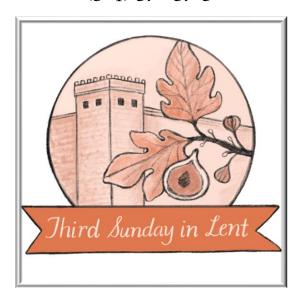
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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers.

Lenten 3 Vespers Service March 3, 2024

Please sign the <u>red record book</u> found in your pew. If you plan to take communion, mark "communion".

Hymns and content are from the Lutheran Service Book **Vespers**

Opening Hymn #421 "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

- In Your holy wounds I find,
 Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
 Pains of body and of mind.
 Should some evil thought within
 Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning
 Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard,
 Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
 That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road, With seductive, sinful vices,

Let me weigh the awful load You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.

- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
 By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
 When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
 Granting new life to my soul.
 Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
 Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
 For Your all-atoning passion
 Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
 Grant that in Your death I trust,
 Knowing death has lost its power
 Since You crushed it in the dust.
 Savior, let Your agony
 Ever help and comfort me;
 When I die be my protection,
 Light and life and resurrection.

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Opening Versicles

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- **P** *Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*
- **C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 22 Selected Verses

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
- **C** and by night, but I find no rest.
- \mathbf{P} ³Yet you are holy,

Salvation.

- **C** enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- P ⁷All who see me mock me;
- they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- **P** 8"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
- **C** let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- P ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
- **C** and there is none to help.
- P 19But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
- O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

- and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,
- **C** but has heard, when he cried to him.
- P ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!
- 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

Collect

- O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy. Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Readings

First Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow

in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading

Mark 14:53-72

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. 54And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." 59Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61But he remained silent and

made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶²And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷²And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Hymn #440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

- Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.

- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
 But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
 Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
 This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses. May I give You love for love!

Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayers

Antiphon

LSB 231

- Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Kyrie

LSB 233

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

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.

- **P** O Lord, hear my prayer
- **C** And let my cry come to You.

Special Prayer

- Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 234

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

Closing Hymn #763 "When Peace, like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Refrain

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

My six not in part, but the whole

My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;

Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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