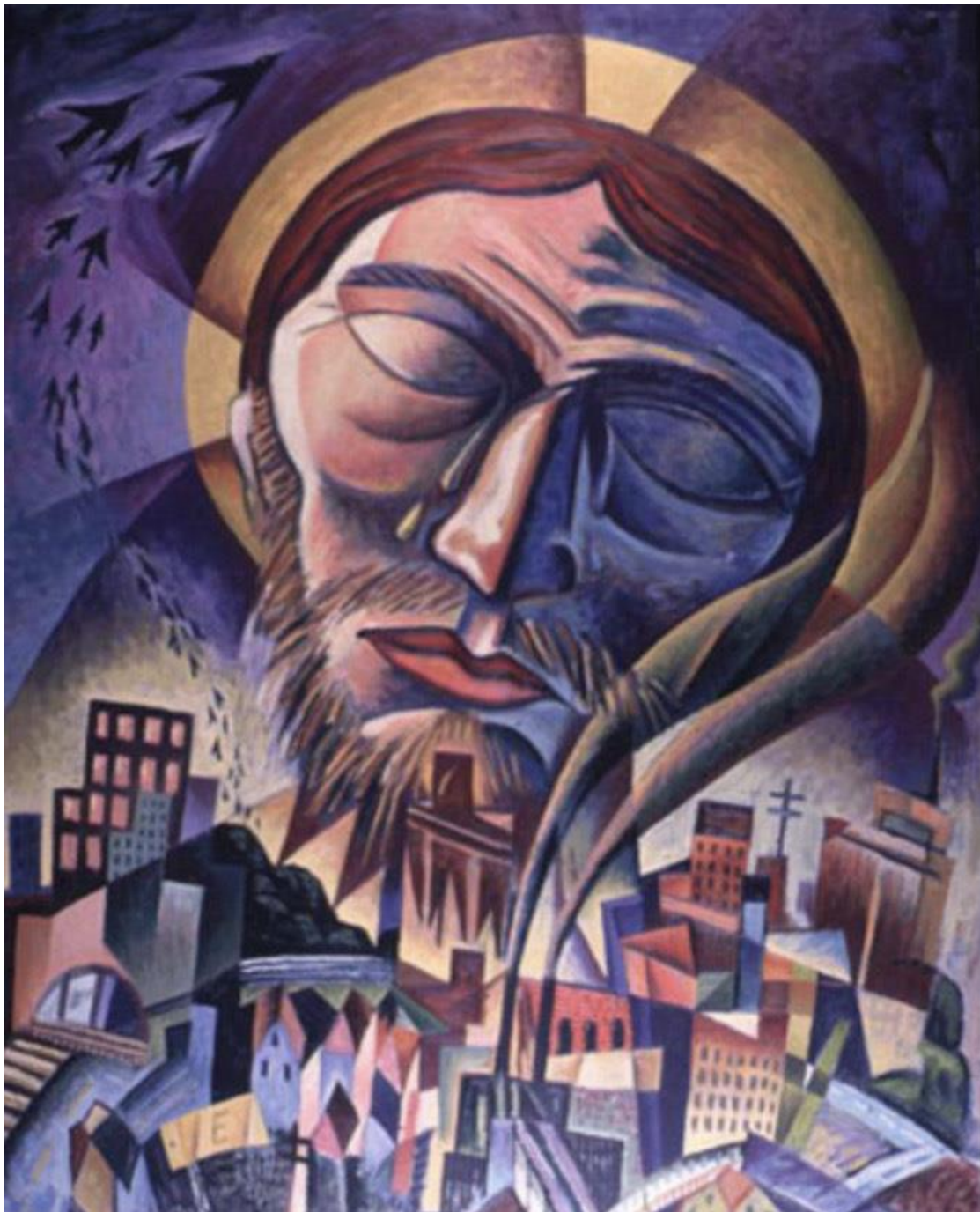


THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13th, 2022



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Prayer: 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. Amen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE: A prayer for peace in the midst of conflict.

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have been our life in the midst of death, and our peace where there is no peace. Look upon Your servants in Ukraine and Russia with Your grace and assure them that in the darkness of political unrest You remain the Light of the World.

