

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

OCULI-MY EYES (THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

March 3, 2024

AS WE GATHER: Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man as that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil’s armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

INTROIT Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Divine Service III

Announcements

Opening Hymn **LSB 427**
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*Confession/Absolution: LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit (printed pg. 1)

*Kyrie: LSB 186

*Salutation: LSB 189

*Collect of the Day: (printed pg. 2)

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #38

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:1-15
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Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9
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Psalm 4 (printed pg. 2ff)

*Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28
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*Apostles’ Creed: LSB 192

Sermon Hymn: **LSB 659**
“Lord of Our Life”

Sermon

Offertory LSB 192

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord’s Prayer: LSB 196

*Benediction: LSB 202

Closing Hymn: **LSB 908**
“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” v. 3

Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman now living on her own with her children; please pray for health and for wisdom in raising her children. a woman please pray over her life, children and decisions. Please also pray for her sick grandfather. a woman please pray for direction as she is not sure if she will stay or go back to Arizona. Please pray over her life. a woman dealing with anxiety, please pray she will find a place to live. Please also pray over her many health issues. a woman please pray for her family to be safe, and strong. Please also pray she will find a second job to supplement her income. a woman fleeing domestic abuse, please pray that she will find peace in this new city, and strength to begin again. a woman new to the area, please pray that she will continue to have strength during this transition. Also, please pray that she will find safe, good housing for her children. a woman please pray that she will find a job suited for her, a safe place to raise her children, and patience to have her many issues resolved. For men- For a man please pray over his upcoming surgery to mend his torn meniscus. Please also pray for a quick recovery so he can get back to work. a man please pray that he will find work to support his family better. a man please pray that he will continue to improve after having his gall bladder removed, and suffering unexpected health issues shortly after the surgery.



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***COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: O God,

People: whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 4 (responsively)

antiphon: v. 8

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

**But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.**

Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

**Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.**

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

**You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

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