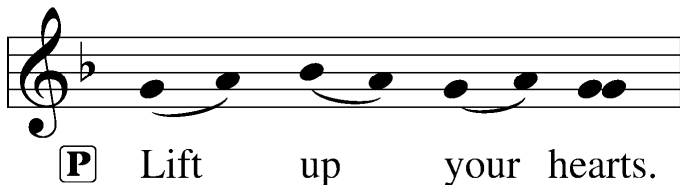
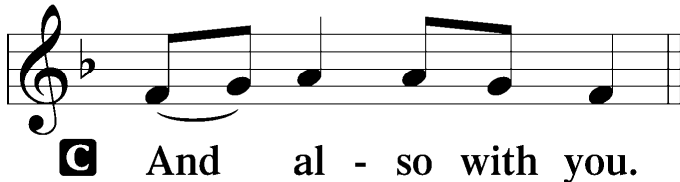
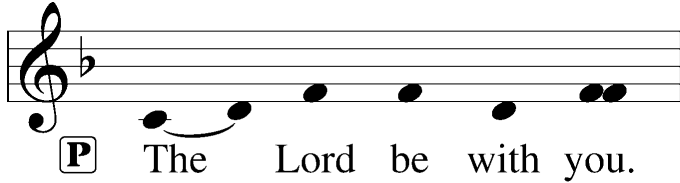
The Offering is Received

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



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

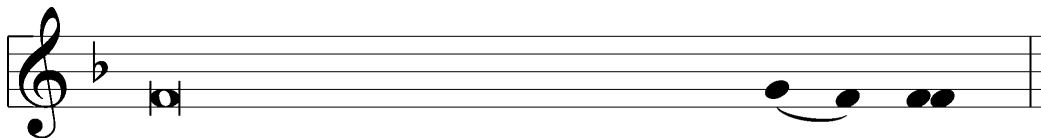
Matt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20

¶ 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.



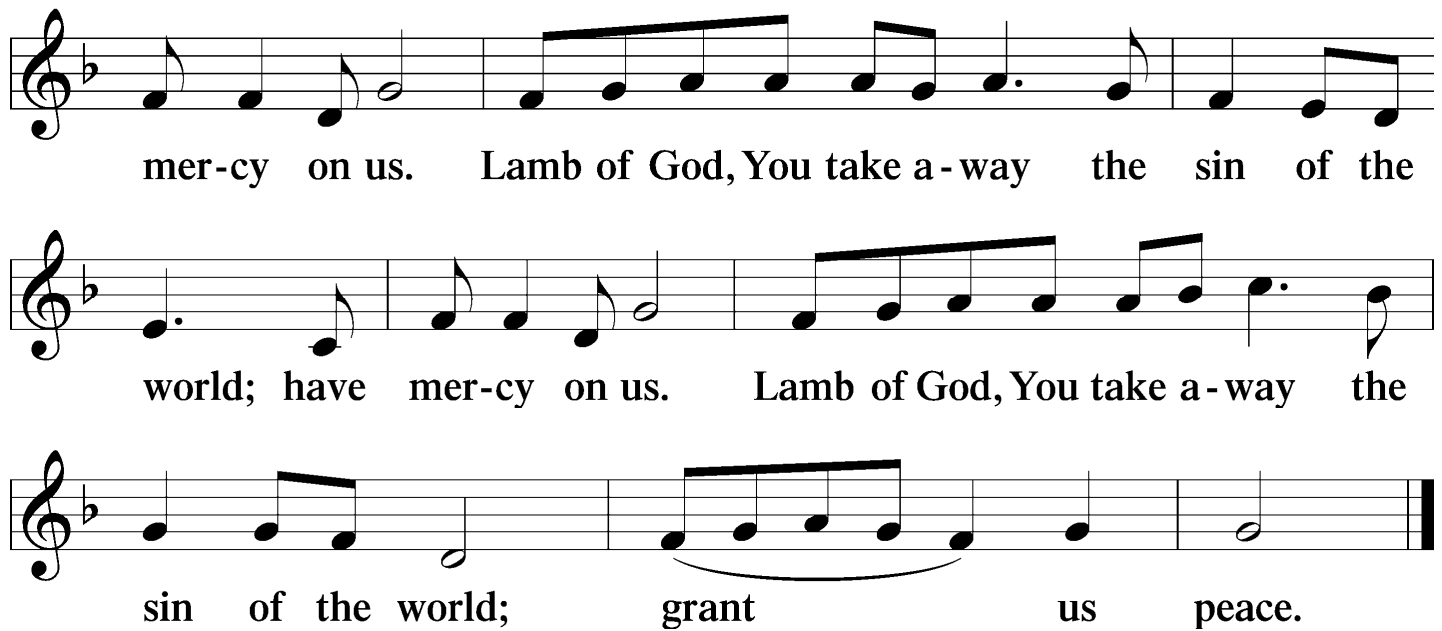
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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



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The Distribution

First Distribution Hymn

LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Second Distribution Hymn

LSB 541 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried

Stand

Post-Communion Hymn

LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

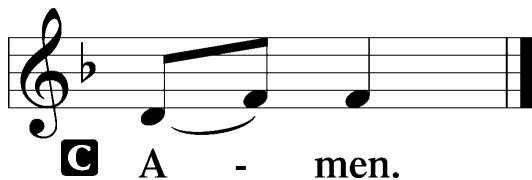
- 1 On my heart imprint Your image,
 Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Never may Your work erase;
 Let the clear inscription be:
 Jesus, crucified for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,
 And my glory and salvation!