Dearest Jesus, through the cross you defeated all that keeps us from the peace that passes understanding. In these tense days, we pray, be the Good Shepherd of Your flock in Eastern Europe and around the world and give all persons and countries aching from social and political turmoil Your Good News of sins forgiven, and life restored.

Holy Spirit, You gather us into Your Church where we are made new by Your Holy Word. Keep us from civil strife, from the aggressive spilling of blood, and turn back all misfortunes that lead to hostility and death. Grant a speedy reconciliation to those on opposite sides of the conflict; soften the hearts of the unmerciful and bring them to the knowledge of You.

Triune God, grant peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, and in Your whole Church on earth, that with one heart and mind we may sing Your praises, and have peace at the last, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children’s Message: Psalm 27:1 <https://youtu.be/5JzV2VsYNLQ>

Organist: Mayumi Munoz

Readers: 9 a.m. —Tom Kuhl; 11 a.m. — Fran Porteous

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 1 Thess. 4: 1-7	Wed.: 1 Sam. 3: 1-18	Friday: Heb. 5: 4-10
Tuesday: Acts 5: 17-29	Thurs: Jer. 20: 7-13	Saturday: Matt. 21: 33-46

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE: We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages where we are focusing on understanding and memorizing a Psalm verse each week. This week is Psalm 27: 1

WORSHIP NOTE:

- A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSq>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: christlutheransc.ca.
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoefts@gmail.com). or phone the church office (905-685-8294). May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite children to join us the first 2 Sundays of each month. We meet downstairs between Services. Please feel free to join us this morning!



MID-WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

begins Wednesday, MARCH 9th and continues every Wednesday from 7-8 pm until Easter.

Led by Pastor Todd in the church sanctuary
Materials will be provided ahead of time.

**"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS -- Jesus' Focus For Our Freedom:
A Lenten Journey Through Matthew's Gospel account of the Passion."**

WHY WE WORSHIP— YouTube Midweek Messages on "Gathering the Scattered". Gathering the hopes and dreams of all. Pastor Todd explains the parts of our worship services and shares why we worship as we do.

LWMLC/MARY MARTHA SOCIETY: Tuesday, March 15th at 7 p.m. Please join us for a presentation from Gateway: Residential and Community Support Services. We will also be making Easter Cards to show our care to our shut-ins.

LWML-Canada, Ontario District, Niagara Zone, is hosting our District Convention in St. Catharines at Grace Lutheran Church (accommodation at Niagara College) on June 9 to 11th, 2022. More details will follow. If at all possible, please plan to attend. It is a wonderful time to get to know and renew friendships with our sisters in Christ from around the province! It is a time to focus on **"Joy, Patience, Prayer"** which is the theme of the Convention. (Romans 12:12) *Our Seminary Student Eduardo Farias and his wife Daniella will be our wonderful entertainment for Friday evening!*



THE MARY MARTHA is collecting items for Medical Missions that they will take to the Ingathering at the LWML District Convention this coming June, we invite everyone to help by adding items to the container sitting on the Narthex Table. Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future:

- Antibiotic Ointment (Polysporin, etc.)
- Vicks VapoRub
- Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Children
- Disposable Gloves
- Vitamins for Adults and Children
- Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Cream
- Antihistamines – Benadryl
- Q-Tips
- Voltarin (Arthritic Ointment)
- Band Aids/Adhesive Tape
- ACE Elastic Bandage

Monetary Gifts made out to "LWML Ontario Distric Medical Missions". Everything appreciated with Thanks!

Women's Bible Study: Have you ever thought about the central role the table plays in the lives of Christians? The Bible is full of references about food, drink, eating, and fellowship. Jesus knew the power of the table and used it to teach and embody truth about himself. When we sit down for a meal with others, we get to know them better while we nourish our bodies and souls. In this seven-session series, complete with simple yet delicious recipes, Bianca Juárez Olthoff leads us through Jesus' interactions around the table, inspiring us to invite people into our homes, open the Word of God, and break bread together. We hope you will consider joining us in person, here at the church on **Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (March 25, April 8, April 22)** or watch this study entitled "**Table Talks**" yourself at rightnowmedia.org.

