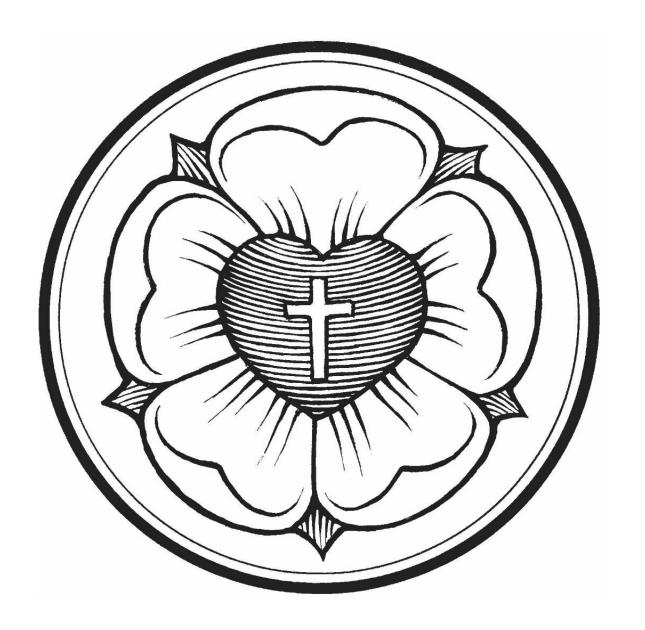
# Fourth Sunday in Lent



And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

# A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



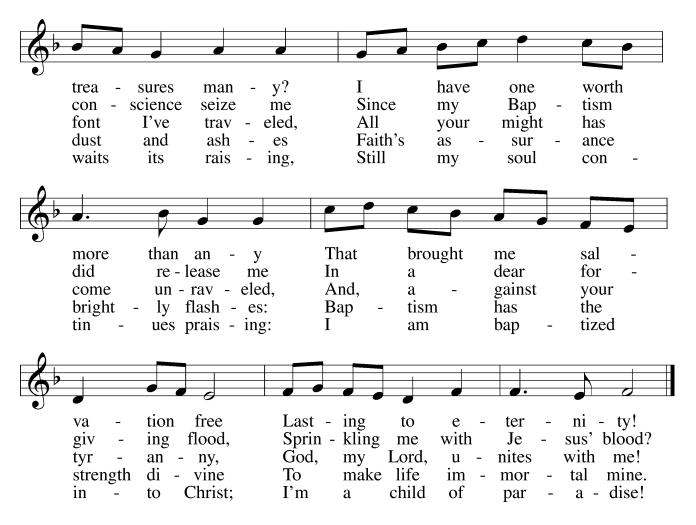
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Prelude in A Minor – Georg Bohm

# PRELUDE OPENING HYMN

## 594 GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT





Stand

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the + cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- © But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we

have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

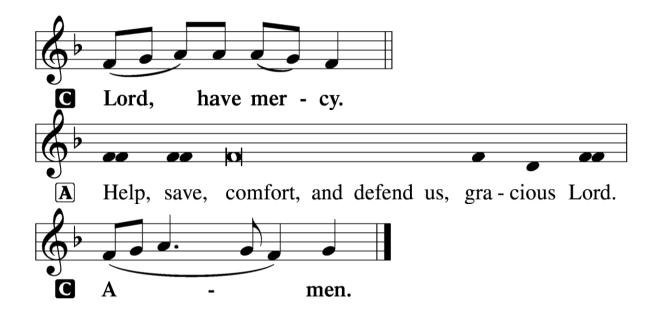
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Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

- P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her;
- **C** that you may nurse and be | satisfied\* from her con- | soling breast.
- P I was glad when they | said to me,\*
  "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
- © Our feet have been | standing\* within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
- Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*
  May they be secure who | love you!
- I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

  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.
- P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her;
- C that you may nurse and be | satisfied\* from her con- | soling breast.





