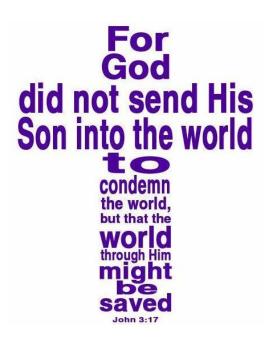
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

March 5, 2023

The Second Sunday in Lent



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God In loving memory of MaryAnn Kruse by Bill Kruse Single rose is given to the glory of God for Louise Bauer's 96th birthday

Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
	Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor	
	8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Elders	Rick Sanborn	David Maloney
Lectors Ushers	Rick Sanborn	Debby Zagone
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	Rose Steen	Debbie Leger
	Marilyn Pittman	Michele Escude`
		Debby Zagone
	Serving Next Week	
	8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Lectors	Lyn Heiple	John Zagone
Ushers		
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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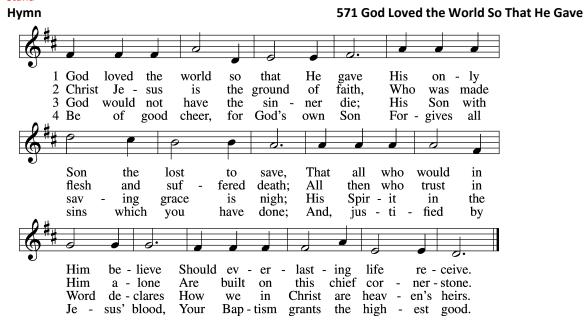
The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude

God Loved the World So That He Gave

Wayne. L. Wold

Stand



5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit

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

- O almighty God, merciful Father,
- [I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- a Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand

Introit

Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8 Tone F



He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*

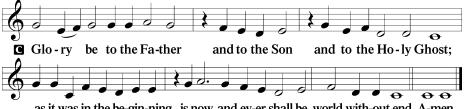
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;*

his judgments are in | all the earth.

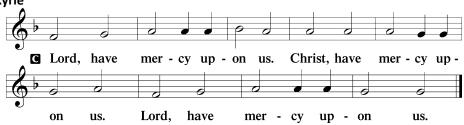
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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie LSB 186





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

Psalm

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?

²My help comes | from the LORD,* who made | heaven and earth.

³He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps | Israel* will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike | you by day,* nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all | evil;* he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in* from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 8 Tone F

Epistle Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

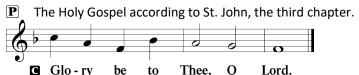
¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Stand

Holy Gospel John 3:1–17



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¹Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' §The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have

told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

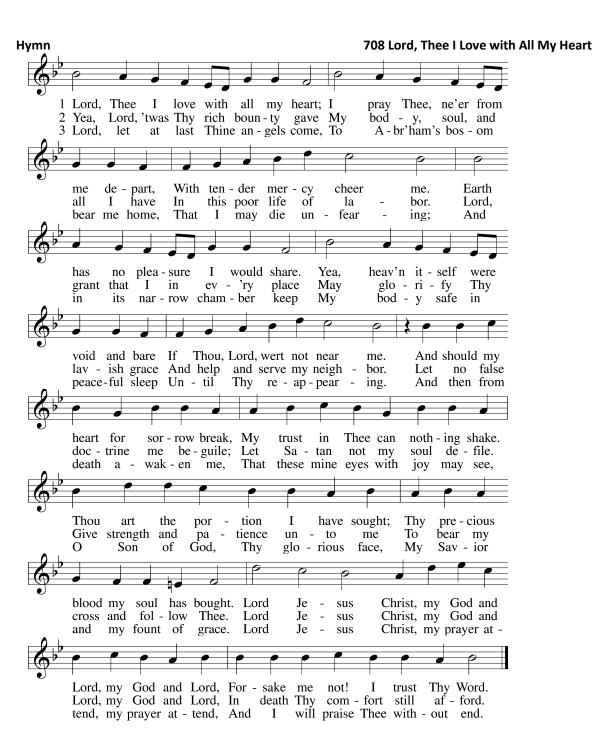


Apostles' Creed

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.



Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 192



Sit

Offering 8:00 AM Choir 10:45 AM

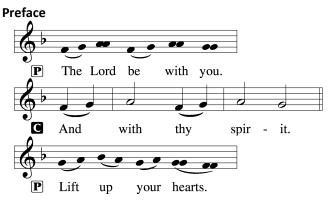
How Beautiful My Song Is Love Unknown

Karl Osterland

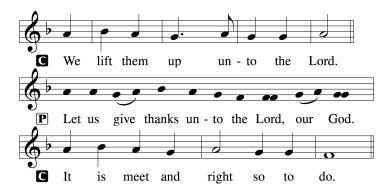
Stand

Prayer of the Church

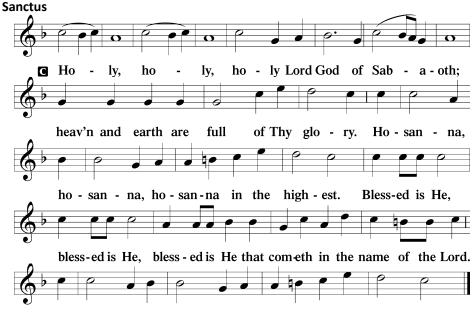
Service of the Sacrament



LSB 194



P It is truly meet, 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:

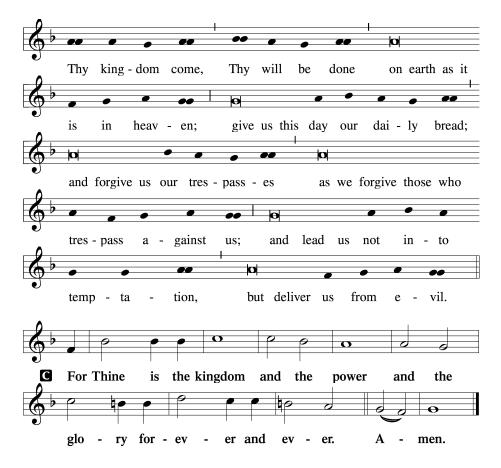


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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LSB 195



The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

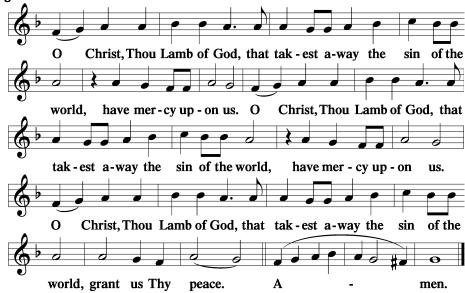
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 +1 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.



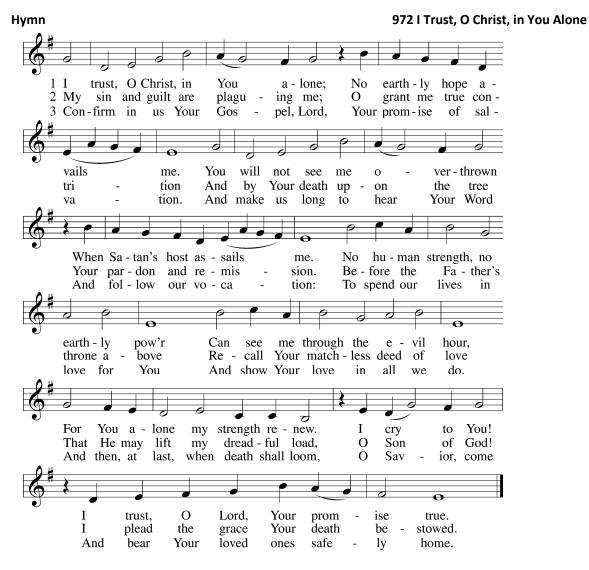
Thy grace alone, O God,
 To me can pardon speak;
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
 Can this sore bondage break.