"Easter Pancake Breakfast": Please join us Sunday, April 17: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:

Lutheran Young people from across Canada will be gathering together this **July 15-19, 2022 in Winnipeg, Manitoba**. The theme for the gathering is "**IN NOT OF**" from Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ." Information packages are available from Louise. Save the date, check out the website at <http://www.lccnyg.ca>, start following the Facebook and Instagram pages and check out this fun announcement from Pastor Glenn Worcester <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68gXVYofMYY>

Last Sunday Attendance: March 6th, 2022 Attn: 9 A.M. – 50; 11 A.M. – 39; Total: 89

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or - (-)</u>
Current:	233,400.00	4,488.46	5,635.00	42,329.95	(2,554.67)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	384.62	212.00	2,792.50	(1,053.65)
Property Improvement:			66.00	1,225.50	

A MEMORIAL DONATION has been given to CLTS in memory of Josie Knoll by Erick & Deanna Albrecht.

EXTRA HANDS & BODIES NEEDED: we continually need extra people assisting in our services. With offering both 9 am and 11 am services, we are finding ourselves short staffed of volunteers. Particularly for the late service, we need your help in the following areas:

- 1) Greeting of Worshippers at entrance and Covid Protocol Preparation of our PowerPoint worship services [editing the Google Doc Slides, can be done at home]
- 2) Operation of the PowerPoint during church services [training with written instruction will be provided]
- 3) Taking a turn preparing the Altar for Communion and seasonal colour cloth changes [Altar Guild]
- 4) Ushering people to pew seats and directing people to line up for communion
- 5) Lighting and extinguishing of altar candles

Recording services using newly installed equipment [training with written instructions will be provided] We pray that you consider helping. We need participation from all ages. Should you wish more information about what is involved, please speak to Judy Slingerland, Tom Kuhl or Pastor Todd.

GREETERS: - What a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the congregation and at the same time enjoy a little fellowship! Greet members at the door, encourage hand sanitizing and provide them with a copy of the Bulletin and Worship Folder. It's as easy as that! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION: The purple stoles that the choir are wearing this morning for Lent, were purchased with money given by David McBride in memory of his dear mom Erna. We remember her with thankful hearts and love.

SIMPLE CREATIVE COMMUNION

March 13, 2022 + 9 AM Worship

FIRST SONG: "O The Deep, Deep Love"



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus - Spread His praise from shore to shore!
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;



Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me.
How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;



Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward To my glo - rious rest a - bove.
How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee.

TEXT: Samuel Trevor Francis
MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams

EBENEZER
8.7.8.7.D.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joyful are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

Joyful is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing wrong
and who is free from all deceit.

Ps. 32:1-2

Friends in Christ: let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask Him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *[Brief prayerful silence]*

Lord God, our heavenly Father, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from You and have chased after our own sinful desires. We fail in love, neglect firm faithfulness and ignore Your truth. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again back to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may love and serve You in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and turn to Him in faith. In the place of Christ and by His Holy Command, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SPOKEN MERCY

Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy on us and give us your peace. Amen.

We pray-- Blessed God of the Covenant, in the mystery of the cross You promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into Your arms, and shelter us with Your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS:

The Old Testament: *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17, 18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: *Philippians 3:17 – 4:1*

[St. Paul writes:] Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

SPOKEN LENTEN GOSPEL VERSE:

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful; slow, to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel: *St. Luke 13:31-35*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED:

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 the 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 worshipped 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Thy Holy Wings”

Thy holy wings O Saviour, spread gently over me
And let me rest securely through good and ill, in Thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, My rock and hiding place,
And let my ev’ry moment be lived within Thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near Thee, within Thy downy breast
Where I will find sweet comfort and peace within Thy nest.
Oh, close Thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
For I am but a newborn, and need Thy tender care.

