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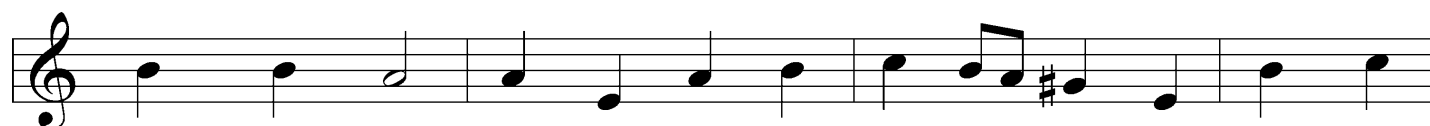
COMMUNION STATEMENT ~ *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

**PRELUDE: “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”** Johann Sebastian Bach  
(Text for meditation: LSB # 438)

**OPENING HYMN: “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”** # 421



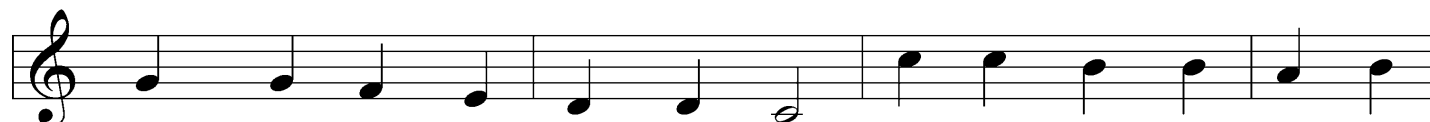
1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

- 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,

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 43:1-2; Ps. 43:3-5)

Vindicate | me, O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people;  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy.\*

I will praise you with the lyre, O | God my God.\*

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.



Vindicate | me, O God,\*  
 and defend my cause against an ungodly | people;  
 from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

## KYRIE

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1 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
 3 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.  
 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.  
 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

## Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\*  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

For I know my trans- | gressions,\*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore 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 | judg-  
ment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\*  
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\*  
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

**Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*  
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

Cast me not away from your | presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\*  
and sinners will re- | turn to you.

**Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my sal- | vation,\*  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

O Lord, open | my lips,\*  
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.

**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would | give it;\*  
you will not be pleased with a burnt | offering.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

**Do good to Zion in your good | pleasure;\*  
build up the walls of Je- | rusalem;**

then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt | offer-  
ings;\*

then bulls will be offered on your | altar.

## EPISTLE

## Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## TRACT

## Psalm 129

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*

let Israel | now say—

**“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.**

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*  
they made long their | furrows.”

**The LORD is | righteous;\***

**he has cut the cords of the | wicked.**

May all who hate | Zion\*

be put to shame and turned | backward!

**Let them be like the grass on the | housetops,\***

**which withers before it | grows up,**

with which the reaper does not | fill his hand\*

nor the binder of | sheaves his arms,

**nor do those who pass by say, “The blessing of the LORD be up- | on you!”**

**We bless you in the name | of the LORD!”**

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Mark 10:35-45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.



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

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

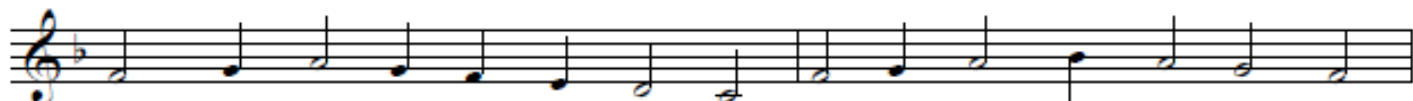
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

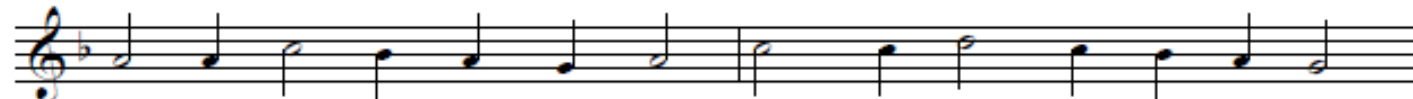
### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Boast, O World, of All Thy Learning"



