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Introduction

For a generation yet unborn.

Like its predecessors, this hymnal celebrates our worship heritage with an eye to the future. Gifted poets, artists, and musicians don't stand by idly while the church marches on. The majority of hymns and rites you'll find here are time-tested and approved, but there are also worthy texts and musical settings that are fresh and new.

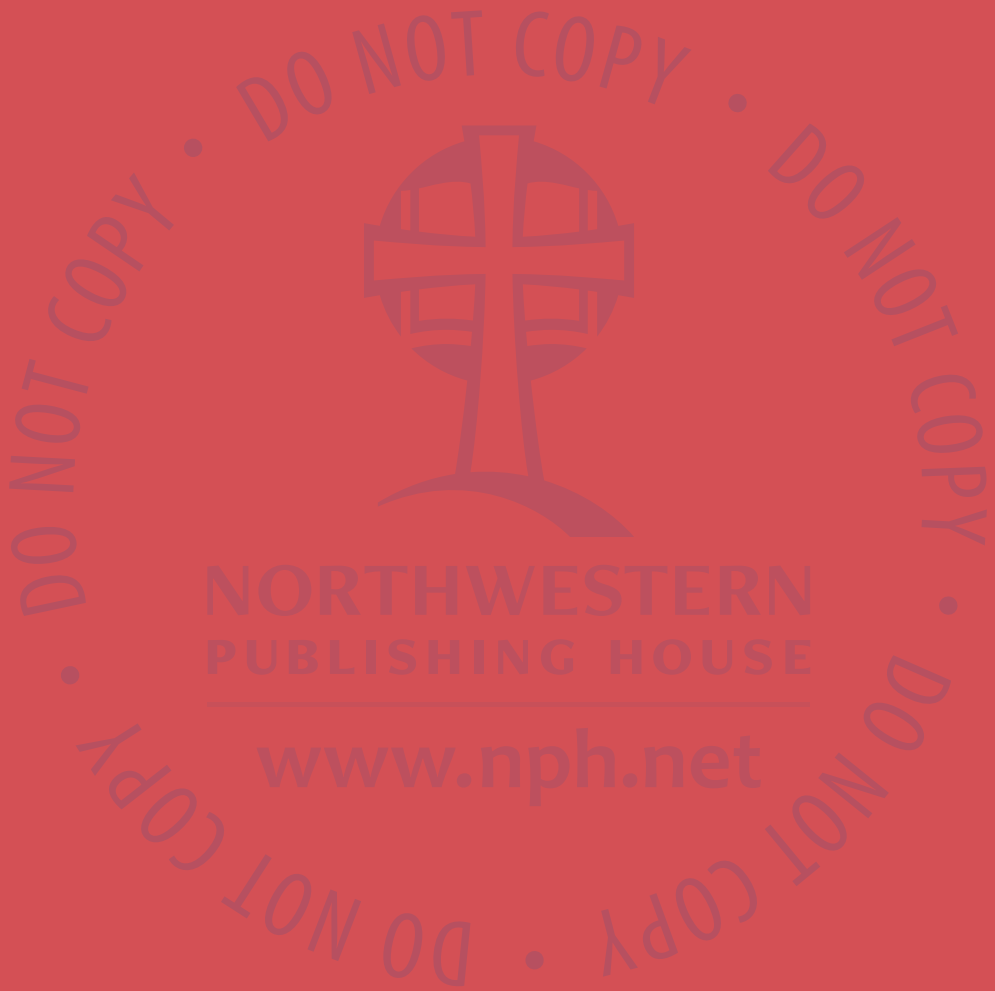
Also unique and new is the sheer volume of supporting materials connected to this hymnal. A musicians' resource adds thousands of vocal and instrumental options in a number of musical styles for churches of any size. A psalter provides additional musical variety and includes settings for all the psalms in the Bible. *Christian Worship: Service Builder* is a time-saving worship planning and publishing interface that affords easy access to hymnal content. Four new manuals offer educational, practical, and devotional context. When you add to these a commentary on the lectionary, a planning guide, and an updated agenda and handbook, it becomes evident that this worship resource is truly comprehensive.

