

MARCH 3, 2024 | *Third Sunday in Lent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today. If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents’ Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents’ Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today’s order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion,” communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Roger Holtz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Dan Lindquist
Ushers on Duty	Jason Diestler, Joe Massie, Joe Massie, Jr.
Altar Guild	Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

To Thy Temple I Repair | 2

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

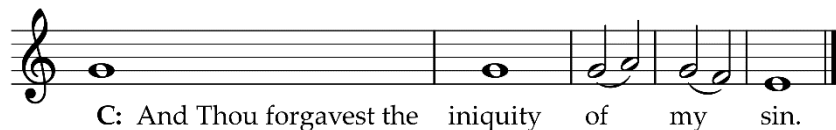


M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

M: 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.



You may be seated.

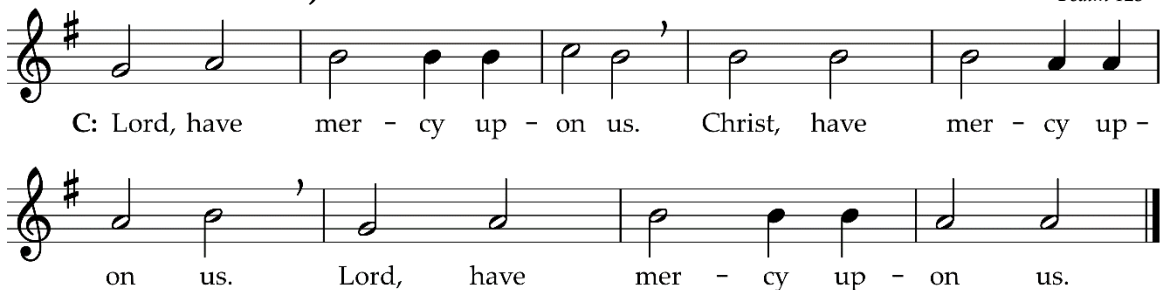
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God, I trust in You. Turn Yourself to me and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.



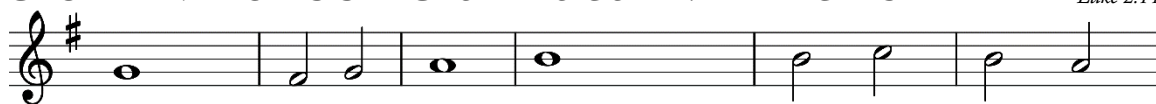
THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Psalms 123

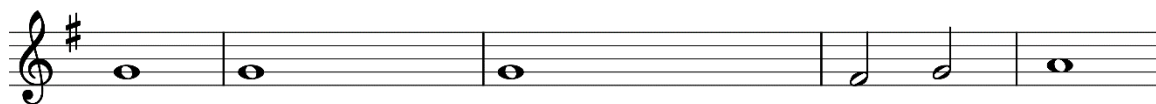


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

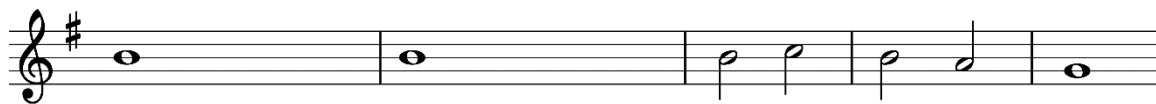
Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the



world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PSALM 19

M: The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

C: ²**Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.**

M: ³*There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*

C: ⁴**Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.**

M: In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

C: ⁵**Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,**

M: *And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.* ⁶*Its rising is from one end of heaven,*

C: **And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

M: ⁷*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;*

C: **The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

M: ⁸*The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*

C: **The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

M: ⁹*The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;*

C: **The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

M: ¹⁰*More to be desired are they than gold,*

C: **Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

M: ¹¹*Moreover by them Your servant is warned,*

C: **And in keeping them there is great reward.**

M: ¹²*Who can understand his errors?*

C: **Cleanse me from secret faults.**

M: ¹³*Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;*

C: **Let them not have dominion over me.**

M: Then I shall be blameless,

C: **And I shall be innocent of great transgression.**

ALL: ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may by Your help be enabled to live according to Your will; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying: ²“I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³“You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

GRADUAL

M: Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 2:13-22



merchandise!" ¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house ^[b]has eaten Me up."

¹⁸ So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this ^[c]to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Salvation unto Us has Come | 377

Vs. 1,4,7,10

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.


SERMON – John 2:13-22

Let Jesus Show You How to Worship

1. In the form.
2. With your heart.
3. To communicate with God.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: 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.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spirit.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; and now do we praise You that You sent unto us Thine only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake 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."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



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.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living | 151

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*“Now Dismiss”*)

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

people 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 with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

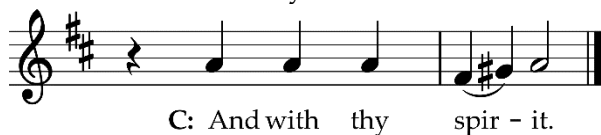
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through them 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 true God, now and forever.

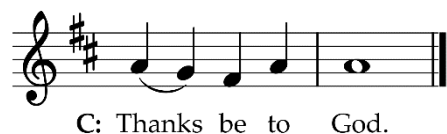


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



CLOSING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Thine Image | 179

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to Hartwigs and Schneses for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

PASTOR PETER HEYN – At our call meeting, voting members selected Pastor Peter Heyn of Living Water Lutheran, San Angelo, TX. Pastor Heyn acknowledged receipt (letter posted in Fellowship Hall). Please keep Pastor Heyn and his family in your prayers as he considers the Divine Call, Pastor Heyn’s contact information: Office: 325-658-3870 and email: pastorhey@livingwatertx.org.

WOMEN ON A MISSION FEBRUARY EVENTS – Thank you to everyone who donated to Laundry Love. We appreciate your help.

LENTEN SUPPERS – This week Wednesday is the fourth Lenten Supper at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship before the worship service.

EASTER BRUNCH – Sunday, March 10, is the last day to sign up for the Easter Brunch. The Kitchen Committee will determine then whether or not to move forward.

EASTER LILIES – It is time to order Easter lilies for our Easter service! If you would like to sponsor an Easter lily, the cost is \$15.00/plant. Simply place your money in a separate offering envelope, mark it “Easter Lily” along with your name and info, and place in the offering. The deadline for ordering is March 10.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING	
SUNDAY (3/03)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY (3/06)	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service, 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (3/10)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION
*Christ the King Ev.
Lutheran Church gives all
praise and thanks to the
Triune God for His grace
received through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.*