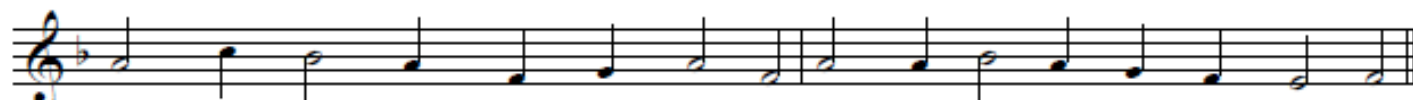
1. Boast, O world, of all Thy learn-ing, Glo-ry in its loft-y heights.  
2. Let the world-ly-mind-ed trea-sure Car-nal know-ledge here be-low,



All thy car-nal know-ledge spurn-ing, My heart still finds pure de-lights.  
Find-ing not in Him their plea-sure Who true wis-dom can be-stow.



In my Sav-ior's cross and pain, I find wis-dom's high-est gain.  
He who died on Cal-v'ry's cross Grants me gain for earth-ly loss,



The blest faith His grace has giv-en Seals to me the bliss of heav-en.  
High-er than earth's wis-dom reach-es Is the love His Pas-sion teach-es.

- 3     When the world seeks exaltation,  
       Wealth, esteem, and honors great,  
       On my Lord's humiliation  
       I in faith will meditate.  
       What is earthly gain to me  
       When in Christ my All I see?  
       Carnal vanities shall never  
       From His fellowship me sever.
  
- 4     Come, my Life, my Lord, my Savior,  
       Come and teach me as Thou wilt.  
       Take my heart as Thine forever,  
       Thou for me Thy blood hast spilt.  
       Boundless wisdom, love divine,  
       Strength omnipotent is Thine;  
       Let all earth-born knowledge perish!  
       Thou alone my soul shall cherish!
  
- 5     Earth no lasting comfort knoweth,  
       When sin-burdened conscience speaks!  
       Earth no lasting place bestoweth,  
       When my heart for solace seeks.  
       What availeth earthly weal,  
       When the curse of law I feel?  
       But Thy blood to me has given  
       Pardon, peace, redemption, heaven!
  
- 6     Dearest Jesus, plant, I pray Thee,  
       Thine own wisdom in my heart!  
       Dwell in me, let naught delay Thee,  
       Come, and nevermore depart!  
       Thou hast suffered death for me  
       On the cross of Calvary.  
       Love divine, let Thy salvation  
       Be my sweetest meditation.

## SERMON

**CHOIR:** "Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray"

Setting by S. Drummond Wolff

*Jesu, grant me this, I pray,  
 ever in thy heart to stay;  
 let me evermore abide  
 hidden in thy wounded side.*

*If the world or Satan lay  
 tempting snares about my way,  
 I am safe when I abide  
 in thy heart and wounded side.*



*If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.*

*Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.*

- Latin, 17th century; tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE AND SANCTUS

**[P]** The Lord be with you.



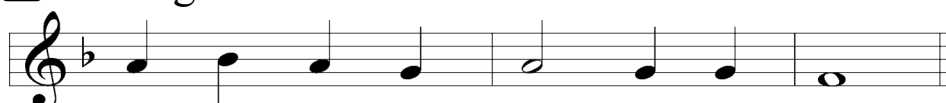
**[C]** And with thy spir - it.

**[P]** Lift up your hearts.



**[C]** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**[P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**[C]** It is meet and right so to do.

**[P]** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:



**[C]** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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



**C** A - - - men.

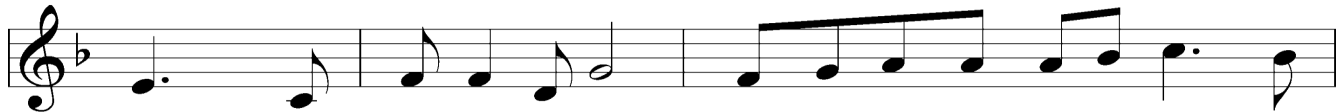
### AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

