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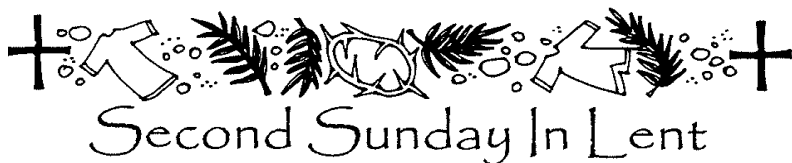
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**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion*. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

**BULLETINS** can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

**TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE:** If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping virtually.

**LIVE STREAMING**—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin.

**IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE** or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or [stmartinlcms@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinlcms@gmail.com) or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or [stmartinlsmc.pastor.com](http://stmartinlsmc.pastor.com).

**JAN-MAR** Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated.

**MAR/APR CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and social hall.

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Bev Daun and Sherry Dake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 2/25      9:00A Worship with Holy Communion  
                  10:10A Fellowship  
                  10:15A Bible Study  
                  10:20A Sunday School  
MON. 2/26      1:00P Afternoon Bible Study  
WED. 2/28      5:00P Jr. High Catechism Class  
                  5:30P Lenten Supper-Women's Group  
                  6:30P Lent Worship Service  
SUN. 3/3        9:00A Worship with Holy Communion  
                  10:10A Fellowship  
                  10:20A Sunday School

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### **MEMBERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK INCLUDE:**

Corey and Gina Ott

### **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:**

Amy Schmitz and Sullivan Lefebber, Nathan Plackemeier, Samuel Schmitz

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

-OUR SHUT-INS: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Don Michael, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder, Pastor Novotney, Pat Bailey

**ATTENDANCE: Worship 2/11 & 2/14** 87 + 45 = 132

**Sunday School 2/11** 18 students, 1 guest \$4.00

**VOLUNTEER FORMS** for Fellowship and the Weekly Flower chart are available on the counter in the social hall. Please sign up.

**CALLING ALL WOMEN**—Saturday, April 6, Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein will be hosting their annual Woman's Day. Registration forms can be found on the counter in the social hall. Deadline to register is March 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Judy Hacker.



**The Board of Education is hosting a Chili Cook Off during Fellowship. Anyone is welcome to sign up to compete! March 17, 2024**  
(sign-up sheet in the social hall)

## THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

**Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$45,157.00**

**Total Pledges: \$3300**

**Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers in 2023: \$20949.**

**\$43,337.81 was paid in principal only in November.**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND---HEART POST-ITS**—Pull a heart off the window and donate to the parking lot fund. We raised \$5,000 at the end of last year, let's do it again.

**CHALLENGE**—An anonymous donor has donated \$500 towards the sponsorship of the June 1 Milwaukee Handbell Concert, which is 1/3 of the total sponsorship. Can two more members meet this challenge? Let's Go – accept the challenge!

**CHILI SUPPER**—this past Tuesday raised \$2300. 12 Nescos of Chili and 355 brats were sold. All funds going towards the parking lot. *Thank you to the cooks, especially Judy Hacker, workers, and all those who purchased Chili and Brats.*

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2024 - January Totals			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	\$ 15,199.76	\$ 9,887.76	\$ (5,312.00)
Offerings YTD	\$ 15,199.76	\$ 9,887.76	\$ (5,312.00)
Expenses YTD	\$ 15,271.35	\$ 15,057.56	\$ 213.79
Missions YTD	\$ 802.50	\$ 802.50	\$ -
Total Expenditures YTD	\$ 16,073.85	\$ 15,860.06	\$ 213.79
YTD Actual Offerings less Total Expenditures		\$ 5,098.21	
Parking Lot Loan	\$ 71,586.53	\$ 1,146.61	\$ 70,439.92
YTD Actual	\$ (5,169.80)		
Budget vs Actual	\$ (5,098.21)		

# Lent 2 - Feb. 25

## 837 Lift High the Cross

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**REFRAIN:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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### ① Invocation, Catechesis, Confession and Absolution

↑ Please stand as you are able.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** What is the First Commandment?

