

WELCOME, Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering box and come back soon!

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP: Almighty God, in this time of worship, please help us to be thankful of the salvation which You have so graciously given us. This we ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements + Please silence your cell phones +

Prelude "There Is A Balm In Gilead" (Spiritual/Martin)

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

Isaiah 42:14–16

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (11:00) “With My Voice I Cry Out To The Lord” (Clements)

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–7

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Sit

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave (1-5)

Sermon

Offering - *Please place in offering boxes by the sanctuary exits.*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

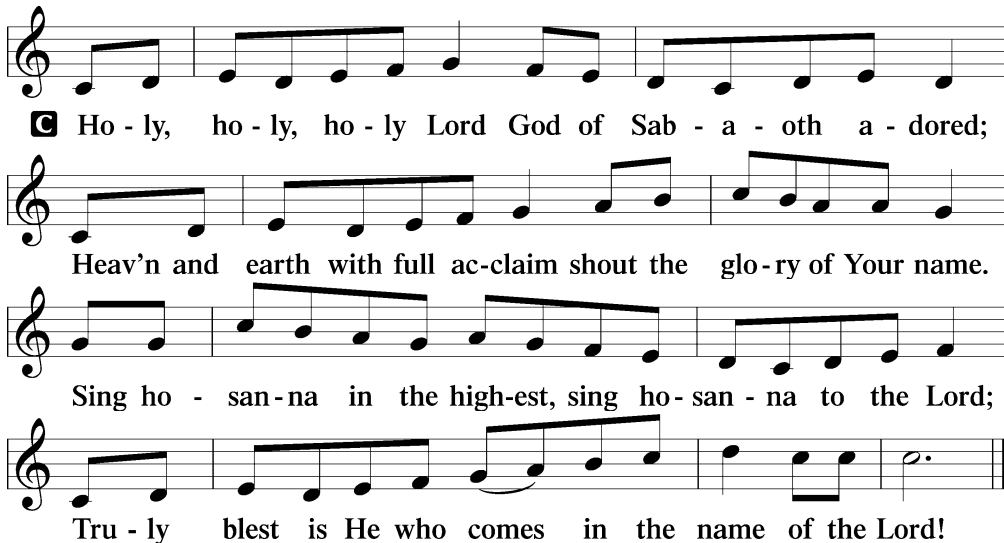
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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; 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

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

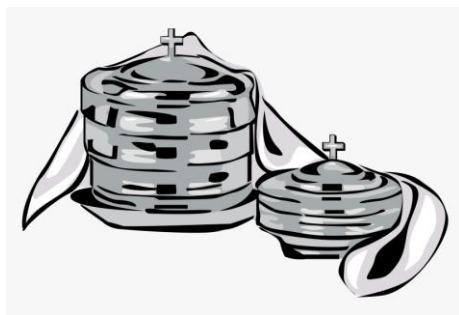
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit Distribution

537 Beautiful Savior

744 Amazing Grace



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

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.
- C** Amen.

Sit

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Postlude

“I Bind Unto Myself Today”

(Irish/Culli)

[St. Patrick’s Breast Plate]

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4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

FAMILY PRAYERS: We pray for God's blessing to be upon the work of Lutheran World Relief. We continue to pray for our nation, our community, our Preschool and all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Leah Peck, Tom Hoskins, Bob Schoessler, Gary Meier, Victor Vardanega, Fred Swenson, Larry Schneibel, Bob Barclay, Onie Morseman, Patti Weizel and son Kelly Napiontek, Rev. Mark Smith, Mark Thomas, Deacon Tim Bruce, Carolyn Stephens, Dave Cason, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Bernie Christianson, Don Haas, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Gerald Martin, Bud & Doris Harris, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Rev. Tim & Heidi Norton & their children Philip & Leslie serving at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, in Navajo, N.M.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by Vicki & Larry Schneibel in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Audio/Visual Team:** Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, Tom Davies
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jennifer Benson & Sylvia Baxter
Lectors: (8:30) Janice Moored; (11:00) Rev. Bill Norton; **Coffee Hour:** Fellowship Board
Elder: (8:30) Jon Wendt; (11:00) Don Brueckner; **Altar Care:** Keren McCullem & Ellen Wendt
Greeters: (8:30) Karen Adams; (11:00) Julie Clark & Marian Peterson
Counters: Paul & Traci Kaiser
Active Trustees: Larry Schneibel, Paul Kaiser, Paul Schwabe, Tom Maschhoff

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY: 1 pm Line Dancing in the Multi-purpose Room
TUESDAY: Circuit Pastors Meeting via Zoom
WEDNESDAY: 8:45 am Preschool Chapel
5 pm Bell Choir; 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
6 pm Soup Supper; 7 pm Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 8:45 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
10 am Living Way Bible Study; 12 pm Quilting Group
SATURDAY: 2 pm Private Memorial
SUNDAYS: 8:30 & 11 am Worship Service
9:45 am Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (*with coffee!*)



Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1st Sunday of the month in support of missions.

2022 OFFERING STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for 2022 are now available in the narthex to pick up and take home. If you prefer an electronic copy (pdf file) emailed to you, please ask our Financial Secretary, Lynn Thompson. (*see directory for contact info.*)



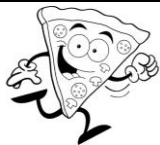
ROOF FUND: Per our last Voter’s Meeting, we have started a fund for roof replacement. If you would like to would like to make a special donation towards this fund, simply designate the fund, “FLC Roof” on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope. *Thank you.*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Anyone wishing to donate earthquake relief aid to Turkey and surrounding areas (or continue to support aid to Ukraine) via our church through LWR, may make their check out to FLC, with LWR – Turkey (or Ukraine) in the memo line. This check may be included inside their offering envelope or placed in the offering boxes located by the sanctuary exits separately. *Thank you.*

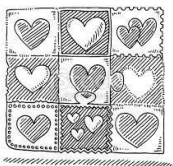


LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

PIZZA with the PASTORS & BASIC BIBLE TRUTHS CLASS: After Easter, our Pastors will teach another Basic Bible Truths class for all those wishing to review Bible basics or thinking about joining our church. This six-week course will begin on Wednesday, April 12th at 1 pm. Prior to the class at 12:15 pm, there will be a time for pizza and fellowship with the pastors.



THANK YOU: “Thank you to all for your love and prayers for me and my family. You all have been so good to me. I especially want to thank the Quilting Group for the sympathy quilt and all the people who signed it. We will treasure it.”



God bless you all,

Bernie Christianson

Wed. Evening Lenten Services continue at 7 pm

(Wednesdays - March 22nd & 29th)



Soup Suppers 6 pm

Wednesday Evenings
Preceding the Worship Services