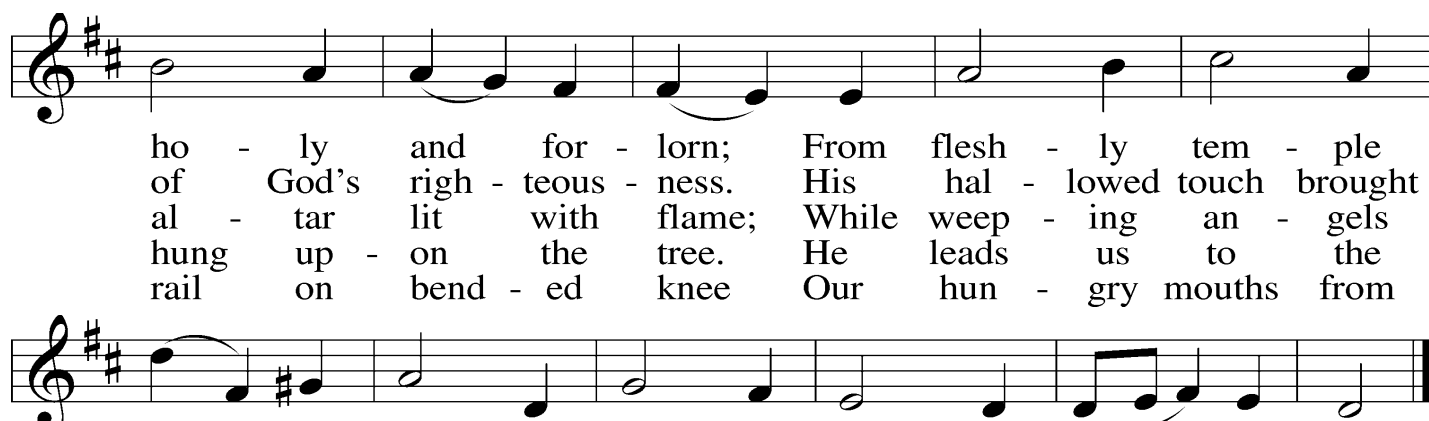
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HYMN: "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

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1	The	in -	fant	Priest	was	ho -	ly	born	For	us	un -
2	This	great	High	Priest	in	hu -	man	flesh	Was	i -	con
3	The	ho -	ly	Lamb	un -	daunt -	ed	came	To	God's	own
4	But	death	would	not	the	vic -	tor	be	Of	Him	who
5	The	veil	is	torn,	our	Priest	we	see,	As	at	the



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the  
rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from

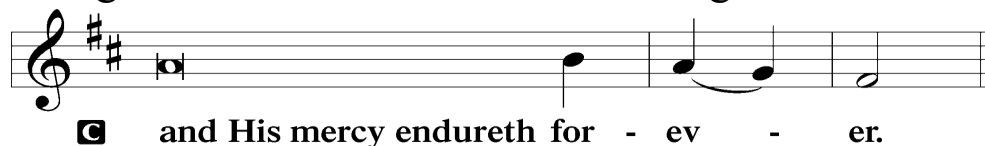
forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.  
Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

*Stand*

## THANKSGIVING

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

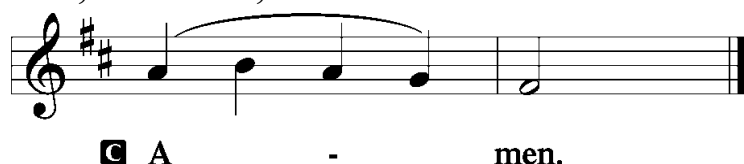


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

**A**O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**[P]** The Lord be with you.



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

**[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.



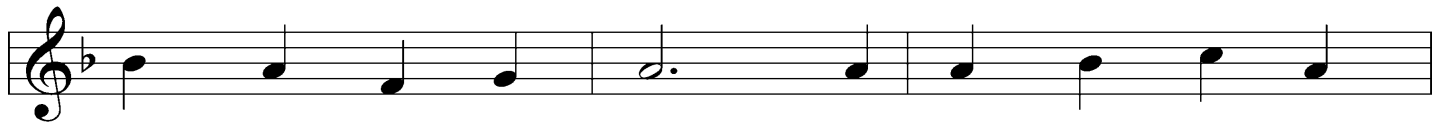
**[C]** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