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

## **ENSEMBLE**

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth by Richard Wienhorst

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 16:2-21

**A** The Old Testament reading is from Exodus, chapter 16.

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent." And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

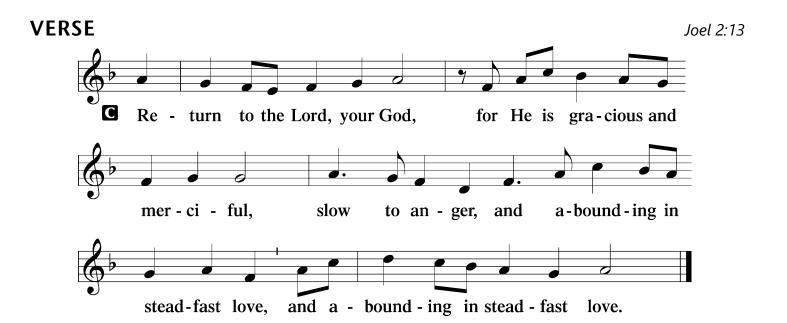
**A** The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter 2.

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

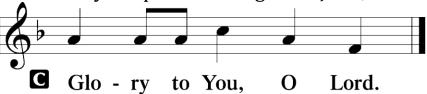
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- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



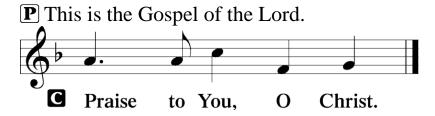
HOLY GOSPEL John 6:1-15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



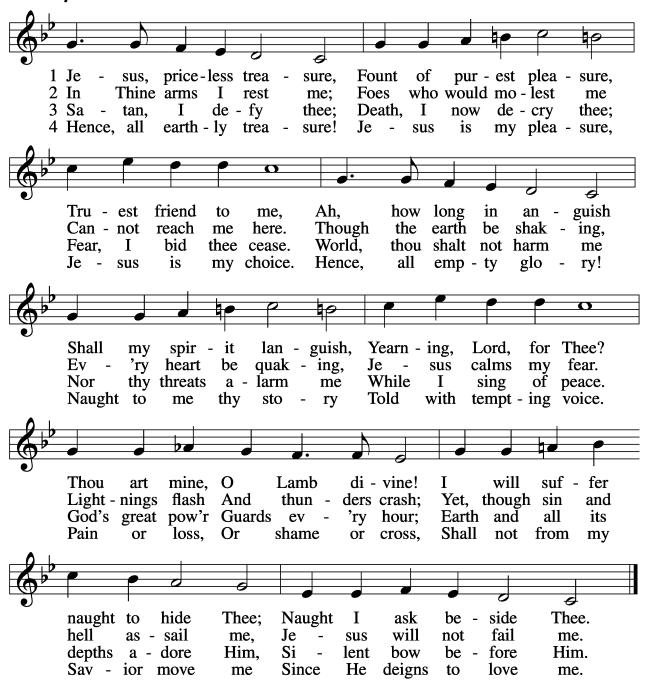
After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.



Sit

## 743 JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE



5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

For the Lord of gladness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

#### **SERMON**

Stand

#### 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayer;

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

After the prayer has ended the pastor will say:

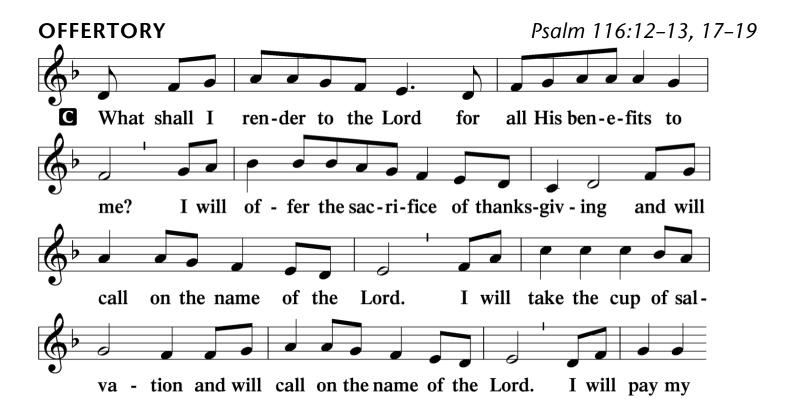
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