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach Your true salvation in ev’ry age and land
Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

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MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG RESPONSE: ***“His Mercy Is More”***

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more –**

Chorus

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

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His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

♩ = 40

VERSE

G G/B C G

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 D Em C D^{sus} G Am⁷ G/B

-ni-scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af -

7 C G/B C G/D

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**
 D^{sus} D⁶ D^{sus} G G/B C G D Em

shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 -ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

His Mercy Is More - 2

13 C D^{sus} | 3. D^{sus} D⁶ D^{sus} G CHORUS C G Em⁷ D^{sus}

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is
3. What

18 C G D^{sus} D D^{sus} C G D Em⁷

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

22 C G | 1. D^{sus} G | 2. D^{sus} G

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God promised Abraham a son through whom blessing would come to all nations, so let's pray for the people of every nation, that God would bless them through Jesus Christ, his and Abraham's Son.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for fulfilling your promise to Abraham by sending your Son to be the world's Saviour. Bless all people with saving faith in him. Bring the Jewish people to look to him as their Messiah, and help your people be patient as we struggle to follow his way of the cross.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Have mercy on all whose destiny is destruction, whose God is their stomach, and whose glory is their shame. Bless the world by rescuing it from the confusion and suffering that comes with rebellion and false belief. Uphold Ukraine and all who help defend and support them in all their needs. Curb the warring madness of Russia and may the global communities' unity inspire peace and freedom:

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Thank you for those who take your word into the world - missionaries, pastors, teachers, lay workers, parents, and caring friends. Bless all people with a rich supply of your word, and provide it where it is missing. Protect those who are attacked for proclaiming Christ or for bearing his name, and have mercy on the enemies of your church, that they would turn and be saved.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Thank you for the world that you have made and filled with every good thing. Bless all people with the goodness of the earth. Direct medicine, scientists and the arts into clear and true thinking, and bless the world with proper use of their discoveries.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Have mercy on all who suffer, including those among us. Supply the needs of all those we know to be in want and whom we now name before you... *(names added here--)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father, you justified Abraham because he believed your promise. Grant that all may believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may not come into judgment, but receive life, forgiveness, and salvation, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY MEAL

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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1. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
2. Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of
est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
kings; Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of
est. kings. Lord, we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise; Be ex - alt - ed, O
Lord my God, Ho - san - na in the high est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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. 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 INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**

LAMB OF GOD

"The Lamb"

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Just A Closer Walk"

**I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long --As I walk, let me walk, close to Thee;**

**Chorus: Just a closer walk with thee; grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee; let it be dear Lord let it be**

**Through this world of toil and snares; If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee;**

**Chorus: Just a closer walk with thee; grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee; let it be dear Lord let it be**

**When my feeble life is o'er; time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er, to Thy king-dom shore, to Thy shore.**

**Chorus Just a closer walk with thee; grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee; let it be dear Lord let it be**

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Sanctuary

Words and Music by
John W. Thompson
and Randy Scruggs

♩ = 46

D/A Em/A D

A

G

Em⁷

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, and a quarter note E2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

4

D

A

F#m/A Em/A

D

true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, and a quarter note E2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

6

A

G

Em⁷

F#m/A A⁷

D

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

The third system of music concludes the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, and a quarter note E2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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**In peace, Lord, at Your Word, now let Your servant go;
For I have seen and heard, what all the earth must know.
Salvation for the world is here! And Israel's Light shines bright and clear
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame be to our God alone!
We proudly bear His name, proclaim what He has done!
For our redemption, full and free, To Father, Son and Spirit be,
All praise and thanks etern-ally.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We pray: Almighty God, Who has given Jesus Christ, Your only Son, to be for us both a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

Amen.

LAST HYMN:

"Rock Of Ages"

**Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone**

**Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee**

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March 13, 2022 + 11 AM Worship

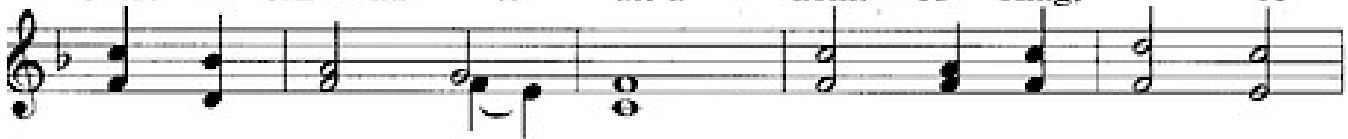
FIRST HYMN

"This Is The Day The Lord Has Made"