With so much carefully curated content on hand, there is something for everyone to appreciate and to use: seasoned worshipers, newcomers, and *a generation yet unborn*. Those who produced this hymnal pray that it will be welcomed by many.

More important, this book of worship delivers what this and every generation needs. Cultures and customs change, but the next generation is going to inherit the sin of this generation, and the solution they will need tomorrow is the same one we need today. Early in the hymnal committee's work, it was resolved that *this hymnal will confess Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who comes to us in the means of grace*. Whether the things we sing and say are time-tested and approved or fresh and new, the central focus of this book is Jesus Christ: the forgiveness he purchased with his blood, the peace he gives us in Word and sacrament, and the praise he inspires from our lips and in our lives.

We still work and worship in weakness, but God has promised that his church will stand and that not even the gates of Hades will overcome us. We can't help but respond by saying, *We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord!*

Church Year





Calendar



Time of Christmas

Advent

First Sunday in Advent B/P
Second Sunday in Advent B/P
Third Sunday in Advent B/P
Fourth Sunday in Advent B/P

Christmas

Nativity of Our Lord W
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
First Sunday after Christmas W
Second Sunday after Christmas W

Epiphany

Epiphany of Our Lord W
First Sunday after Epiphany W
Baptism of Our Lord
Second Sunday after Epiphany G
Third Sunday after Epiphany G
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany G
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany G
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany G
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany G
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany G
Last Sunday after Epiphany W
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Time of Easter

Lent

Ash Wednesday BK/N
First Sunday in Lent P
Second Sunday in Lent P

Third Sunday in Lent P
Fourth Sunday in Lent P
Fifth Sunday in Lent P

Holy Week

Palm Sunday or
Sunday of the Passion P
Holy Thursday P/W
Good Friday BK/N
Vigil of Easter W/GO

Easter

Resurrection of Our Lord W/GO
Easter Dawn
Easter Day
Second Sunday of Easter W
Third Sunday of Easter W
Fourth Sunday of Easter W
Fifth Sunday of Easter W
Sixth Sunday of Easter W
Ascension of Our Lord W
Seventh Sunday of Easter W
Day of Pentecost R

Time of the Church

Season after Pentecost

First Sunday after Pentecost W
Holy Trinity
Second through Twenty-seventh
Sunday after Pentecost G
Reformation Day R
All Saints' Day W
Last Sunday of the Church Year G or
Christ the King W

Suggested colors: B = blue, BK = black, G = green, GO = gold, P = purple, R = red, W = white, N = none

Three-Year Lectionary



Time of Christmas

ADVENT

First Sunday in Advent

Year A

Isaiah 2:1-5
Philippians 4:4-7
Matthew 21:1-11

or

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Year B

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:26-37

Year C

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 19:28-40

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday in Advent

Year A

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Year B

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Year C

Malachi 3:1-7b
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday in Advent

Year A

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 11:2-11

Year B

Isaiah 61:1-3,10,11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

Year C

Zephaniah 3:14-17
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Psalms





Psalm Appointments



Three- and One-Year Lectionaries

Festival	Year A	Year B	Year C	Festival (One-Year)	One-Year
Advent 1	24	24	24	Ad Te Levavi	24
<i>Advent 1, alt.</i>	80	80	25		
Advent 2	130	85	66	Populus Zion	80
Advent 3	146	71	130	Gaudete	85
Advent 4	89	139	85	Rorate Coeli	19
Christmas Eve	96	96	96	Christmas Eve	96
Christmas Day	98	98	98	Nativity of Our Lord	98
Christmas 1	2	111	84	Christmas 1	103
Christmas 2	148	84	148	Christmas 2	8
Epiphany of Our Lord	72	72	72	Epiphany of Our Lord	72
Epiphany 1	45	2	2	Epiphany 1	100
Epiphany 2	40	139	145	Epiphany 2	66
Epiphany 3	27	62	146	Epiphany 3	121
Epiphany 4	1	29	71	Epiphany 4	62
Epiphany 5	112	103	67	Epiphany 5	65
Epiphany 6	119A	30	1	Transfiguration of Our Lord	2
Epiphany 7	119B	32	103	Septuagesima	46
Epiphany 8	62	45	133	Sexagesima	1
Transfiguration	2	2	2	Quinquagesima	31
Ash Wednesday	51	51	51	Ash Wednesday	51
Lent 1	46	25	91	Invocavit	91
Lent 2	121	22	42	Reminiscere	25
Lent 3	95	19	85	Oculi	73
Lent 4	27	32	32	Laetare	145
Lent 5	130	121	73	Judica	42
Palm Sunday <i>or</i>	24	24	24	Palm Sunday	24
Passion Sunday	31	69	31		
Monday in Holy Week				Monday in Holy Week	112
Tuesday in Holy Week				Tuesday in Holy Week	69
Wednesday in Holy Week				Wednesday in Holy Week	40