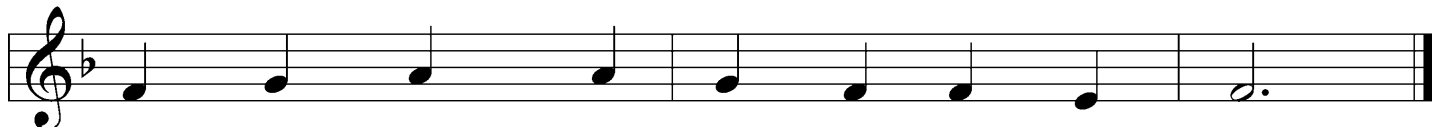
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1	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,
3	No	gold	- en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way



ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -
pow'r	You	laid	a -	side.	You	lived	Your	years	in
place	with -	in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek	to
count	our -	selves	a -	bove	The	low -	est	place,	the
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get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.
ser -	vant -	hood;	In	low -	li -	ness	You	died.
fol -	low	You	And	live	by	Your	com -	mands.
mean -	est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of	love.
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*"There will be a Lenten choral Vespers service  
at 6:00pm today.*

*Please join us for this service of prayer  
and meditation as we prepare to  
celebrate Holy Week and Easter."*

LWML will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 7 pm, in Blanchard Hall. We will count socks, have Bible study, and discuss with Jennifer Karner, Zone Convention Delegate to Lexington, on the upcoming mission grants and mission goal. We will plan our Spring Fling event to happen in April.

Zoom is available for those who prefer to meet virtually. Contact Karen Karner at [candkkarner@gmail.com](mailto:candkkarner@gmail.com) for an electronic invitation.





# ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

Our quilting meetings will resume on Wednesday, April 7th from 9:00am to 11:00am. All are welcome, current quilters and any one interested in joining. We will be wearing masks and taking COVID precautions during our quilting meetings.



## FUN FACT

Did you know Lacy designs our Bulletin covers? We are so thankful to have Lacy and her talents. The February Bulletin with pink roses and last Sunday the butterflies on the vines. Thank you Lacy

~ we appreciate you.  
Rhonda Tollers

## Attention:

There has been an over abundance of items that have been placed into the office next to the Library. We are in the process of cleaning the office out. If you have any item being stored in this room, we are asking that you remove them as soon as possible as we are planning to clean it out on Saturday March 27.

# IN OUR PRAYERS

**Sandi Wolfgram:** Having neck surgery on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Steven Manek:** (Ed's son) Will have surgery on a ruptured disc in his back the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Annabelle:** 8 month old in the hospital with a racing heart. Doctors do not yet know the problem.

**Raylee:** A young girl who needs prayers.

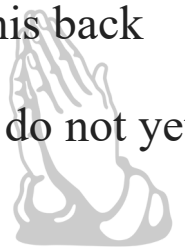
**Nancy Lake:** (Steve's mother) Has been placed on Hospice.

**Shirley Stillman:** Now at home. Has a machine to help her breath.

**Ms. Clore:** Teacher at St. John's who fell off ladder while working on her bulletin board. She bruised the muscles in her back.

**Lillyanna:** Homeless woman with 2 children who need prayers.

**Nick Robel:** Has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Liver cancer just 5 months after getting married.