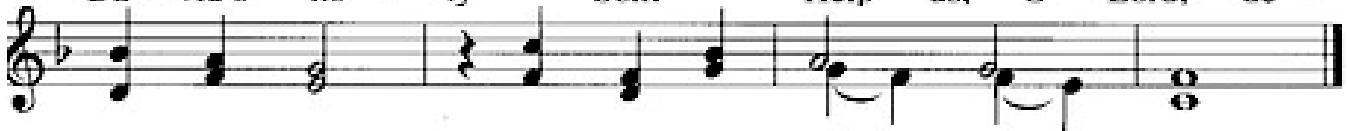
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1 This is the day the Lord has made; He
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice; let
Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his
Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth shall raise;
The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns,
Shall give him nobler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *[Brief silence for reflection]*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SPOKEN KYRIE:

O Lord, Jesus Christ

Son of David, Son of the Living God,

Have mercy on us

And bless us with your peace. Amen.

SPOKEN GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Blessed God of the Covenant, in the mystery of the cross You promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into Your arms, and shelter us with Your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS:

The Old Testament: *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17,18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

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

The Epistle: *Philippians 3:17– 4:1*

[St. Paul writes:] Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

SUNG LENTEN GOSPEL VERSE:

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful; slow, to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. And abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter:



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED:

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 the 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 worshipped 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Thy Holy Wings"

Thy holy wings O Saviour, spread gently over me
And let me rest securely through good and ill, in Thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
My rock and hiding place,
And let my ev'ry moment be lived within Thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near Thee, within Thy downy breast
Where I will find sweet comfort and peace within Thy nest.
Oh, close Thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
For I am but a newborn, and need Thy tender care.

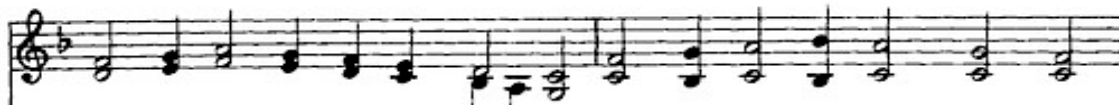
O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
 To preach Your true salvation in ev'ry age and land
 Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure
 To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

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MESSAGE

HYMN RESPONSE:

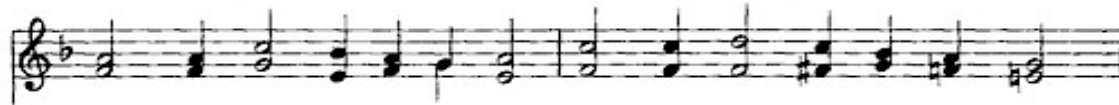
"For Jerusalem You're Weeping" [Tune: "Comfort, Comfort My People"]



1 For Je - ru - sa - lem you're weep - ing In com - pas - sion, dear - est Lord.
 2 By the love your tears are tell - ing, Lamb of God for sin - ners slain,
 3 O dear Lord of my sal - va - tion, Grant my soul your blood-bought peace,



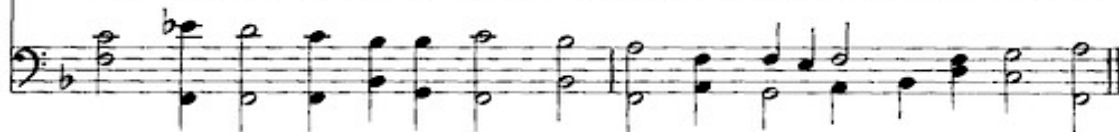
Love di - vine--your prom - ise keep - ing--O - ver err - ing Is - rael poured,
 Make my heart your tem - ple dwell - ing, Purged from ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
 By your tears of lam - en - ta - tion Bid my faith and love in - crease.



Cries a - loud its bit - ter moan: "O loved cit - y, had you known
 Oh, for - give, for-give my sin! Cleanse me, cleanse me, Lord, with - in!
 Grant me grace to love your Word, Grace to keep the mes - sage heard,



This your day of vis - i - ta - tion, You would not re - ject sal - va - tion."
 I am yours since you have sought me, Since your pre - cious blood has bought me.
 Grace to hold you as my trea - sure, Grace to love you with - out mea - sure.