Blessed Are They

Refrain



Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!

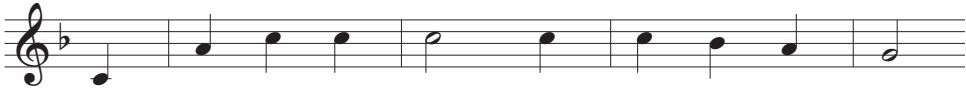
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de-/struction.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be-/ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

150

Sing Praise to the LORD,
You People of Grace

1 Sing praise to the LORD, you peo - ple of grace;
 2 His great - ness ex - ceeds what words can ex - plain,
 3 Where mu - sic is made, let rhy - thms a - bound:
 4 Yield all that you are to wor - ship the LORD—



fill heav'n with the songs that sound from this place;
 and his is the pow'r no force can re - strain;
 let cym - bals and drums add weight to the sound;
 see life as a psalm, each mo - ment a chord;



since you are God's ser - vants and meet in his name,
 with fan - fares of horns and cre - scen - dos of strings,
 with dance that is grace - ful and words that are clear,
 let har - mon - ies flour - ish and mel - o - dies soar—



his won - ders de - clare and his glo - ry pro - claim.
 raise an - thems to hon - or the King of all kings.
 bring joy to the God you a - dore and re - vere.
 let all that has breath praise the LORD ev - er - more.

Refrain

Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le! Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Holy Baptism



A baptism hymn may be sung.

Remain seated

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

The Service

Setting One



Hymn

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

or

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

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Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



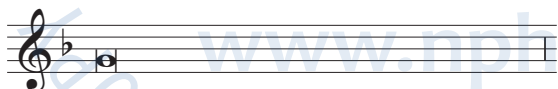
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



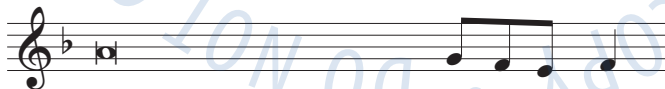
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world,



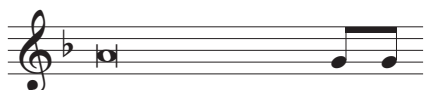
for the well-being of the Church of God,



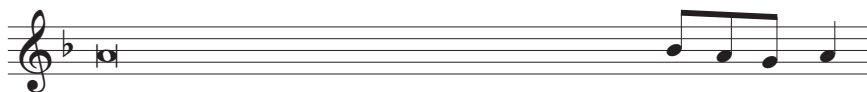
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for



all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



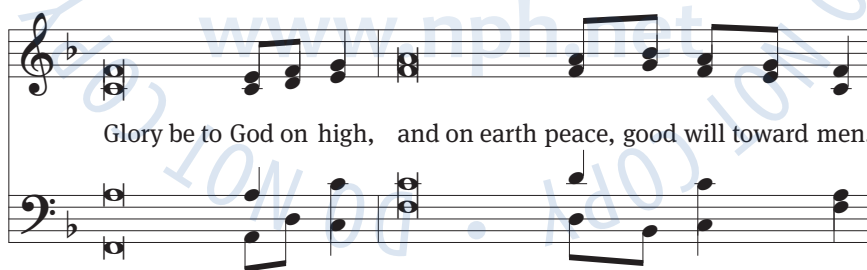
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



