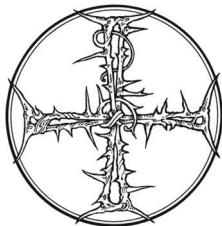


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Almighty
God, Kings of
Kings, who
has called us
into a King-
dom not of
this world;
send forth,
we pray, Thy
Spirit unto
the dark habi-
tations of
guilt and
woe. Commit
Thy Word, O
Lord, to faith-
ful witnesses,
that Thy
Kingdom
may speedily
come and
Thy will be
done on earth
as it is in
heaven.

Amen

~ *John Hus*
1369-1415



The Second Sunday in Lent

Reminiscere + February 25, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed" (Matt. 8:8). Thus spoke a Centurion to Jesus. The Canaanite women echoed words similar to that of the Centurion: "...even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matt. 15:27). They both were Gentiles. They both interceded on behalf of others. They both went to Jesus. And both had their faith commended by Jesus. What can we learn from this desperation? What does teach us about the mercy of our God?

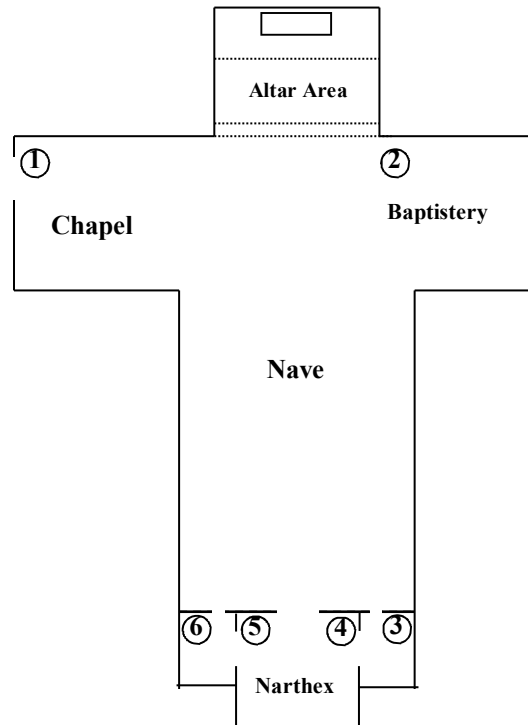
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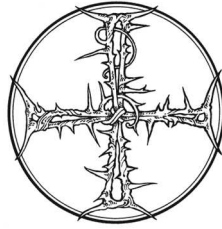
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Husband, Father, and Grandfather Larry Schubring, who would have been 83 on February 26, by the Schubring and McGivern families.
- Flowers do not adorn the chancel during the Lenten season.
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

... J. Wayne Kerr, Kenneth J. Kosche, and Jeffrey Blersch

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

... LSB #423

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you, of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

*Forgiveness
is the giving,
and so the
receiving, of
life.*

*~ George
MacDon-
ald,
1824-1905
A.D.*

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with him, through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life” (Rom. 6:3-4) .

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

INTROIT

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

**C: Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

L: To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**C: Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gres-
sions;***
**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake
of your goodness, | O LORD!**

L: Good and upright | is the LORD;*,
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

**C: For your name’s sake, | O LORD,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

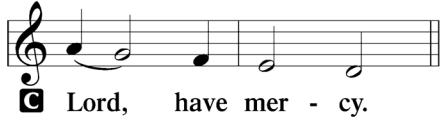
**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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

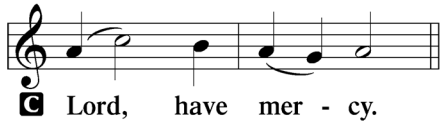
C: Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



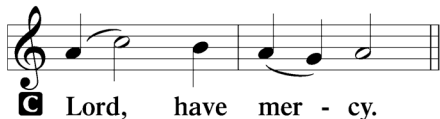
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



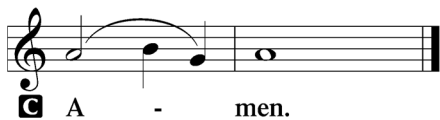
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



... Having buried our sins through confession at the font of Baptism, we journey to the table of the Lord, where He nourishes our new life. So goes the whole Christian life, a journey from death to life.

COLLECT

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

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 121*

L: I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?

**C: My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.**

L: He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

**C: Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

**C: The LORD will keep
your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

**All: 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**

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from

The 121st psalm is a psalm of comfort in which the psalmist comforts us by his example, so that we may remain strong in faith and wait for God's help and protection. Although it appears as though He sleeps or slumbers so that we are struck down by the sun by day and the moon at night, yet it is not so, though we may think and feel it. For God watches and keeps us secure and does not let the sun strike us dead. This we will come to know for certain at last, though we can now only look forward to it.

~ Martin Luther, Summaries of the Psalms, 1531 A.D.

Jesus, who himself carried his cross, knows it is part of being human to carry our cross, to shoulder our burden, and that only with our burden and not without it will we be sanctified. The burden that God has laid on someone's shoulders, Jesus will not take away. But he lightens our load by showing us how better to carry it.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, sermon preached in London in September 1934 A.D.

sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

TRACT

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!
Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you save them.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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

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

swered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When in the Hour of Deepest Need" ... LSB #615

SERMON

"The Struggle is Real"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

The air is not so full of atoms as the Church is of mercies; and as we can breathe in no part of air, but we take in those atoms; so here in the congregation we cannot breathe in a word from the preacher, we cannot speak, we cannot sigh a prayer to God, but that that whole breath and air is made of mercy.

*~ John Donne
A Sermon
on the
Psalms,
1626 A.D.*

O Lord, you are the host and the meal; you invite and you are the feast. You invited us to share in this Passover by giving us your body and blood. May we share in your passion and death so that we may one day be reborn with you in glory, praising you forever.

