

Lent Service 3
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM

(Stand as the minister enters the sanctuary)

OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 285

L O Lord, open my lips,

G and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

G make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.**

PSALM *(Spoken by half verse)* Psalm 22:23–31

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,

**and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

**those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,

**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn,

that he has done it.

**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.**

(Sit)

READING OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

READING MATTHEW 5:21

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 581 THESE ARE THE HOLY TEN COMMANDS sts.

1, 6, 11–12

1 These are the holy Ten Commands
God gave to us by Moses’ hands
When high on Sinai’s mount he stood,
Receiving them for our good.
Have mercy, Lord!

6 You shall not murder, hurt nor hate;
Your anger dare not dominate.
Be kind and patient; Help, defend,
And treat your foe as your friend.
Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein
That you have not been free from sin
But also that you clearly see
How pure toward God life should be.
Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord!

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CATECHISM The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

SERMON The Fifth Commandment

OFFERING

(Stand)

KYRIE

LSB 285

L O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

VERSICLES

LSB 286

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray.
. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects (Amen to each)

EVENING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 287

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

LSB 287

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

(Sit)

CLOSING HYMN 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

**5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.**

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