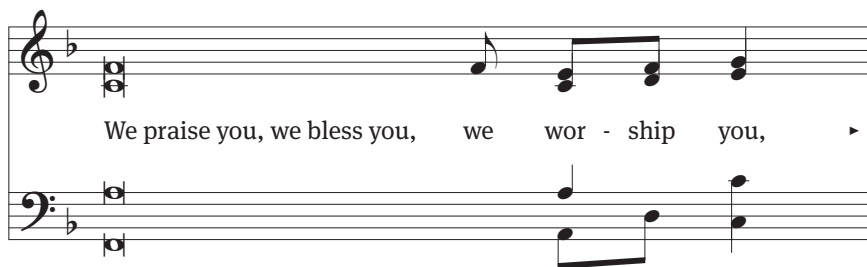
A - men.

"This Is the Feast" or another canticle may be sung. "Glory Be to God" may be omitted during Advent and Lent.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, ▶

Daily Prayer





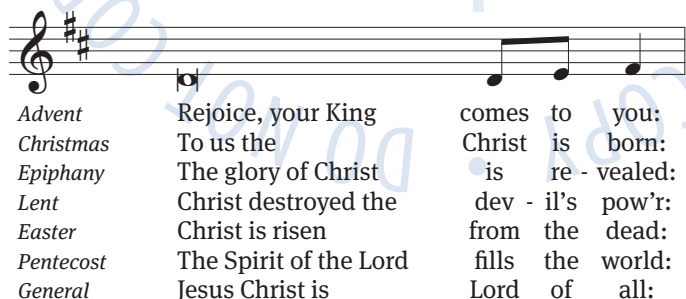
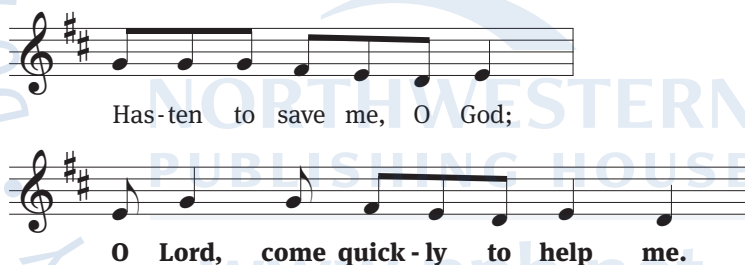
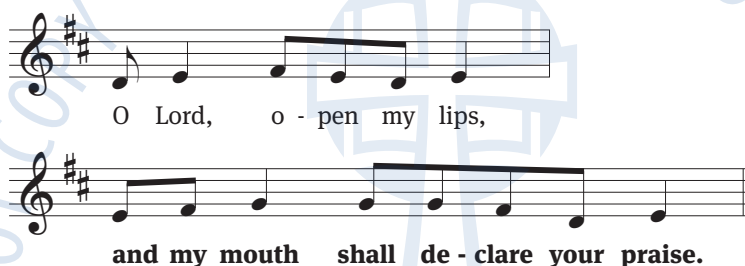
Morning Prayer

Matins



A hymn may be sung.

Stand



Evening Prayer

Vespers



Stand



Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



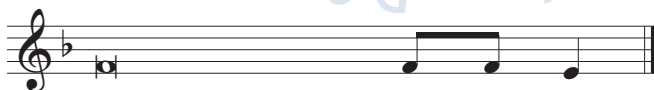
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat-ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

Compline



The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4.

night and peace at the last.

A - - - men.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High,

to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,

your truth at the close of day.

Daily Devotions





Daily Devotions



The Daily Devotions are based on services of the Daily Office, a centuries-old series of services for different times of day and night. These devotions provide simple guides for Christian individuals and families as they set aside moments for the Word of God and prayer throughout the day. The Daily Devotions also are fitting for Christian classrooms and for opening or closing meetings of various groups in a congregation.

The Daily Devotions include only the text of each service. The canticles printed here may be spoken by an individual, a group, the devotion leader, or some combination of worshipers. Musical settings of some canticles (“We Praise You, O God,” “Song of Zechariah,” and “Song of Mary”) may be found in the Daily Prayer services. Musical settings of these and many other canticles may be found in the Service Music section of the hymnal (#933-958).