Text: Anna B. D. Hoppe, 1889-1941, alt.
 Tune: Trente quatre psaumes de David, Geneva, 1551

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

God promised Abraham a son through whom blessing would come to all nations, so let's pray for the people of every nation, that God would bless them through Jesus Christ, his and Abraham's Son.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for fulfilling your promise to Abraham by sending your Son to be the world's Saviour. Bless all people with saving faith in him. Bring the Jewish people to look to him as their Messiah, and help your people be patient as we struggle to follow his way of the cross.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Have mercy on all whose destiny is destruction, whose God is their stomach, and whose glory is their shame. Bless the world by rescuing it from the confusion and suffering that comes with rebellion and false belief. Uphold Ukraine and all who help defend and support them in all their needs. Curb the warring madness of Russia and may the global communities' unity inspire peace and freedom:

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Thank you for those who take your word into the world - missionaries, pastors, teachers, lay workers, parents, and caring friends. Bless all people with a rich supply of your word, and provide it where it is missing. Protect those who are attacked for proclaiming Christ or for bearing his name, and have mercy on the enemies of your church, that they would turn and be saved.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Thank you for the world that you have made and filled with every good thing. Bless all people with the goodness of the earth. Direct medicine, scientists and the arts into clear and true thinking, and bless the world with proper use of their discoveries.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Have mercy on all who suffer, including those among us. Supply the needs of all those we know to be in want and whom we now name before you... *(names added here--)*

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Father, you justified Abraham because he believed your promise. Grant that all may believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may not come into judgment, but receive life, forgiveness, and salvation, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts -- **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their un-ending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LSB tune # 161

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

LAMB OF GOD

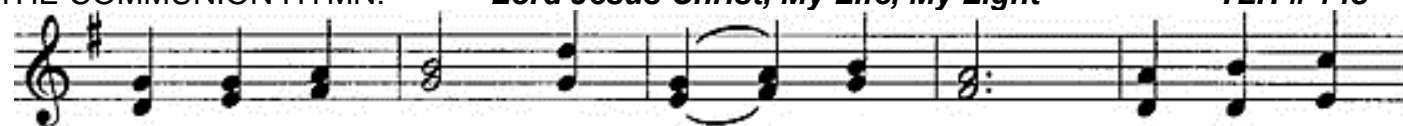
LSB tune # 163

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.

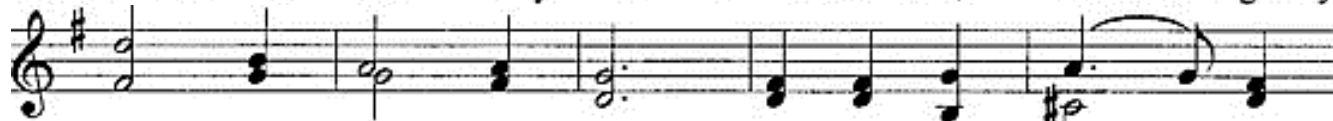
THE COMMUNION HYMN:

"Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

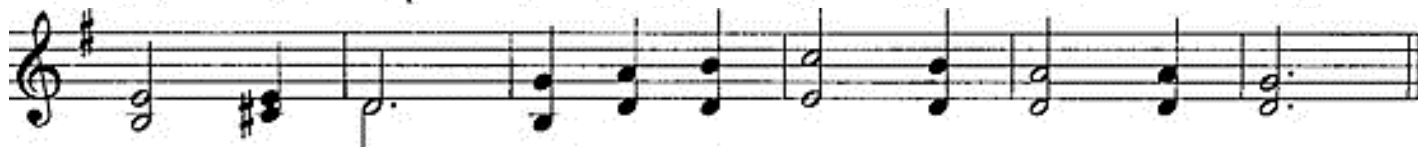
TLH # 148



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by
 2. Far off I see my fa - ther - land, Where through Thy



day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a
 blood I hope to stand. But ere I reach that



pass - ing guest And sore - ly by my sins op - pressed.
 Par - a - disc A wear - y way be - fore me lies.

