

**GOD  
WILL  
NEVER  
ABANDON US.**

***Peace in the Valley  
Lutheran Church***

***The 4th Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 2022***



***Please silence all cell phones.***

***Entry into the Sanctuary is for prayerful preparation and quiet meditation.***

**Our Mission:** To reach out wherever we can with the message of God's peace and renewal in His Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. To follow Jesus and to share His story.

**Welcome to our Worship! If you are new to the community or looking for a new church home, we invite you to make this your church. Please let us know how we may serve you.**

**In the Lord's Supper** we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:24–25) Since participation expresses unity of confession, if you not an LCMS member please speak with the Pastor before communing. The cups in the center of the communion trays hold water with a drop of wine for those who are sensitive to wine.

**Prayer on entering the Church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

**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 grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**Prayer Before Communing:** 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.

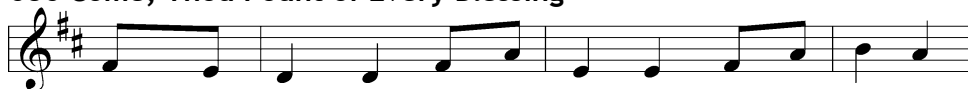
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# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation (*Please Stand at the last verse*)

### 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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**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,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C 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.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**C** **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

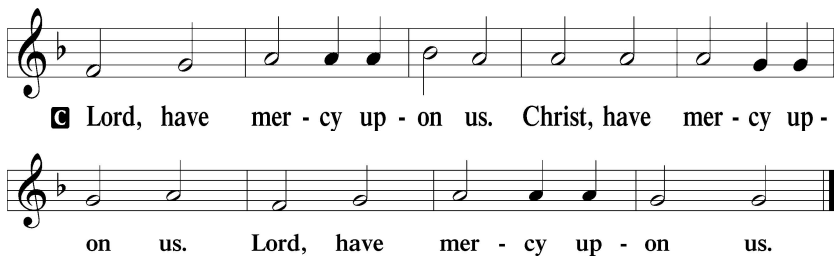
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# Service of the Word

## Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

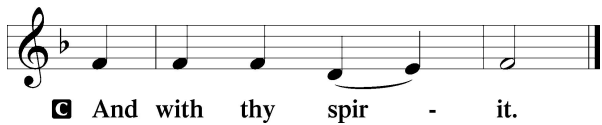
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

## **Children's Message**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Psalm 32*

**A** The Old Testament reading is Psalm 32.

**A** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the  
LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

**A** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

↑ ***Please Stand***



## **P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.**



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

- P** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his

hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **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.**

**↓ *Please Be Seated***

# Hymn of the Day / Message Hymn

## 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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### Sermon Theme

#### “God Does Not Abandon”

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

**Offering** *(Please drop into Offering Stand at the doors of Sanctuary)*

# Prayers of the Church

↑ *Please Stand*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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 (Peace of the Lord)**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains a single melodic line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. A slur is placed under the first four notes. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the staff.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains a single melodic line with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a half note F#5, and a whole note E5. A slur is placed under the first four notes. The lyrics "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men." are written below the staff.

↓ *Please Be Seated*

**Distribution**

*(Special Music)*

↑ *Please Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

*LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.



**P** 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.

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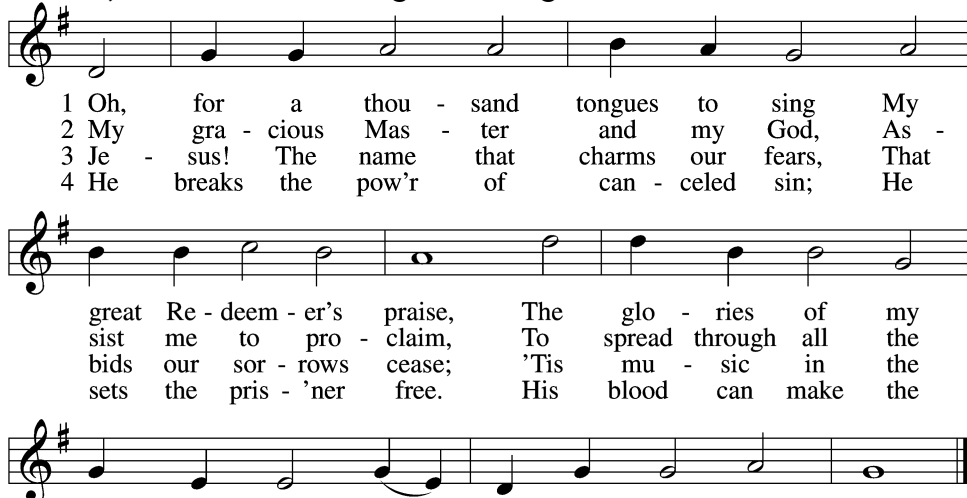
**C** And with thy spir - it.

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***Pastor's Announcements***

## Closing Hymn

### 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.


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### ↑ *Please Stand*

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## DOXOLOGY

### "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### ↓ *Please Be Seated*

*Please wait to be ushered out*

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**Attendance Last Sunday: 45**

**Attendance Wednesday: 18**

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### **Service in Worship Today**

Organist: Felicia Brown

Lay Reader: Sharon Mack

Greeter: Suzie Van Skike

Videographer: Blake Daniels

### **Children**

Children 2 through 9, at the parents' discretion, may leave the Church service during the Hymn of the Day for Sunday School and return to their families before the blessing of the elements.

Mid-week Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm, after a 6:00 pm soup supper: March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the soup suppers.

Palm Sunday is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have evening services.

Easter Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**To The Parishioners of Peace In The Valley:** It has been brought to the attention of the Church Council that there is extensive repair needed on our church building. We need a new roof and 2 of the exterior walls are leaking enough to cause damage to interior walls and windows. Our Church Trustee has obtained 4 bids for the work needed. The best of the bids included both a new metal roof and the necessary painting for the cost of \$58,100.00. We need to have a voter's meeting to proceed with this work. We would like this **meeting** to occur after service on **April 3, 2022**. If it is not possible for you to be at the meeting please inform us by email whether you agree to this expenditure. The Church Council recommends a 'yes' vote for this project expenditure.

After the vote is taken on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, if anyone would like to donate toward the cost of these repairs there will be special envelopes in the narthex for your use. You may also mail checks to the Church showing "building repairs" on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your response to this very important issue.

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