



**Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas**

*Whoever
believes in Him
should not perish
but have eternal life*

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen. (Lutheran Service Book-2006)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service III – *LSB 184*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571 sts. 1–2, 4–6



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
soul from death; That is the firm - est ground of faith.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 184

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable 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.

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 $\cdot\text{†}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

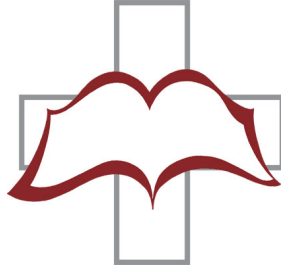
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit



Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

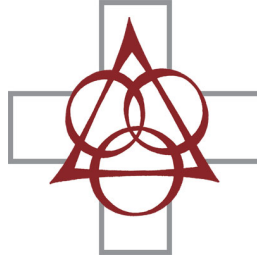
¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.





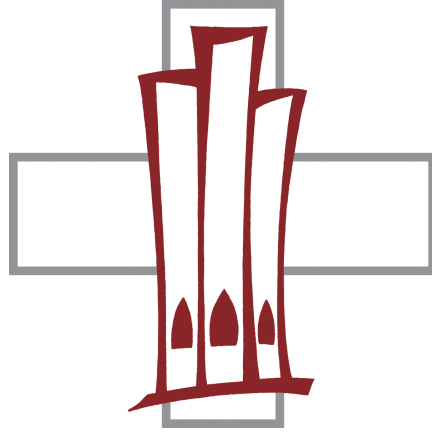
Nicene Creed

LSB 191

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.



Hymn of the Day

“I Bind unto Myself Today”
LSB 604

Ensemble:

*I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three.*

*I bind this day to me forever, By pow’r of faith, Christ’s incarnation,
His Baptism in the Jordan River, His cross of death for my salvation,
His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heav’nly way,
His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.*

3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
△ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The

pow’r of God to hold and lead, His
vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
strong name of the Trin - i - ty By

eye to watch, His might to stay, His
nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

ear to hear - ken to my need,
hos - tile foes that mar my course;
Three in One and One in Three,



(3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place, and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12; LSB 192



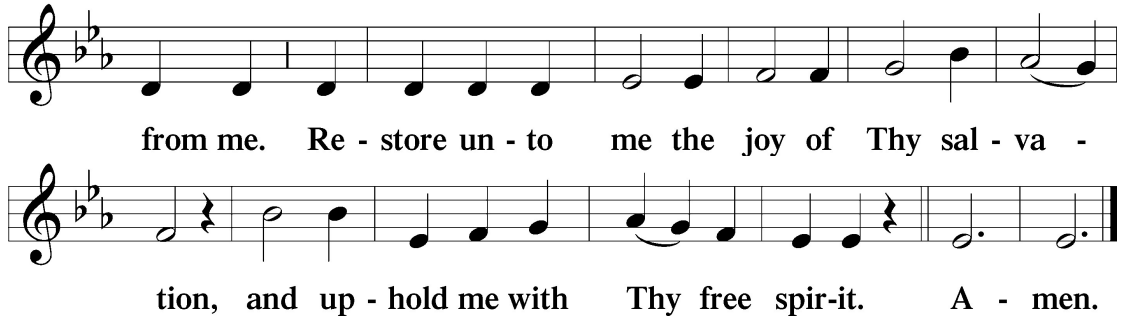
☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.

Sit

Offering Omitted

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, baskets have been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

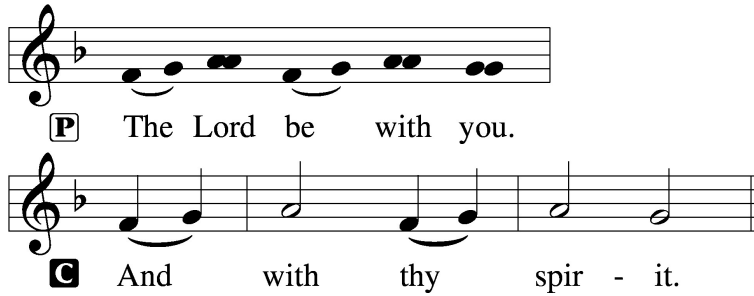
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Prayer of the Church

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

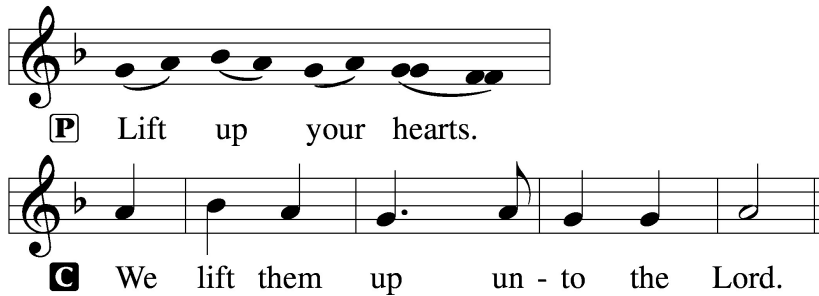
Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22



P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; LSB 195



C 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.