A reading from the Daily Lectionary (pp. 248-253) can easily be incorporated into the Daily Devotions. Alternatively, devotion leaders may select a reading appropriate for their group. A reading from the Small Catechism (pp. 286-294), a treasured summary of the foundational truths of the Christian faith, may be an edifying addition to the Daily Devotions.

Following a Scripture reading or selection from the Small Catechism, the following questions may be helpful to lead individuals or groups in reflection:

What is God teaching me here?

What do these words lead me to confess?

For what do these words lead me to give thanks?

For what do these words lead me to pray?

Hymns and psalms traditionally connected to a certain time of day are suggested for each devotion. Other fitting hymns and psalms may be sung.

One or more of the Personal Prayers (pp. 255-258) may be a suitable addition to the regular prayers in the Daily Devotions. Special intercessions on behalf of particular people and needs may also be offered.

“From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3).

Morning

Matins

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all:
praise and thanks to God!

Hymn

"Father, We Praise You" (#778) or another hymn may be sung.

Psalm

Psalm 95 or another psalm is sung or spoken.

Reading

We Praise You, O God *Te Deum Laudamus*

"We Praise You, O God" (p. 210) or another canticle is sung or spoken.

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'nly hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

Daily Lectionary



In this lectionary, two readings of 15-25 verses each are provided for each day. Under this plan, nearly all of the New Testament and approximately one-third of the Old Testament are read each year. During the seasons of Lent and Easter, the Church Year calendar is followed. Following Holy Trinity Sunday, the calendar year is followed. *Italic type indicates an additional, optional reading.*

LENT

Ash Wednesday

W Genesis 1:1-19
Mark 1:1-13
Th Genesis 1:20-2:3
Mark 1:14-28
F Genesis 2:4-25
Mark 1:29-45
S Genesis 3:1-24
Mark 2:1-17

Lent 1

Su Genesis 4:1-26
Mark 2:18-28
M Genesis 6:1-7:5
Mark 3:1-19
T Genesis 7:11-8:12
Mark 3:20-35
W Genesis 8:13-9:17
Genesis 9:18-11:26
Mark 4:1-20
Th Genesis 11:27-12:20
Mark 4:21-41
F Genesis 13:1-18
Genesis 14:1-24
Mark 5:1-20
S Genesis 15:1-21
Mark 5:21-43

Lent 2

Su Genesis 16:1-9,15-17:22
Mark 6:1-13
M Genesis 18:1-15
Genesis 18:16-20:18
Mark 6:14-34
T Genesis 21:1-21
Mark 6:35-56
W Genesis 22:1-19
Mark 7:1-23

Th Genesis 24:1-31
Mark 7:24-37
F Genesis 24:32-52,61-67
Genesis 25:1-26:35
Mark 8:1-21
S Genesis 27:1-29
Mark 8:22-38

Lent 3

Su Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22
Mark 9:1-13
M Genesis 29:1-30
Genesis 29:31-34:31
Mark 9:14-32
T Genesis 35:1-29
Mark 9:33-50
W Genesis 37:1-36
Mark 10:1-12

Th Genesis 39:1-23
Mark 10:13-31
F Genesis 40:1-23
Mark 10:32-52
S Genesis 41:1-27
Mark 11:1-19

Lent 4

Su Genesis 41:28-57
Mark 11:20-33
M Genesis 42:1-34,38
Mark 12:1-12
T Genesis 43:1-28
Mark 12:13-27
W Genesis 44:1-18,32-34
Mark 12:28-44
Th Genesis 45:1-20,24-28
Mark 13:1-23
F Genesis 47:1-31
Genesis 48:1-49:28
Mark 13:24-37

S Genesis 49:29-50:7,14-26
Mark 14:1-11

Lent 5

Su Exodus 1:1-22
Mark 14:12-31
M Exodus 2:1-22
Mark 14:32-52
T Exodus 2:23-3:22
Mark 14:53-72
W Exodus 4:1-18
Mark 15:1-15
Th Exodus 4:19-31
Mark 15:16-32
F Exodus 5:1-6:1
Mark 15:33-47
S Exodus 7:1-25
Mark 16:1-20