**4. Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me, clefts in the rock forever be
 Where as a dove my soul can hide, and safe from Satan's rage abide.**

**5. Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read, that Thou to save me hast decreed
 And grant that in Thine opened side, my troubled soul may ever hide.**

**6. Since Christ has died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust.
 The gates of Heav'n, Lord, open wide, when, there with You, I shall abide.**

O Jesu Christ, mein's Lebens Licht
 M. Behm, 1557-1622
 Tr. C. Winkworth, 1827-78, *alt.*

HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS
As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: "Lord, Now You Let"

LSB # 165

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O Father, as You fed Your children with the True Manna, the Living Bread from Heaven, give unto us, we humbly pray You, that the Body and Blood of Your Son may be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, Your magnificent Heavenly Banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

Amen.

LAST HYMN:

"Your Body Giv'n For Me O Saviour"

LSB # 618

**Your Body, giv'n for me, O Saviour, Your Blood which once for me was shed,
 These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed:
 Lord, may Your Body and Your Blood, be for my soul the highest good.**

**With You, Lord, I am now united; I live in You and You in me.
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted, You are its true and lasting joy!
 Lord, may Your Body and Your Blood, be for my soul the highest good.**

**My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed Holy Trinity.
 With angels I, Your praises telling, shall live in joy eternally.
 Lord, may Your Body and Your Blood, be for my soul the highest good.**

Hymn #315 from *The Lutheran Hymnal* Author: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1710, cento--Titled: "Ich komm' zu deinem Abendmahle" Tune: "Ich sterbe taeglich" 1st Published in: *Ms., Municipal Library* Town: Leipzig, 1756
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REV. TODD HOEFFS

LENT 2

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

“How to make Jesus cry”

March 13, 2022

While going to visit a dying member in a palliative care facility [in WPG] I met a grieving family while riding in the hospital elevator. They noticed my clergy collar and asked if I was a catholic priest. I said, no, a Lutheran “priest”. Our mom is near death. Our priest isn’t able to come, can you help? If it’s not too late? Sure. I followed them into the room. Just seconds before I entered the room, their mom died. “Oh, it’s too late. She’s gone” they cried out. “It’s not too late. She’s in Heaven with Jesus; you’re all still here. I will commend her to the Lord and bless you with strength to meet the days ahead. I used parts of our commendation of the dying, we prayed the Lord’s Prayer, And I recited the Song of Simeon. I left them sad, but in hope. {Then I visited my member who was delighted to hear of this occurrence.} It’s not too late. There still is time to face life in the face of Jesus. This is central to today’s Gospel reading from Luke. Oh, we can be easily distracted by the ongoing feud between Jesus and Herod. We can wonder about how the powers of the world fit into the drama before us – then and now. Putin invading Ukraine for example, and his meaningless devastation. Nations coming together in global unity over this. Jesus turns his back on Herod. He dismisses him and his crooked status and power. And Jesus turns his heart towards Jerusalem. It’s not too late. Not even for those who have broken the heart of Jesus. Not when he uttered this aching lament nearly 2000 years ago. Jerusalem breaks Jesus’ heart. That holy city which had been the seat of God’s presence since ancient times. Jerusalem, where he found his home as a boy in the temple. Jerusalem, which would soon claim his life.

“Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

The city that murders the prophets is also the center of Jesus’ world. Luke’s Gospel story begins and ends with Jesus in the Temple, facing Jerusalem. Which is why Jesus calls Israel his baby chickens. As a Mother Hen, Jesus wants to hide and protect them against all that threatens them, Especially their own selves. A Mother Hens sitting on a nest protecting her chicks is a strong formidable image. While foxes love to eat chickens, and are very sly, foxes are above all, cowardly. A protective mother hen may be overtaken by the right pounce at the right angle – but foxes know they’ll be pecked and clawed and flapped at and scratched and might even get killed in the process. Foxes will leave protecting hens alone. It’s when chicks scatter out from under the wings that create danger and death. Chicks know they’re vulnerable when straying apart from mom hen, inevitably, they go astray and become targets for a fox. Herod is a fox, a cowardly, devilish leader who only serves his own desires. Jesus, always the protecting Hen, guarding, caring, nurturing, saving, will take the attacks and in the end die, but in dying, He’ll destroy the power of sin and death forever. *How often [has Jesus] desired to gather the children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”*

These words are uttered by Protective One Who will be vulnerable, betrayed, Who has loved completely, but whose love has been thrown insultingly back into His face. The one who has suffered rejection and who will too soon suffer unspeakably and die at the hands of that rejection.