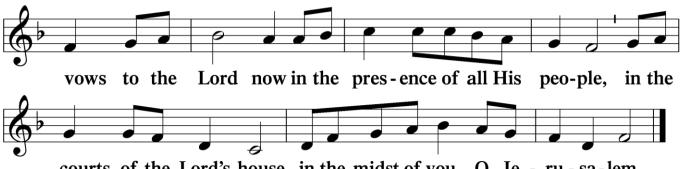
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#### **VOLUNTARY**

Thanks Be To God - Johannes Brahms

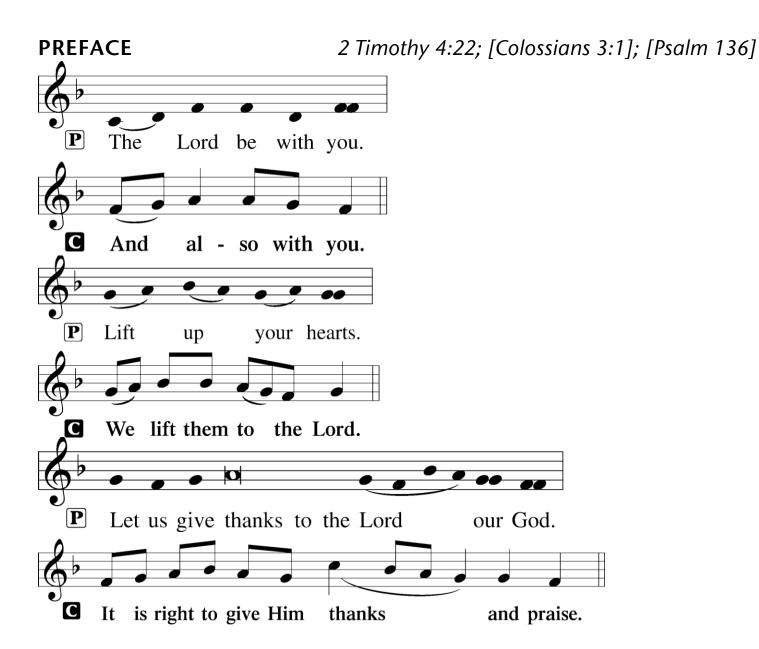
**OFFERING** Please pass your worship attendance card toward the center aisle for the ushers to collect.



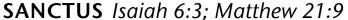


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

#### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

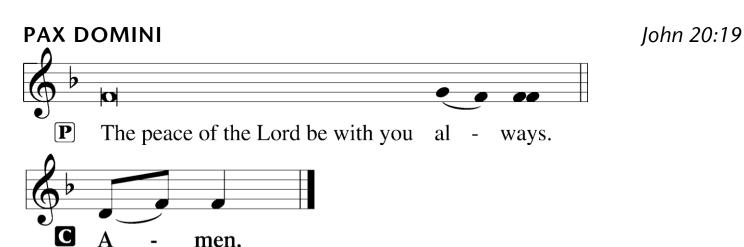
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

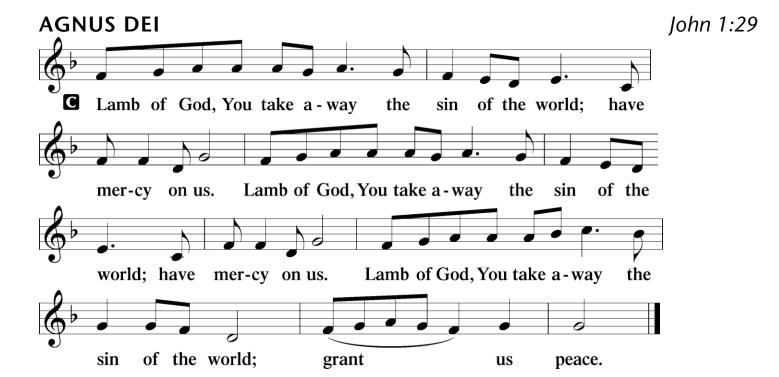
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