## **Daily Readings: Page 299 to 304 in LSB**

March 21• Ex. 1:1–22 Mark 14:12–31

March 22• Ex. 2:1–22 Mark 14:32–52

March 23• Ex. 2:23—3:22 Mark 14:53–72

March 24• Ex. 4:1–18 Mark 15:1–15

March 25• Ex. 4:19–31 Mark 15:16–32

March 26• Ex. 5:1—6:1 Mark 15:33–47

March 27• Ex. 7:1–25 Mark 16:1–20

March 28• Palm Sun. Ex. 8:1–32 Psalm 118 Heb. 1:1–14

March 29• Ex. 9:1–28 Lam. 1:1–22 Heb. 2:1–18

March 30• Ex. 9:29—10:20 Lam. 2:1–22 Heb. 3:1–19

March 31• Ex. 10:21—11:10 Lam. 3:1–66 Heb. 4:1–16

April 1• Holy Thurs. Ex. 12:1–28 Lam. 4:1–22 Heb. 5:1–14 Psalm 31

April 2• Good Fri. Ex. 12:29–32; 13:1–16 Lam. 5:1–22 Heb. 6:1–20 Psalm 22

April 3• Ex. 13:17—14:9 Heb. 7:1–22

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **ATTENDANCE**

Wednesday, March 10th

6:30: 17

Sunday, March 14th

8:00: 31 - 10:30: 52

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Wednesday, February 24th

\$60.00

Sunday, February 28th

\$3748.07

## **Thrivent Choice**

If you have Thrivent Financial now is the time, until March 31, 2021 to Direct Choice Dollars. St. Johns Church and or School are both eligible to receive your donation. Thrivent members do support outreach at St Johns through Thrivent Action Teams. If you have questions Rhonda Tollers 405-819-6533

## **Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #20**

### **Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border**

### **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas — \$98,400**

LWML Grant #20 for the 2019–2021 biennium is “Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border.” The current classroom space for this ministry is tucked into Ysleta Lutheran Mission offices wherever space is available. Funding of this mission grant will permit renovations to dedicated classroom space, enabling increased class size, secure storage of instruments and equipment, and a more professional atmosphere for these valuable classes. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-20](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-20).

The Oklahoma District LCMS will soon be publishing an e-newsletter appropriate for congregation members and others with interest in Lutherans and their congregations, missions, activities, and work in Oklahoma. “Oklahoma Lutherans: District Updates” will be published periodically and include information such as stories about events and activities across the state, links to the latest Lutheran Witness Oklahoma News on the district website, announcements, and more. To sign up to receive the newsletter, visit [www.oklahomalutherans.org](http://www.oklahomalutherans.org) and enter your name and email address in the box found on the lower right of the home page.

2019-2021 Biennium

Mission Goal:  
\$2,100,000

\$2,100,000  
\$2,046,341.69



Mission Goal  
Progress  
\$121,341.69

Total Mites Received  
\$2,046,341.69

Total Mites  
Still Needed  
\$53,658.31

Mites Needed  
Per Month  
(2 months remaining)  
\$26,829.15

And a poor widow  
came and put in two  
small copper coins  
[mites], which make a  
penny (Mark 12:42).

## LWML HAS NEW CARDS FOR SALE

*Stop by and check out the new additions....*

*We have sympathy, get well, wedding, anniversary, etc...*

*The cards are in Blanchard Hall, they are 50 cents each, you may place the money in the offering box next to the cards. Thank you!*

## Warm the Feet



LWML asks your assistance in warming the feet of those who walk most of their days through our community because they have no home. Warm the Feet is our campaign to gather new pairs of socks, preferably black, to be given to those who endure the weather of our community without much shelter. Please consider buying a pair of black socks, preferably of high quality. We ask for black socks as black will hide dirt better. These will be placed in bags with other daily necessities and distributed later this spring. Monetary donations accepted. Thank you for your support of LWML Inasmuch projects.





**RUNNING TO LEXINGTON** The 2021 LWML convention Bible study leader next June is Deaconess Heidi Goehmann. She's a licensed mental health practitioner/advocate who writes and produces resources to encourage proper responses to mental health, removing its shame, while sharing our hope in Christ. Join us at the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, as we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

**Pending Legislation:**

I am writing to you regarding an important piece of legislation that was passed by the United States House of Representatives. H.R. 5, known as "The Equality Act," would expand the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sexual orientation and gender identity under its protection. The passage of this bill would supersede the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, putting all manner of rights of churches, religious schools and social ministry agencies at risk.