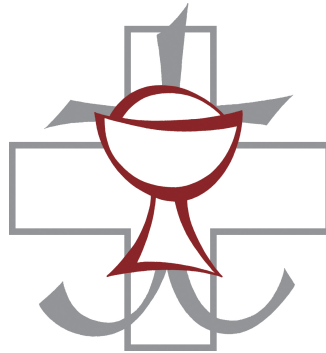


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; LSB196

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; LSB 197*

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

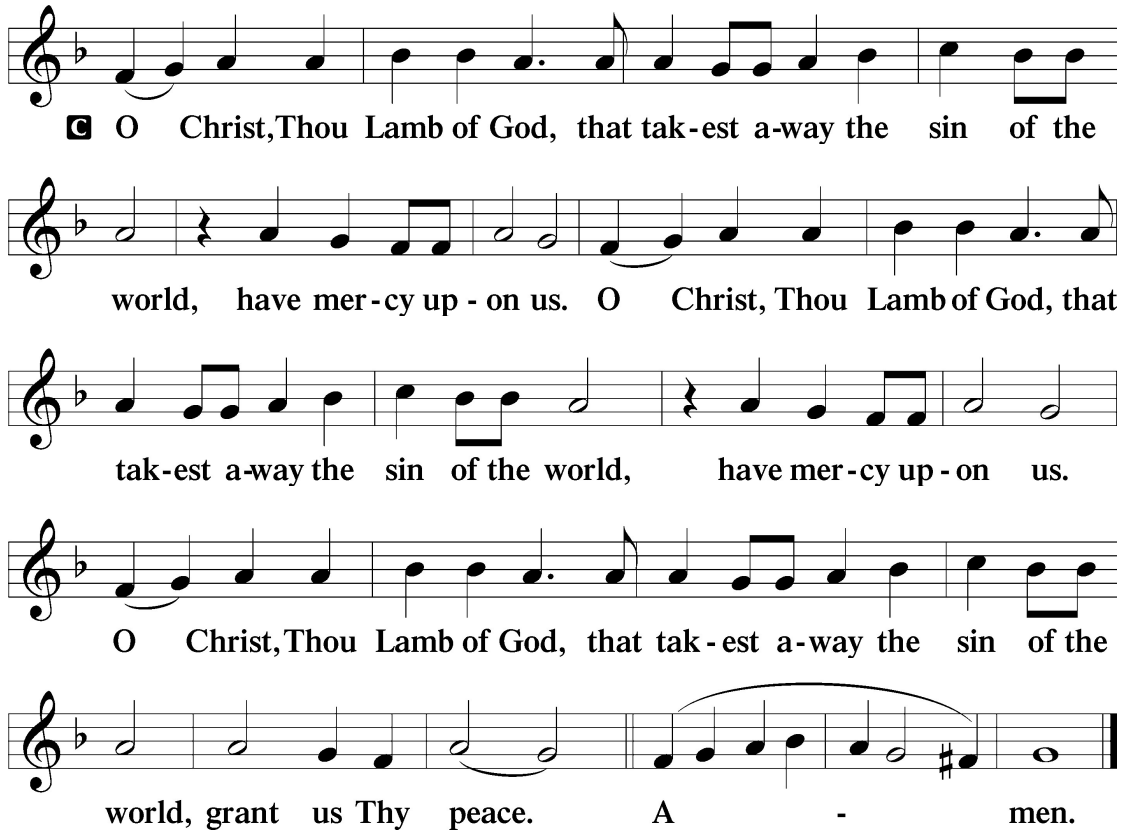
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 198



□ 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.

Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold open their hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 199



□ 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.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1; LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

- 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 in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



Salutation and Benedicamus

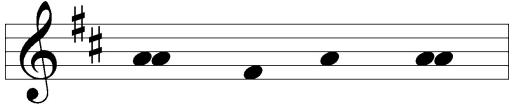
2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1; LSB 201



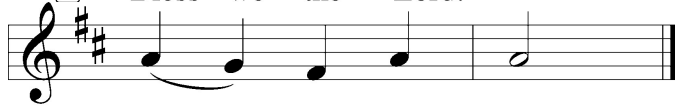
P The Lord be with you.



