

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 21, 2010

ORDER OF SERVICE
SETTING THREE

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: WED. 4:30 and 7:00 PM

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Introit

Ps. 3:3–6; antiphon: Ps. 3:8



Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,*
my glory, and the lifter | of my head.
I cried aloud | to the LORD,*
and he answered me from his | holy hill.
I lay | down and slept;*
I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people*
who have set themselves against me | all around.
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.
Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
your blessing be on your | people!

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.**

Please sit

The Feeding of the Lambs: *“Why Do We Run? Because the Prize is Won!”*

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who

brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

- P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Verse

- C **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

The Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 20:9-20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹And [Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And



*The Annunciation of Our Lord
March 25th*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wed. March 24th – 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Between 5:30 – 6:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY

Sun. March 28th 8:00 am & 10:30 am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday

Thurs. April 1st – 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm
with the Stripping of the Altar @ 7 pm

Good Friday

Fri. April 2nd

Tre Ore Service

Preaching on the Last Seven Words from the Cross

Noon

also

Tenebrae Service

Service of Darkness & Closing of the Book

4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Sun. April 4th – 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 AM

All participants should report to fellowship hall

they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The 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,

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT CARDS: If you were unable to present your covenant card, you may still do so by depositing them in the offering plate. If you are in need of one, you may ask an usher for an available blank covenant card.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Donations are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Individually wrapped pieces of candy are needed – no lollipops please as they don't fit in the eggs. The donation box will be in the narthex starting TODAY. Please contact Lisa Kress with any questions at 941-889-8938.

NEWSLETTER: Reminder that TODAY is the deadline for all newsletter submissions. Please have everything to Leta accordingly.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Big Red Bus is here at Redeemer today from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. All donors will receive a FREE T-SHIRT and a mini-physical including cholesterol and blood type. Photo ID required. DONATE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES!!!!

YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: The Youth is having a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Cape Haze Consignment – 8282 Wiltshire Road, off Gasparilla. See you and your dirty there!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Family movie night is Friday, March 26th at 7:00 PM. The featured movie is Ben Hur starring Charlton Heston. This movie is very appropriate for our season of Lent, which wonderfully depicts the trial and crucifixion of our Lord in an awesomely miraculous way. Pastor highly encourages all of us to see this epic movie and winner of eleven academy awards in 1959. Bring comfortable blankets and pillows. Come and make yourself comfortable as you watch 212 minutes of one of cinema's greatest works. Popcorn will be served. You are welcome to bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.

ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD: March 25th is the Annunciation of our Lord and has been celebrated by the church for centuries. Why? Because the church, since the third century, has celebrated the Lord's birth on the 25th of December, therefore, the church also celebrates the announcement from the angel Gabriel to Mary of the Coming of the Savior nine months previous to his birth. The woodcarving on the following page depicts this Holy day.

Please sit

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings:

(Choir – 10:30 AM – “Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness”)

The Commissioning of a Stephen Minister (10:30 Service Only)

Candidate presents himself before the Altar

P Dear brother in Christ, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Minister at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Listen now to the words we find in Scripture: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God”* (2 Cor. 1:3-4). In Colossians 3:23-24, the Apostle Paul also writes: *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”*

Brother, you have been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and her community who need to be comforted.

As the Lord Jesus responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.

As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on His shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.

As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to Him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As the Spirit of the Lord has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help others and to pray for them.

As the Lord Jesus has shown His care for you, we ask you to this congregation grow as a caring community through your caring ministry.

As the Lord Jesus has revealed His presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your faith in Christ with those around you so they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

I now ask you, are you prepared to meet these requests that I ask of you?

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others; to support, encourage, build up and comfort people in all their needs?

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Now, I ask you, members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, to open your hearts to the work of this person and pray for him, that he may be an effective servant of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, then declare and answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P I also ask you to accept his work when you need help, to allow this individual and all Stephen Ministers to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. If you are prepared to meet this request, then declare and answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Tim Frees, are you prepared to serve as a Stephen Minister in Redeemer Lutheran Church?

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Receive now, the blessing of the Lord:

May you share Christ’s ever abundant love with others so they and you may grow in His wholeness.

