Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

March 12, 2023
The Third 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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Serving Today

	Scring roday	
Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
	Craig	Escude, Choir Director/Cantor
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Elders	Rick Sanborn	David White
Lectors	Lyn Heiple	John Zagone
Ushers	•	•
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leger
Altai Guilu	Lyli neipie	Michele Escude`
		Debby Zagone
	Serving Next Week	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Lectors	Diane Sanborn	Kathy Kirchoefer
Ushers		•
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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The Divine Service: Setting Four

Prelude How Wide the Love of Christ David Maxwell

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand



Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5 Tone H

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;*

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*

ever sing- | ing your praise!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

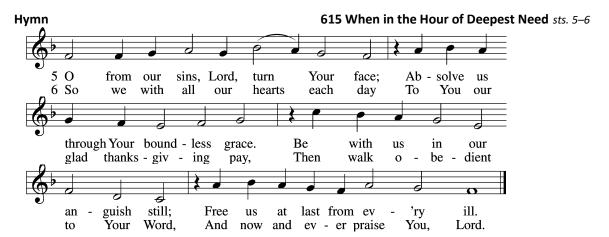
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Kyrie LSB 204



■ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray... O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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



Psalm 95:1-9; antiphon: v. 6 Tone H

¹Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

4In his hand are the depths | of the earth;*
the heights of the mountains are his | also.

⁵The sea is his, for he | made it,* and his hands formed the | dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;* let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

⁷For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you | hear his voice,*

⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,

⁹when your fathers put me | to the test*

and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.

Epistle Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Stand

Holy Gospel John 4:5–26

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.

Sit Hymn 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace 1 May God be - stow With bless - ings on His grace, rich us 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry \triangle 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in vide bright of His face us: And may the ness tion: And all the world with joy shall raise na shall plen teous fruit ing; The land bring forth, creas To life e - ter - nal guide That we His sav - ing us, The voice of ex - ul ta tion. For Thou shalt judge the May God Thv Word is rich in bless ing. the Fa - ther. cious will health may know, His and plea gra sure, earth. O Lord. Nor suf fer sin flour to ish: Spir - it God the Son. And God the bless us! the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out And al - so to peo-ple's pas - ture Thy Word Their Thy is souls to feed and Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -And God mea sure un to con vert them. ish, In righ teous paths keep them. nour to men!" Now let "A sess us. our hearts say,

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering 8:00 AM

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Kristina Langlois

10:45 AM Choir

How Beautiful

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.

Tru - lv

blest is He who comes

- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

in

the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

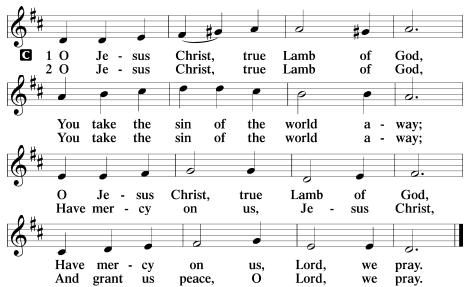
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



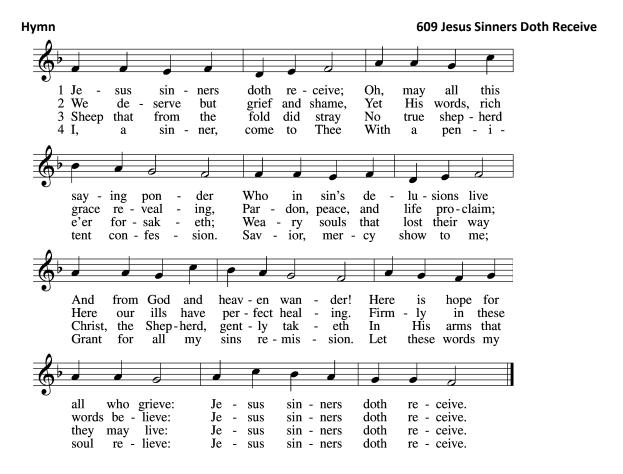
Distribution

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, saving:

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.

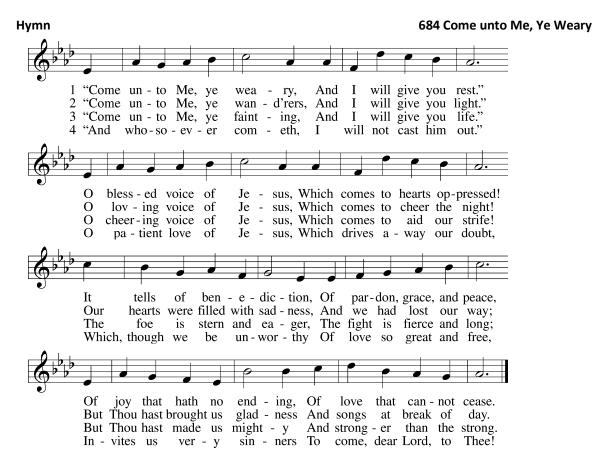
Amen.



5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow

By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive. 6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.



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 LSB 211



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.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

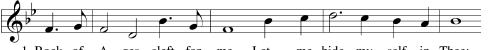
- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Hymn

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.

 4 While I draw this float ing breath When mine are lide close in death
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

Postlude Rock of Ages Edward Broughton

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)

5K RUN FOR LIFE

Open Arms Pregnancy Support Center will host its annual Run for Life 5K run and Fun

Walk on June 3,2023 to raise support for women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies.

The race will be held at The Park at Flat Rock, 55 Highland Golf Dr, Flat Rock, NC 28731 with an

8:30 AM start time. It is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Participants can go to https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/FlatRock/Run4for5k to sign up for the run.

Open Arms provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, pre-natal vitamins, diapers, maternity clothing, baby clothing, and baby equipment free of charge to our clients. Please show your support to our Hendersonville community in this important way.