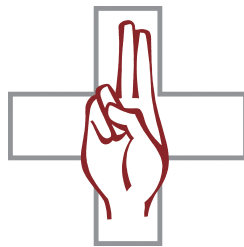
C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

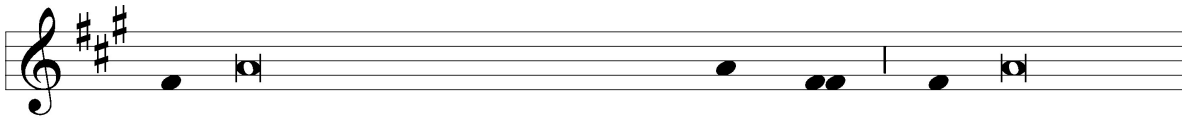


C Thanks be to God.

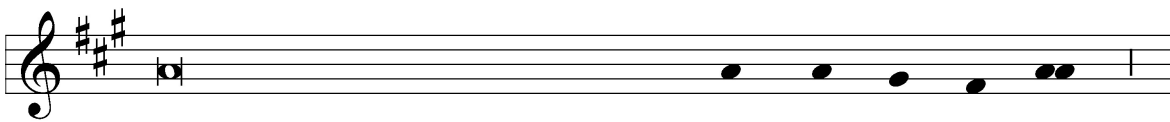


Benediction

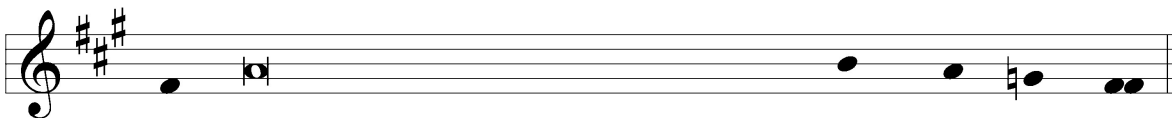
Numbers 6:24-26; LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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

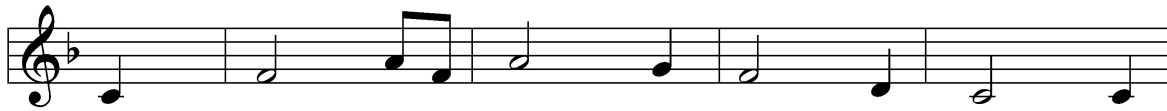


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

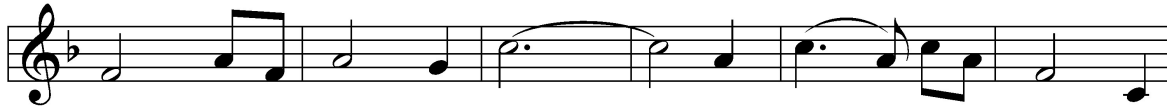
Recessional Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 and on zoom. They are doing a character study on *Your Unshakable Identity in Christ*.

Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor Shaltanis, meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30ish. This study is over the book of Mark.

Adult Instruction Class

New member adult instruction/confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday afternoons. If you would like a refresher or know someone who is interested in learning more about Lutheran beliefs, please join us this afternoon at 1:00 pm.

Easter Lilies Sign-Up in the Narthex



You may order Easter lilies to adorn the church Easter morning. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and indicate if you would like the lilies “in memory of” or “in thanksgiving for” particular individuals or ministries. A suggested donation of **\$12.00** may be placed with offerings or sent to the office with an “**Easter Lily**” notation. Easter lilies may be taken home following the 10:45 am service on Easter morning.

Congregation Outdoor Workday - Saturday, March 27, 9AM - 2PM

Bring your gloves and yard tools to help get our church grounds looking good for Easter Sunday! Projects include planting new shrubs, flowers, and ground cover, spreading mulch, laying new grass sod, tree trimming, trimming hedges, and filling low spots around the church yard. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or sign up online at: www.planolutheran.com/signup/

Candidate Public Forum

Make plans to attend a March 29th public forum presenting all of the candidates for local offices, including city council and Board of Trustees for both Plano ISD and Collin College. This open forum will be held at Lord of Life with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m. and the event beginning 6:30 p.m. This event is the first of a series of five in the Collin County area focusing on local elections. Sign up for this forum at: collincountyforum.com. The site will be active by March 15th.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: 2020 Choice Dollars Expire on March 31, 2021

Lord of Life has received thousands of Thrivent Choice Dollars from our Thrivent members over the last few years. These funds, unless directed otherwise, are deposited in our Endowment Fund. The deadline is approaching for directing your 2020 dollars. Once again, there are two ways to direct your dollars to Lord of Life: 1) On-line at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or 2) by phone at 800-847-4836 and say "thrivent choice" at the prompt. These grant dollars are awarded to Thrivent benefit members who can direct them to the church or charity of their choice. At Lord of Life, these dollars will play an important part in the future of our church and its ministries. If questions arise, see Dave Peters.