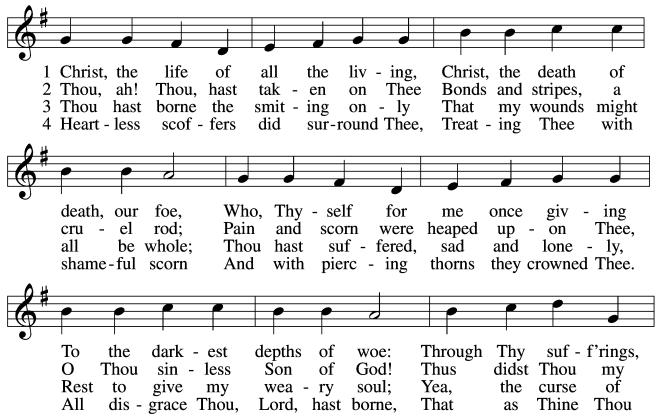


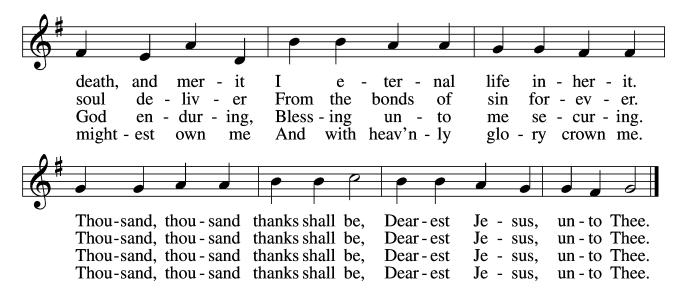


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**DISTRIBUTION** *Please review our communion practices at the end of the bulletin.* 

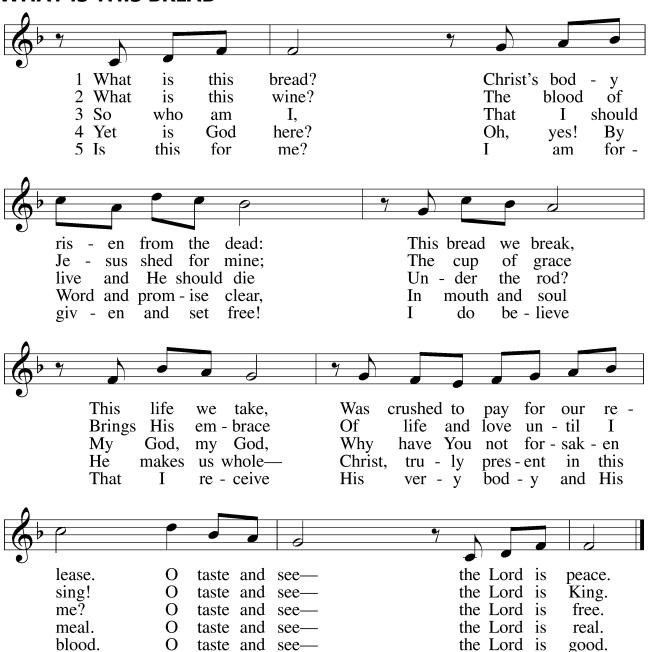
## 420 CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING





- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free; Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security; Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- And hast borne it patiently,
  Even death by crucifixion,
  Fully to atone for me;
  Thou didst choose to be tormented
  That my doom should be prevented.
  Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
  Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
  For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
  For Thine anguish in the Garden,
  I will thank Thee evermore,
  Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
  For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
  For that last triumphant cry,
  And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

#### **629 WHAT IS THIS BREAD**



#### **641 YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART**



## **642 O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN**



#### Stand

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  in peace.
- C Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same 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 God, now and forever.