**C** You shall have no other gods.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

**P** What is the Second Commandment?

**C** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

**P** What is the Third Commandment?

**C** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

② **P** Do you confess to almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner, that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed, and that you justly deserve His temporal and eternal punishment?

**C** Yes, I do so confess.

**P** Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins and do you pray that God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, to be gracious and merciful to you?

**C** Yes, I do so believe.

**P** Finally, do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** Yes, I do so believe.

**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.

## Service of the Word

③ **Introit** *Psalm 56*

**P** Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me;

**C** **my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.**

**P** When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**C** **In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?**

**P** All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

**C** **They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life.**

**P** For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

**C** **You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?**

**P** Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.

**C** **In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

**P** I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

**C** For you have delivered my soul from death, my feet from falling,  
**ALL:** that I may walk before God in the light of life.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

### ↓ Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**C** 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

*Romans 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

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

**↑ Responsory (Lent)**

### *To Refrain*



*Refrain*



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a whole note chord consisting of F#4, C#5, and E5. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E5. The melody then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note C#5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord of F#4, C#5, and E5.

*Refrain*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 8:27–38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

♫ **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

<sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

**♫ C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.

## **425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

# Sermon

## ↑ Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. ...  
Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, teach us to shun neither our Lord's suffering nor our own. When we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Great Physician, heal and restore. ... Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, at Your table the afflicted eat the body and blood of Your Son and are satisfied. Through our afflictions, deepen our hunger for this table, that we may eat and drink and be satisfied by Christ's saving life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament<sup>④</sup>

**P** *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

**C** **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

**P** *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**C** **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

**P** *Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

**C** **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us then in the Lord's Name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the sacrament.

**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

(LSB p. 197)

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

**C** Amen.

### ♪ Agnus Dei

(LSB p. 198)

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## ↓ Distribution Hymns:

### 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Public domain

### 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,  
Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;  
God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,  
Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying  
While Thou wert dying.
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!  
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?  
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—  
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.  
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!  
Can I requite Thee?

- 10** Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;  
 I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee  
 And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly  
 All fires unholy.
- 11** But since my strength will nevermore suffice me  
 To crucify desires that still entice me,  
 To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me And reign within me!
- 12** I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,  
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
 To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor  
 Henceforth forever.
- 13** Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,  
 I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
 I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me  
 Nor death alarm me.
- 14** But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;  
 Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;  
 Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness  
 Nor shame my weakness.
- 15** And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Public domain

**↑ ♪ Closing Liturgy**

*(LSB p. 199-202)*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
 according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
 prepared before the face of all people,  
 a light to lighten the Gentiles  
 and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
 without end. Amen.
- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

### **Closing Hymn: 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

**1** Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

**2** Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

**3** Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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# Notes on Today's Liturgy

*Lent is a season of penitence and self-examination. It is a time to devote ourselves even more fervently to the Word of God. Therefore, we are making some temporary changes to our Liturgy to pursue this goal. Here are the changes as noted in this week's service:*

- ① *The Lenten Season was historically a time of catechesis for new converts to the Christian Faith. We use this season to review those sections of Luther's Small Catechism that are pertinent to the theme determined by the Gospel Lesson for each service.*
- ② *Some of you may recognize the confession used here. It is from the "Communion of the Homebound" order used during quarantine for our small services in the Fellowship Hall. The direct, personal questions and answers call us to focus more intently on our confessions.*
- ③ *Rather than employ the appointed Introits for each Sunday, we are using some of the Lament Psalms in their place. Their stark and striking language may offend us at first, but they lay before God the anger, disgust, anxiety and frustration that we often feel when dealing with shame and suffering. Thus they give us the words we're looking for when our prayers in time of oppression fall short.*
- ④ *- From Luther's Small Catechism*

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