Only the story is not done yet.

- Not for the Pharisees who warned Jesus of Herod's intent.
- Not for his disciples standing nearby.
- Not for the crowds who have been listening to his teaching nor the broken in mind, body, and spirit who have received his healing.

It was not too late then and it is not too late now. Not even for you and me.

Jesus is not accusing us. Jesus is not accusing Jerusalem.

He is lamenting Jerusalem. When he finally sees Jerusalem,

Luke tells us, "He cries over it" (Luke 19:41). He is sorrowing and protesting the end, the death, the narrowness and short-sightedness, of Jerusalem. For though Jesus' concern was spoken over Jerusalem, we can be certain he still has great concern over us, His followers. He no longer weeps for us, because His Blood has washed us into faith in Him. Against our will, we have embraced His way among us. Even when we reject his embrace. When with our hearts and with our lives we turn our back on him still. And Jesus' lament is fitting, for even at our very best when we reject the promised protection and love of God, we set ourselves up to try to live in a world on our own where for all of our best intentions, we will not do, can never be enough. And where our hopes turn to cynicism and our resolve to do good too often dissolves under the pressures of the world. And at our worst? Well, we know too well what that looks like. Again, the cry of Jesus is one of betrayal. It is directed at those with whom God's best gifts have been invested. The very likes of you and me. In what ways are your eyes, ears, or heart closed today? What needs to happen, to change, to be let go of, for them to begin opening? What would it take for you to bless an unknown promise, an unforeseeable future, an uncertain life? That won't change what is coming, but it will change us. "And you were not willing!" Jerusalem has closed to the future. The door of their house is locked and the windows are boarded up. "See, your house is left to you," Jesus says (Luke 13:35). Jerusalem has refused to respond to the promise and give existence to the insistence of life.

I see so much fear and the succumbing to that fear. Irrational fear. We need not fear, but remain strong and confident and formidable in our faith. We continue the ministry of serving from compassion that the Gospel will always lead. Jesus determines to continue his ministry despite Herod threat. He states that he will work "today and tomorrow, and on the third day,

I [he] finish my [his] work" (v. 32). Jesus means his death and resurrection in Jerusalem. Because Jesus' ministry is part of God's plan, Herod cannot kill him. Jesus also emphasizes the impossibility for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. Jesus is very much devoted to us, like a mother, who is willing to give his own life to save his people, His Father's dear children. But it's not too late. It is not too late. Not then and not now.

We worship a Lord who is fearless, on account of a great, sacrificial love.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). God's love in Jesus Christ's own protective unconditional grace and fierce loyalty. For the God of this church is not a fox, out to get us, out to scare us. But a God who wraps loving arms to hold us up, and be our strength, no matter what.

After all these many generations, Jesus prophetic message still speaks to the church today.

The church needs to choose between the fox and the hen. It is not too late.

The church needs to decide whether to continue Christ mission or to fear the rules and rigidity of expectations. In other words, are we going to follow Christ to the cross?

A fox will always threaten the church that accepts to be a hen. The church history proves that the church of Jesus has encountered many foxes. But Jesus assures us that mother hen is not afraid of the fox; to the contrary, she is willing to fight for her children. This is the ultimate love of Jesus Christ. When we refuse to come under his protection, he will never give us up.

Jesus Christ embraced his death on the cross and in doing so, embraces us and the world, inspite of Jerusalem's rejection.

This story is important for us as we are walking on our Lenten journey.

Jesus is determined to love you. No matter what you will face in your life, you are under Jesus' wings. And nothing you can do can make Him cry.

Amen.