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Post-Communion Collect

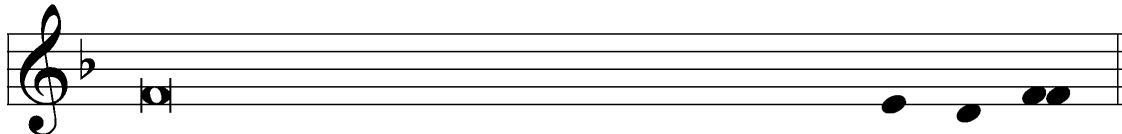
- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

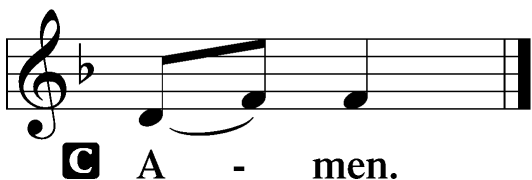


Benediction

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.



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Closing Hymn

LSB 714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

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Announcements

The following precautions have been implemented at Grace while the coronavirus is spreading across our country (these are recommended by The LCMS and many are aimed to prevent people from touching things that others have touched):

- You are encouraged to spread out throughout the sanctuary.
- There will be no greeters. Please pick your bulletin up at the table.
- Hand sanitizer is available at both entrances to the church and at the bulletin table.
- Ushers will hold on to the offering plates. They will not be passed down the pew.
- There are no fellowship pads to pass around.
- There will be no shaking hands with the pastor or others.
- Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Jesus. The chalice has not been found to transmit diseases. The Sacrament will continue to be offered as normal.
- The elders will be washing their hands prior to distributing the Sacrament. Pastor will wash his hands prior to the service and use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution.
- Door handles and light switches have been disinfected.
- For those staying home with flu-like symptoms (or are at-risk) may receive a DVD of the service by calling the Church Office.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waverly will be hosting their annual Soup and Chili Dinner today, 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 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.

The Saint Paul Lutheran High School Annual Servants of the Saints (SOS) Sausage Dinner is Sunday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Concordia, Missouri. For a freewill donation, the delicious menu includes sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce and cheesecake. SOS projects help promote and assist students and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran High School.

Preschool cleaning has been set for Tuesday, March 24, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to help prepare the classroom for the upcoming school year.

Portals of Prayer for April-June are now available in the narthex table.

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.

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 School, Higginsville, is searching for a principal. If you know of those who would be a good fit to serve the school, please nominate them by contacting the school at 660-584-2854.

Bridge of Hope Resource Center has outgrown its current space and purchased the old Bott Radio building on the south side of the square in Richmond. An anonymous donor has come forward to match \$25,000 in donations given by May 22, 2020. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Bridge of Hope, 112 S. College St., Richmond, MO 64085.

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

The Nominating Committee presents this slate of candidates for offices in the congregation for the coming year:


<u>Nominations for the April Voters’ Assembly</u>		<u>Continuing in Service</u>	
President	Eddie Jeske Jr.	Trustee until 2021	Justin Bertz
Vice President	Ted Traczewski	Trustee until 2021	Charles Daehler
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Elder until 2023	Norman Rasa	Elder until 2022	Elmer Leimkuehler
Elder until 2023	Jim Steffens		


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.”


What To Do About Coronavirus?


▶ Addressing the spread of COVID-19, the flu and other contagions





 **Pray:** Spare Your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

 **Keep Gathering:** It should be our aim to continue to hold regular, physical services while possible. Come if you are well; stay home if you are sick or at increased risk.

 **Keep in Touch:** Organize and know how you will communicate as a congregation, especially if an outbreak occurs in your area and event plans must be changed.

 **Take Care:** Wise personal hygiene practices and simple precautions can help limit the spread of infection.

 **Take Courage:** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). In life we are comforted by the Lord’s precious and very great promises; in death, we await the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

 **Stay Informed:** Look here for up-to-date Pandemic Preparedness and Worship Resources:

- lcms.org/coronavirus
- cdc.gov/coronavirus

An Order for Daily Prayer

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

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.

Catechism Recitation: Confession

What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Scripture Recitation: Matthew 18:18

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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.**

Special Prayers

Homebound: Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

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

Wedding Anniversary: Don and Mary Schreier who were married on March 11, 1960

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 Fehrman 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.

This Week at Grace

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

Today, Mar. 15, 2020: Oculi, the Third Sunday in Lent

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

Wed, Mar. 18: 7:30 a.m. Midweek Study (*The Hammer of God*)
5:00 p.m. Wednesdays With the Word
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Vespers

Thur, Mar. 19: 7:00 p.m. Education Committee

Next Sunday, Mar. 22: Laetare, the Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Looking Ahead

Apr. 5-11 Holy Week
Apr. 12 Easter
Oct. 4 Centennial Celebration