

Lent Service 5
Wednesday, March 13, 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)*

Psalms 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10

BETH

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

¹²Blessèd are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

¹³With my lips I declare

all the just decrees of your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts

and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

(Sit)

READING OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

READING MATTHEW 18:15-20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he

refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed¹⁹ in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 581 THESE ARE THE HOLY TEN COMMANDS sts.

1, 9, 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!

9 “Bear no false witness nor defame
Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
But view him in the kindest way;
Speak truth in all that you say,”
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 Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
What does this mean? **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

SERMON The Eighth 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 \dagger 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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 429 WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED

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