May the Lord Jesus, who has graciously called you His disciple, now strengthen you by His Spirit for your work in and to His world.

May you see Christ in all people and be moved by His life to care for them as He has cared for you.

May Jesus our Savior shower His love upon you and sustain you in the work that lies before you.

Jesus said, “I am with you always, event to the very end of the age.” Know He is with you in every situation.

May God the Father richly bless you. May God T the Son keep you in His grace. May God the Holy Spirit dwell within you in order that you may be enable to do your work confidently. May the Lord our God sustain and keep you unto eternal life

C **Amen.**

Please stand

The Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P In thankfulness to our God who makes all things new, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response following each petition

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays at 8:00 PM - If you have ever wanted to sing to the Lord a new song, this is the time! Give it a chance! We welcome you! Male voices are especially welcome.

HULA CLASS: Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM – Hula class in the Fellowship Hall! Cost is \$6.00 per session. It is absolutely the best thing you can do for yourself! Great loads of fun!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Youth Confirmation classes are taking a break due to Holy Week and Easter, and will resume on Thursday, April 8th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or call Pastor Kress.

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE: The Hardback Edition from Concordia Publishing House is now available. This new Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are uniquely Lutheran. *The Lutheran Study Bible* draws together a depth of scholarly notes with rich devotional insights to provide meaningful perspective for both young and mature Christians.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Tuesday morning bible class continues their study of the Lutheran Liturgy. We will answer questions concerning whose liturgy it is, when did it start and is our liturgy different from that of other churches, as well as other thought provoking questions. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kress.

LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: We have begun a new study on “strength when you are discouraged” using the *Good News* magazine. Study magazine will be provided.

TWITTER: Pastor Kress is now on Twitter. To follow him, please add the name **revdupone** to your Twitter account! Any questions about Twitter, setting up an account, etc, please contact the office. Give Pastor a tweet!

LENTEN SUPPERS: Lenten Services are at 4:30 and 7 PM. Supper is from 5:30 to 6:30. This final week is Pork and Sauerkraut prepared by Earl Stuck, Ed Sheahan, and Jim Wright. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you plan to eat so they will know how much to cook. Please call the church office if you would like to help in any way.

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE: If anyone would like to subscribe to the *Good News* magazine, please contact the office and Jen will assist you.

CELL PHONE FOR SOLDIERS: A "Cell Phone for Soldiers" drop box is located in the narthex. Drop off your old cell phone and our troops serving overseas will receive sixty-minute calling cards good anywhere in the world. Thank you for your help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to place a lily beside the altar for the Easter Services, please sign your name on the sheet provided on the activity desk in the narthex. The cost is \$7.50. Your donation may be placed in your offering envelope and marked “Lily”. Your plant may be picked up after the Easter service you attend.

CHILD CARE BASKET: Don’t miss the Child Care basket located near the men’s restroom for needed supplies of non-scented baby wipes, paper towels, trash bags, and snacks. Thank you very much for your support.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND: The pantry is in need of the following items: Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Tuna, Chicken, Spaghetti-Os, Jelly, Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard) and Diapers (sizes 2 – 6). Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE: In today’s Sunday School lesson the children learned how in faith, a sinful woman lovingly anointed Jesus’ feet. They also learned how in faith we grasp God’s free mercy, receive the forgiveness of sins, and respond with acts of love and praise. As a family, consider ways that you might respond to God’s mercy. Ask your children what sins God will forgive (all of them!), and in your catechism review, look at the section about the Confession of Sins.

TALK RADIO FOR LUTHERANS AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW... REAL REFORMATION RADIO... Learn more about Biblical teachings like Sin & Grace, Christians & Culture, The Presence of God, God’s Will for Your Life and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org

USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please pick your date and service time (8:00 AM or 10:30 AM). Sign up on the board in the narthex. If you have any questions, or are unsure about being an usher, call Tom Kirkland at 474-6407. He will do a walk through of usher duties upon request.

DONATIONS TO CHILD CARE AND/OR ANGEL FUND: Members and visitors – If you make a donation to the Child Care or Angel Fund, please make checks payable to Redeemer Child Care. They now have their own checking account. Thank you.

