



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(LAETARE)
DIVINE SERVICE 3, PG. 184
MARCH 9/10, 2024
5:30PM/8AM & 10:45AM**

*Prayers for worship are found inside the front cover of the hymnal.
Please place this in your hymnal to help guide you through the liturgy.
Today's order of service begins on page 184 in Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME BY PASTOR

HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 420 - "Christ, the Life of all the Living"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 186

INTROIT: PSALM 122:1-2, 6, 8; ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 66:10a, 11a

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

A I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C **Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

A Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!

C **For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (OMITTED DURING LENT)

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit. (SUNG)**

P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P 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.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: PSALM 122:1, 7

G I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!

SECOND READING: ACTS 2:41-47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

TRACT: PSALM 125:1-2, 5b

G Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!

ALLELUIAS OMITTED DURING LENT

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

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (sung)

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sung)

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 743 - "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

SERMON: "FAILING THE TEST, BUT STILL BEING FILLED UP BY JESUS" - JOHN 6:1-15

OFFERTORY

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OFFERING: Taken at the door.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Note: We respectfully ask that those who are not catechized, confirmed, and communicant members in a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please speak to the pastor before communing at this altar. Please cross your arms in front of you for a baptism blessing if you are not receiving the Sacrament.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM: "God Loved the World So That He Gave", Youth & Adult Choirs, 10:45am

HYMN: LSB 641 - "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart",

5:30pm & 8am ~ Cong., 10:45am ~ YA & Adult Choir

HYMN: LSB 636 - "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

NUNC DIMITTIS

THANKSGIVING

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 683 - "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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