~ Maronite Liturgy

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY "Ah, Holy Jesus" . . . Michael Mazzatenta

Please stand.

Congregation:

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who now receive his body

and blood be filled with the strength to take up our cross and follow him.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



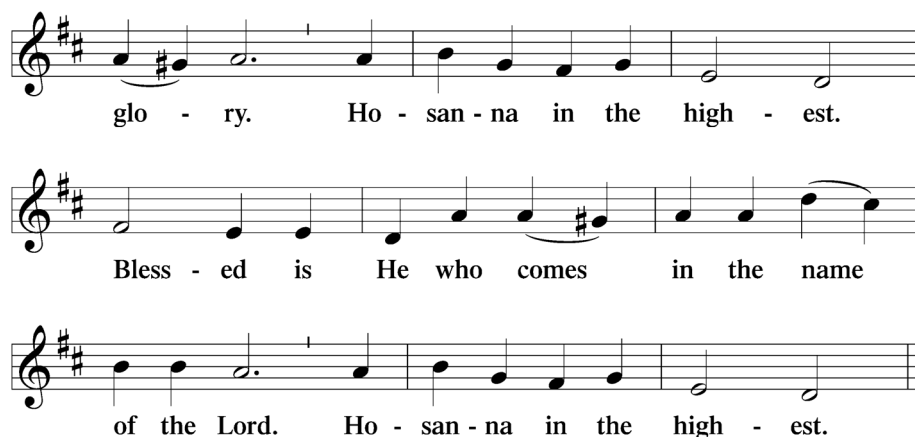
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

In the Lord's Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and substantially present and are truly offered with those things that are seen, bread and wine. Moreover, we are talking about the presence of the living Christ, for we know that death no longer has dominion over him [Rom 6:9].

~ The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, X, 1531 A.D.

We must let our Lord God say "No," as he holds up our petition for a year, two years, three, or even longer, being on guard lest our hope and faith be wrenched from our hearts. We will in the end find that God will do far more for us than we asked for, just as in the case of this woman. Had she asked for even more, he would have granted it.

~ Martin Luther, Sermon on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, 1534 A.D.



glo - ry. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the 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 of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

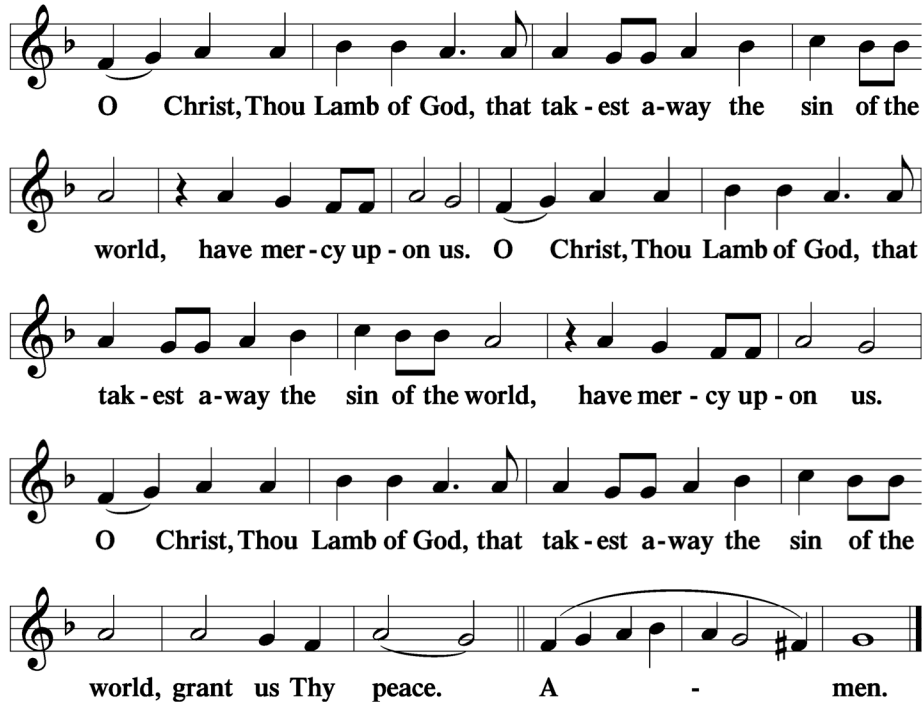
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

ACCLAMATION

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



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 be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

She catches Christ, the Lord, in his own words and with that wins not only the right of a dog, but also that of the children. Now then where will he go, our dear Jesus? He let himself be made captive, and must comply. Be sure of this: that's what he most deeply desires.

~ Martin Luther, Sermon on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, 1534 A.D.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ... Susan Geschke

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” ... LSB #611

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ... LSB #770

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven” ... LSB #877

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

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.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Prelude & Fugue in A Minor”

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Preaching: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
(Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: The Zion Handbell Choir

Radio: Ryan Fernstaedt

Lector: Grace Mueller

Acolyte: Hunter Renken

Communion: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen, Steve Zeinemann

Elder: Tim Pagel

Ushers: Sally Christoffersen, Landis Holdorf,
Frank Rodemeier, Tammie Rodemeier

Altar Guild: Jane Gjerde, Sarah Gjerde

A Prayer as You Go

We beg you
Lord, to help
and defend
us. Deliver
the op-
pressed, pity
the insignifi-
cant, raise
the fallen,
show your-
self to the
needy, heal
the sick,
bring back
those of your
people who
have gone
astray...May
every nation
come to
know that
you alone
are God, that
Jesus Christ
is your child,
that we are
your people,
the sheep
that you pas-
ture. Amen
~ *Clement of
Rome,
around 80
A.D.*

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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