Running to Lexington

The 2021 LWML convention Bible study leader next June is Deaconess Heidi Goehmann. She's a licensed mental health practitioner/advocate who writes and produces resources to encourage proper responses to mental health, removing its shame, while sharing our hope in Christ. Join us at the

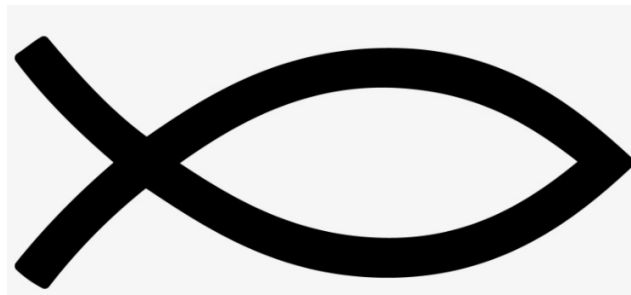
LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, as we are “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Location, origin, and residency can neither improve a person’s worth nor impair it. The Lord God’s worldwide redemption in Jesus (John 3:16) gathers from east and the west, north and the south (Psalm 107:2-3). How then can the confines of a woman’s womb or the bars of a hospital bed or the walls of a laboratory hold Him back when His great love has redeemed the human lives there as well?

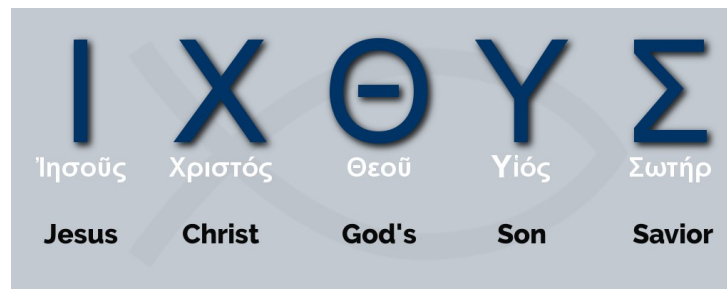
This week on KFUE.org

Complete Philippians and begin Colossians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Mark 12-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and worship in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/17 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.



The Meaning of ICHTHUS

In ancient Greco-Roman times, ICHTHUS was the Greek word for “fish.” In the early church sometime near the end of the first century, the word was made into an acronym for “Jesus Christ, God’s son, Savior,” based on this configuration:



The simple symbol of the fish is made of two intersecting arcs, the ends extending beyond the meeting point so as to resemble the profile of a fish. It has been suggested that when a Christian met a stranger on the road, he/she sometimes drew one arc of the fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company!

Today, the symbol is recognized by many as “the Jesus fish” even if they have no idea what it means. Perhaps you can be the one to let them know its meaning and use this ancient symbol to talk about Jesus Christ, God’s Son, [our] Savior.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:

Organist:

Altar Guild:

Elder:

Ushers:

Pastor Joel Shaltanis

Victoria Frinsko

Lynda Abbott, Laurie George

Kathy Hite, Nevelle Vess

Dave Peters

John Frinsko, Greg Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, March 14, 2021

8:00 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
(K-5th Gr, Room 113)
Jr. & Sr. IMPACT Class (Room 122)
Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary)
10:45 am Late Worship Service
1:00 pm New Member Class

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, March 18

7:00 pm Admin Council

Friday, March 19

9:00 am Comfort Makers

Next Sunday's Readings March 21, 2021

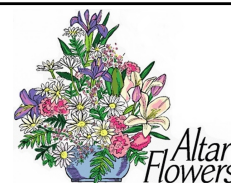
Old Testament: Jer. 31:31-34

Epistle: Heb. 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:(32-34)35-45

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Janice Sullivan in thanksgiving for God's family; and by the elders.



Lent

About the Cover: Jesus was lifted up on the cross so that all who look to Him for salvation would have eternal life. In that great Scripture of John 3:16, we also have the perspective of God looking down upon the world in love. Christ's act of going to the cross is the definitive act of God's love for us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."