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your heart.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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:

The Sanctus

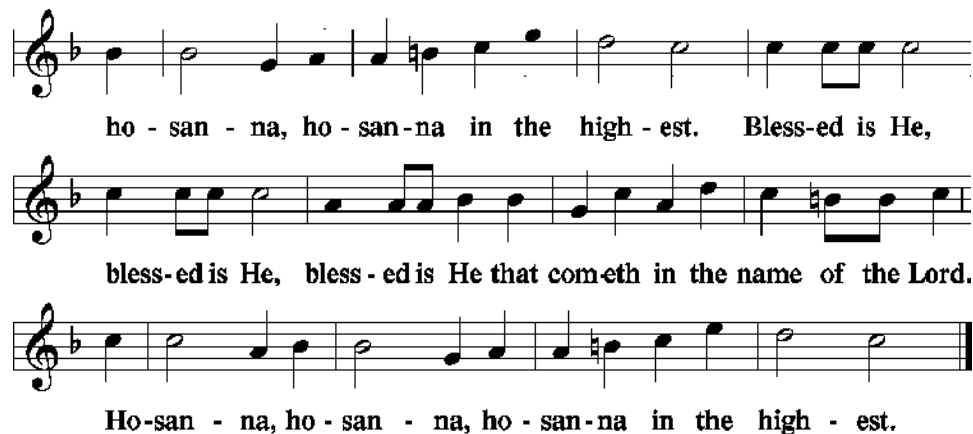
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Altar Guild: Diana Collins and KC Wright
 Greeters: 8:00 AM – Marlene & Glenn Mossner
 10:30 AM – Shirley Zatkalik and Tony Grcevic
 Ushers: 8:00 AM – Charles & Elaine Malecki, Ray Janssen, Harold Hale
 10:30 AM – Allan Webster, Bob Buie, Vickie Fernald, Tom Kirkland

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 22nd THRU MARCH 28th

MONDAY: 9:00 AM Quilting Group
 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel
 5:30 PM Weight Watcher's
 7:30 PM Englewood East Homeowner's Meeting

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM Hula Class
 10:00 AM Bible Class
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 4:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service
 5:30 – 6:30 PM Lenten Supper
 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service
 8:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY: 10:00 AM Senior Fellowship
 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class
 4:00 – 6:30 PM Extended Youth

FRIDAY: 7:00 PM Redeemer Movie Night – Ben Hur

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Youth Car Wash
 Cape Haze Consignment

SUNDAY: ***Palm Sunday***
 8:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 9:15 AM Bible Class
 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
BLOOD PRESSURE

Gratitude For God's Blessings: Philippians 3:8-14: As Godly stewards we are empowered by God to put past failures behind us and look forward to living our lives as God's redeemed stewards and to encourage our fellow redeemed stewards to be faithful in managing all things in God-pleasing ways.

PRAY FOR

SHUT-INS: Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Ruth Jansch, Laura Simis and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Henrietta Appold, Anthony Bruno, Gene Eiler, Becky Heichelbech, Wendy Horvath, Dick Hughes, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Gary Lute, Clara Mitchell, Leona Morrison, Bob Mortenson, Family and friends of Harriet Payne, Herb Petersen, Don Plesner, Duwayne Shoeneck, Ashley Schultz, Sam Simonson, Ed Sita, Anna Smith, Russ Spooner, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, Ronald Woller, Barbara Wolgast.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Julie Carroll, Shirley Chattin, Lisa Clemens, Carly DeFeos, John Denick, Don Francis, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Glory Herget, Bill Hillis, Robin Hincman, Tom Holt, Bob Jamney, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Julie Keck, Louis Kirkland, Rev. Howie Krienke, Elsie Malecki, Karen Martel, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Linda Merisko, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, Donna Santora-Vovcsko, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, and Andrew Wolgast.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Col. Dennis Beatty, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Stephen Geib, Christopher Hankins, Brian Hollis, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Michael Monson, Christian Mosser, Luis Oquendo, Jeremy Schaitz, Jeremy Twombly, Katherine Utroska, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Celebrant, Officiant and Preacher:

Rev. James T. Kress, Sr., Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church

Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM – Ron Beaber, 10:30 AM – Roger Luedtke