I bless the Christ of God,

 I rest on love divine,

 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart

 I call this Savior mine.



In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

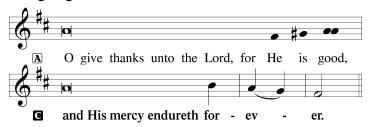
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

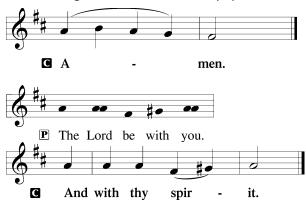


Thanksgiving LSB 200

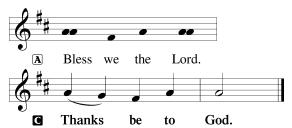


A Let us pray.

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.



Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

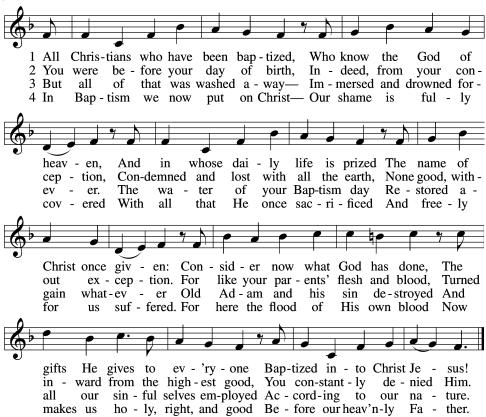
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.







- O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation! As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness Bestowed on you forever!

Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Adrienne Paris (Paris) Brenda Ridgeway Mike & Suzie Characky

Michael Terzian (Amato) (Steen)

(Keeney) Gretchen Sweetser Annette & Jim Bodden

Brian Keeney (Mincer) (Heaphy)
Joyce (Kruse) Mary Coffman Judy Fuchs
Stacy Olson (Ryel) (Coffman)

Surgeries and Illness

Tricia Heiple Jan Tharp Joanne Blanchard

Patty Metcalf (Luecke) Mary Hill (Clancy)

Ron Caldwell Wally Rose Mincer David Hawthorne (Schmook) Joe Gabriel (Amato) Vicki Fisher Juana Maria Vela Agapia Dragan (Luecke Louise Bauer

(Homero's sister)

B)

Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

John RenickJoann KapugiMelissa Shipman-BatesLeah RyelKaufman Family& sons Will & Cooper

Linda Rice (McAbee) Debbie Leger (Amato)

Sue Oetting Sandi Rivers (Ryel) Teresa Fisher & children

Pastor Phil McLain Wayne & Karen Mathis Colby & Audrey Nancy Stang (Steen) (Kaufman)

Homebound

Betty Ude Dianne Luecke Judy Fuchs
Albert & Marianne Bugner Jan Nelson Joann Kapugi
Sue Smith Louise Bauer Suzie Karnatz
Kathleen Fox Warna Berryman Nancy Stang

Compassion and Sympathy

Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families
Preschool Phelan Family at passing of Grandpa Phelan
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti
Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)
Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)
Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)
Pastor Delwyn Campbell (Missionary, Indiana)
Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)
Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)
Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

Outreach & Community Concerns

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The mission of the month funds for March benefit the Medical Loan Closet. This organization provides Henderson County residents with low cost rentals of medical equipment. Many people, including our own church members, use their services when they find themselves injured and in need of a knee walker, wheelchair, hospital bed, or other medical equipment. You can give via the offering plate with a designated offering envelope or electronically through the church website.

Spring Church Garden Clean Up - Saturday March 18th:

Please join us for some outside fun as we take care of the little piece of creation God has given to us. We will be together from 9am to Noon. Bring your own gloves and tools (rakes, shovels, trimming tools). Wheel barrows would help too. Some food and drinks will be provided. Please contact Bill Paris if questions. (828-595-5622)