



New Hope Lutheran Church  
*Serving Licking County*

**Granville Church**  
309 West Broadway  
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Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday 10:45 am

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**March 13, Lent Mid-Week One**  
**Vespers (p 229)**

Pastor - Rev. Mark Hartsough  
Preaching – Vicar Terry Worst  
Music - Mr. Kevin Gault

## Midweek of Lent 1

### Vespers

## A God Who Prays

The Second Commandment demands perfect prayer. But who does that? What human being never misuses the holy name of the triune God but ceaselessly prays, praises, and gives thanks to God in any time of need or blessing? Whose prayers are always sincere? Only one: Jesus.

Why should Jesus have to pray? He is God, after all.

But He is also man. In the mystery of the Trinity, the Son and Father are equal. But in the economy of salvation, the Son does what man should but cannot. He submits. And He commits Himself to His Father's will.

And for whom does Jesus pray? His Church. His disciples. You.

### *Stand*

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

### + PSALMODY +

PSALM

*Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: Psalm 27:7*  
Tone C

**Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;\***  
**be gracious to me and | answer me!**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing have I asked of the Lord,**  
**that will I seek | after:\***  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord**

**all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his | temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For He will hide me in His shelter  
in the day of | trouble;\*  
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;  
He will lift me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>10</sup> **For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\*  
but the Lord will | take me in.**

<sup>14</sup> Wait | for the Lord;\*  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait | for the Lord!

**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.**

*Sit*

OFFICE HYMN

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” (*LSB* 773)

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT

*Numbers 18:1–7*

<sup>1</sup> So the Lord said to Aaron, “You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear iniquity connected with the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear iniquity connected with your priesthood. <sup>2</sup> And with you bring your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may join you and minister to you while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony. <sup>3</sup> They shall keep guard over you and over the whole tent, but shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary or to the altar lest they, and you, die. <sup>4</sup> They shall join you and keep guard over the tent of meeting for all the service of the tent, and no outsider shall come near you. <sup>5</sup> And you shall keep guard over the sanctuary and over the altar, that there may never again be wrath on the people of Israel. <sup>6</sup> And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the Lord, to do the service of the tent of meeting. <sup>7</sup> And you and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Hebrews 7:20–28*

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to Him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
‘You are a priest forever.’”

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 17:1–26*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

<sup>10</sup> All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep

them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

*LSB, p. 231*

**L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

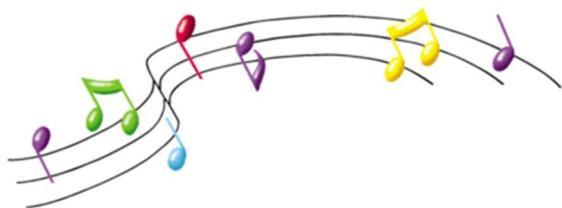
**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

## SERMON

“A God Who Prays”



+ CANTICLE +

*Stand*

HYMN

“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord” (*LSB* 935)

KYRIE

*LSB*, p. 233

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

*LSB*, p. 233

**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.

COLLECTS

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God, we are unable to pray as we ought, but You have had mercy on us by giving Your Son into death as the all-availing sacrifice for our sins and raising Him from the dead as our eternal High Priest, who always lives to make intercession for us. Grant us, we pray, all boldness and confidence to draw near to You and make our petitions known as You bid us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

COLLECT

**P** Almighty God, on the night before His crucifixion, Your Son prayed for our protection from the evil one. Keep us in that baptismal name which You bestowed on us at the font, that having been made members of Your one, holy Christian Church, the gates of hell may not prevail against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (410)

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## BENEDICAMUS

*LSB*, p. 234

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*LSB*, p. 234

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

“Behold the Man before You” (*See insert*)

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