## **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24–26



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Sit

#### 730 WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME



**POSTLUDE** Sarabande – G.F. Handel

#### A PRAYER FOR AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in the faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BAPTISM - Fay, whose Chinese name is I Chen Chung, is baptized into Christ this day. In Baptism, she is adopted by the Father, the blood of Jesus cleanses her from every sin, and she receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit! May God bless her as she grows in her faith.

LOST BIBLE - If you happen to see a small to medium sized older-looking Bible, with black leather and red around the pages, anywhere around the church, please call the office (206)-524-0024. Thank you!

LENTEN DINNER - There is Lenten dinner being served at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 13th, before the 7:00pm service! Hope to see you all there!

SPRING CLEANUP DAY - The next cleanup day will be Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be working outdoors raking up leaves and pine needles and doing general cleanup around the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Bring rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

TODAY Rev. James Pierce, a former member of Messiah, will be installed as pastor for Emmaus Lutheran Church in Pasco, Washington and Messiah Lutheran Church in Basin City/Mesa, Washington. *Note: The service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Richland, Washington, at 3:00pm.* 

GREETING CARDS - Easter cards are now available in the Narthex, all for just \$1.00 each! Money collected goes to our missions.

ISSUES ETC. - Your comprehensive source for news, information, & truth... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, Embryo Adoption, Making Parenting Easier, The Book of Mormon and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

#### **CONCORDIA CORNER**

What's Happening: Elementary and Middle-School students hosted their own mini-LEST at Concordia! Students participated in events like dance/cheer, spelling bee, basketball, Lego building, STEM, knowledge bowl, reader's theater, and art! Middle-School students helped mentor and judge events and did a fantastic job assessing and giving feedback. Concordia students are celebrating Women's History Month. They are learning about a variety of influential women in history both past and present. To kick-off this theme, Concordia invited Ty-Lene R. Cook. She is a Filipino American, raised in Southeast Asia, with a career in the creative field. She has a background in performing arts and media, and has produced videos for prominent entities like Bloomberg TV, Fox Sports, Channel E!, Nestle, and more. Ty-Lene spoke about the profound significance of honoring the unique gifts within us and staying true to oneself. She emphasized the power of authenticity, and how being genuine can open doors to opportunities aligned with one's true purpose, ultimately paving the way to a life that surpasses conventional expectations.

Annual Auction: Thank you to those who attended, donated, and volunteered! We appreciate your support of Concordia and hope to see you next year.

Ways to Help: **Prayers**: Pray for our teachers, students, and families as we build community, grow student confidence, and help them achieve academic standards all in a Christ-centered, grace filled environment. Thank you for all your support and prayers this year- we appreciate your partnership! **Share the News**: We have openings! Guide friends, neighbors, and those you meet to our website to find out about our unique personalized learning and project based learning experiences for Kindergarten-8th Grade.

Job Opportunities: We are hiring a part-time afternoon preschool teacher (1pm - 5:30pm). Contact Pam at preschool@concordiaseattle.com. We are also hiring a Music Teacher. Contact Principal Malone at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today
9:00 am Divine Service
10:30 am Education Hour

Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Mtg.

Wednesday 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Service 8:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday 7:00 pm Choir

Next Sunday 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 140 Education Hour: 60 Sunday School: 28 Tuesday Bible Study: 13 Wednesday Service: 69

#### IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Officiant
Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Jim Pemberton

Altar Guild Stephanie Colbert, Dawn Plumb

Elders Robin Melvin, Lee Cohrs

Music Director
Aaron Gehrke

Organist Noel Channon

Ushers

Harry Edmon, Dusty Sholdt, Andrew Petro, Josiah Koehn, Mark Jorgensen

#### PRAYERS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

You may like to pray one of these prayers silently before or after the holy Sacrament.

#### **Before Communion**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### **OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

The Lord's Supper is joyfully celebrated here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to us. His gifts of body and blood—given in, with, and under the bread and wine—bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other, in this life and in the next.

Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, as Jesus instructed, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those wanting to come to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We also invite your children up for a blessing in remembrance of their baptism. Gluten-free host are available upon request.