Communion Elder: 8:00 AM – Tim Byrne, 10:30 AM – George Cancellieri

Acolyte: 8:00 AM – Marisa Rodriguez, 10:30 AM – Anthony Bruno

Coffee Hour: Donna Antonelli and Mary Beaber

Organist: 8:00 AM – Lanette Schmidt, 10:30 AM – Doris Dykhuizen

The Pax Domini

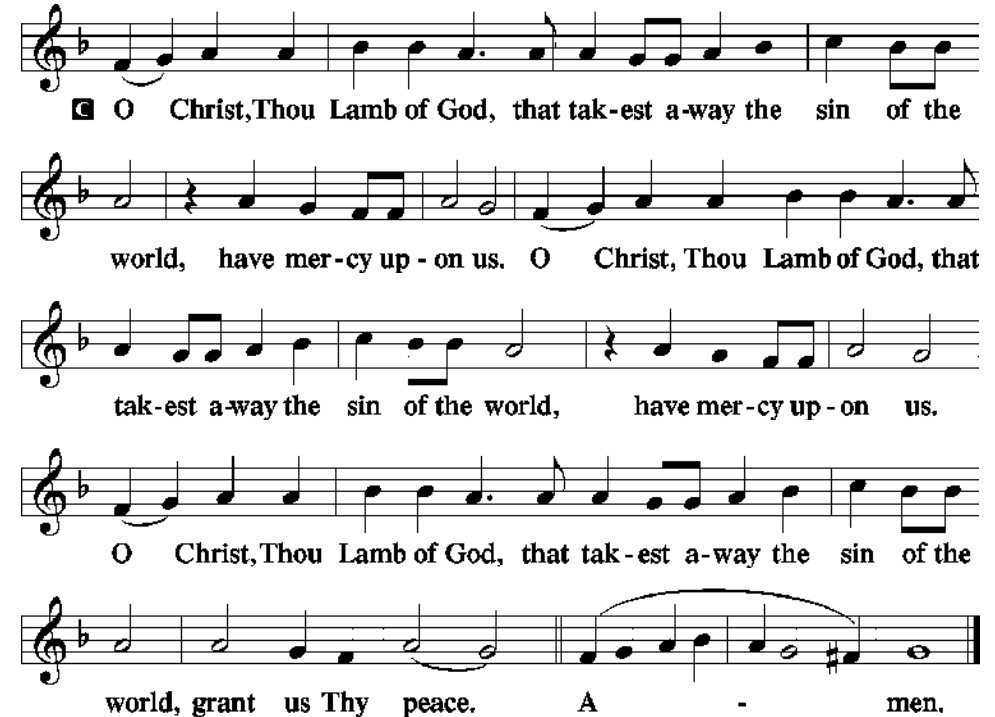
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

Holy Communion Instruction: In respect of the teachings of Holy Scripture (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*), and in loving concern for all people, we ask that only confirmed members of our congregation, members of other LCMS congregations, and Lutheran Church bodies with whom we are in fellowship commune at the Table of our Lord. God clearly says in His word that while communion is meant to bring great blessings, the unexamined and undiscerning “eat and drink judgment to themselves” (*1 Corinthians 11:29*). Therefore, the nature of this Sacrament requires careful administration. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor or to an elder.

The Distribution Hymns

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 540

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

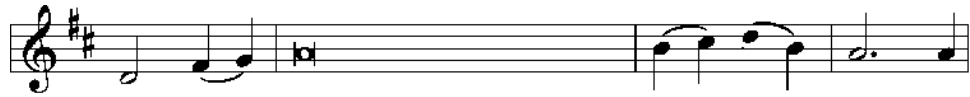
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LSB 543

Please stand

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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 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.

C **Amen.**

The Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn:

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

Postlude

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WELCOME! It is our pleasure to worship with you this morning here in God’s house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will deepen the faith of each one of us through God’s holy Word. We ask **ALL members and visitors to please PRINT their name, children, local address and phone number in our Record of Fellowship book in the pew.** **Visitors,** please be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor as you leave the sanctuary.

A QUIET REMINDER: Worshipers are reminded that the “quiet times”...during the pre-service Prelude and the Offering ...are intended for personal meditation and prayer. **Please keep conversation to a minimum.** You are encouraged to make use of our beautiful narthex for visiting. Thank you.