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

Su Exodus 8:1-32
Psalms 118
Hebrews 1:1-14
M Exodus 9:1-28
Lamentations 1:1-22
Hebrews 2:1-18
T Exodus 9:29-10:20
Lamentations 2:1-22
Hebrews 3:1-19
W Exodus 10:21-11:10
Lamentations 3:1-66
Hebrews 4:1-16

Holy Thursday

Th Exodus 12:1-28
Lamentations 4:1-22
Hebrews 5:1-14
Psalms 31

Personal Prayers



FOR THE FAMILY

O Lord, visit our home and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let your holy angels dwell here to preserve us in peace, and let your blessing always be on us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR PEACE AND PATIENCE IN THE FAMILY

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love never fails. Lord Jesus, you did not give up on us or abandon a world of sinners; instead, you made your dwelling among us. Give us patient and selfless love that reflects your love for us. Move us to put aside the pain of the past, to forgive those who have sinned against us, and to enjoy together the peace of being forgiven by you and by one another.

FOR MY CONGREGATION

Lord Jesus, you promised, “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” I thank you for my congregation, where I can join with sisters and brothers to enjoy the good news and share it with others. Send your Holy Spirit among us to enlighten our knowledge, increase our love, guide our mission, and renew our zeal to carry out the ministry of the gospel here and everywhere.

FOR MY SYNOD

Lord Jesus, your Spirit calls and gathers the whole Church on earth and empowers it for service. Guide and preserve the work we do with other congregations in our synod. Keep us loyal to your Word, and give us courage to confess your truth boldly. Bestow on our leaders pure hearts, clear vision, and patient faith. Raise up new generations of faithful witnesses who will join us to proclaim the gospel to every creature.

FOR THE NATION

Almighty God, you have given us a land where we are free to read and hear your Word, confess your name, and work together for the extension of your kingdom. Preserve the liberty you have given us for generations to come, that the power of the gospel may increase and be a blessing for all the nations of the earth.



Service of Holy Baptism



A baptism hymn may be sung.

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

In the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Service of Word and Prayer



Hymn

Stand

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Time of Christmas:

Show us your unfailing
love, Lord,
**and grant us your
salvation.**

The glory of the Lord will
be revealed,
**and all people will see
it together.**

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us.
**We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one
and only Son, who
came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

Time of Easter:

God made him who had
no sin to be sin for us
**so that in him we
might become the
righteousness of God.**

Jesus was delivered over
to death for our sins
**and was raised to life
for our justification.**

Death has been
swallowed up in victory!
**Thanks be to God! He
gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.**

Time of the Church:

Teach me, Lord, the way
of your decrees,
**that I may follow it
to the end.**

Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light on my path.

Faith comes from
hearing the message,
**and the message is
heard through the
word about Christ.**

Christian Wedding



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We are here in the sight of God and his people to rejoice with [name] and [name] as they begin their lives as husband and wife. God established marriage at the beginning of time as a blessing to the man and woman he created, and he continues to guide and bless those he unites in marriage. Moses wrote about the marriage of Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis:

The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Marriage was part of God's perfect creation, but Adam and Eve rebelled against God and brought sin into the world. Sadly, the tragedy of sin also has affected marriage and the home, but in love God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to save the world from sin. Through faith in Jesus, God forgives us and unites us to Christ as members of his family.

God intends marriage to reflect the union of Christ and his people. He instructs husbands to imitate the unconditional and self-sacrificing love of Christ. He urges wives to reflect the Christian's joyful respect and submission to Jesus. St. Paul described this relationship in his letter to the Ephesians:

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Christian Funeral



Remembrance of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In Holy Baptism, [name] was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *his* sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

God's Comfort

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ, who is our life, appears,

then we also will appear with him in glory.

Corporate Confession and Absolution



In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

Psalm

One or more psalms are sung or said. Silence for meditation and a prayer may follow each psalm.

Reading

A sermon or brief address may follow.

The congregation may kneel or stand.

Individual Confession and Absolution



Minister:

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Penitent:

Amen.

Minister and Penitent:

Open my lips, Lord,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight.

Penitent:

I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

Specific sins may be confessed.

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

Minister and Penitent:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

The Small Catechism

Dr. Martin Luther



I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.



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Savior of the Nations, Come

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 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
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heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
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