A representative of Alliance Defending Freedom met very recently with the LCMS Council of Presidents to talk about the ramifications of passage of this bill. This would amount to an assault on our religious freedom and the service offered in our communities through our churches, schools, universities, seminaries and service organizations. Andrew T. Walker wrote of the legislation in an article from The Gospel Coalition, "The bill represents the most invasive threat to religious liberty ever proposed in America. Given that it touches areas of education, public accommodation, employment, and federal funding, were it to pass, its sweeping effects on religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of conscience would be both historic and also chilling." While we as Lutheran Christians strive for a society that affirms the value of all human lives, we are greatly concerned that this legislation would seek to restrict the free exercise of our religious beliefs and practices.

Please prayerfully consider contacting your Oklahoma Senators to encourage them to vote against this legislation. Also, consider encouraging church members to contact their senators. The contact persons and addresses for staff members with each senator are listed below:

Sen. James Inhofe

Email: <https://www.linhofe.senate.gov>

205 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510 Phone: 1-202-224-4721 / 1-202-228-0380

Sen. James Lankford Email: <https://www.lankford.senate.gov>

316 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-5754

Please join me in praying for all of our elected leaders that they would serve with integrity and for the common good of all. Also, pray for the freedom to teach and practice our faith in accordance with the Word of God and without fear of the intrusion of the government into the matters of the faith. We simply wish to faithfully teach God's Word and serve our neighbor in love as we have in Oklahoma throughout our rich history.

"And [Jesus] said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.' " (Matthew 22:37-40)

In Christian Concern,  
President Barrie Henke  
Oklahoma District, LCMS



# GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

*Get Involved, Make a Difference.*

Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 05:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 06:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Blanchard Hall
LWML	The first Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Library
Quilters	Will resume Wednesday, April 7th from 9:00am-11:00am	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Sanctuary
Men's Bible Study	The 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00am	Blanchard Hall

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**March 14th**

Larry & Kathleen Peck

**March 15th**

Pete & Wanda Shurow

**March 17th**

Steve & Elsie Lake

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

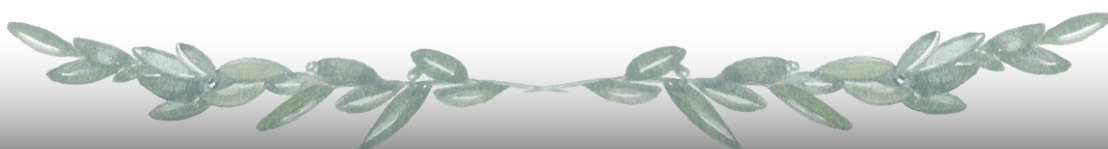
**March 14th:** John O'Loughlin, Serenity Payne, Steve Self

**March 17th:** Joel Johnson, Fred Reichert

**March 18th:** Russell Lee

**March 19th:** Sandi Wolfgram

**March 21st:** Ian Adams, Cathy Mathes



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*For the Week of March 21st, 2021 - March 28th, 2021*

## SUNDAY

*March 21st*

### **Worship Service**

*08:00am, Sanctuary*

### **Bible Study**

*9:15am, Blanchard Hall*

### **Sunday School**

*9:15am, School Building*

### **Worship Service**

*10:30am, Sanctuary*

## MONDAY

*March 22nd*

### **Choir Rehearsal**

*06:45pm, Choir Loft*

### **Hand Bell Rehearsal**

*05:45pm, Sanctuary*

## TUESDAY

*March 23rd*

### **Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*06:00pm, Library*

## SUNDAY

*March 28th*

### **Worship Service: Communion**

*08:00am, Sanctuary*

### **Bible Study**

*9:15am, Blanchard Hall*

### **Sunday School**

*9:15am, School Building*

### **Worship Service: Communion**

*10:30am, Sanctuary*

## PUBLISHING DEADLINE

**Sunday Bulletin information  
& Newsletter Articles  
due Wednesdays at Noon.**

*Instead of just once a month,  
you may now send articles any week  
you would like and they will be  
included in the Sunday bulletin.*

If possible please type and submit  
articles by email to Lacy Urban at:  
[Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life](mailto:Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life)

*EMAILING ARTICLES HELPS TO  
ELIMINATE ERRORS.*

## THANK YOU

## WEDNESDAY

*March 24th*

### **Bible Study**

*11:00am, Sanctuary*

### **Confirmation Class**

*04:30pm, Blanchard Hall*

### **Worship Service**

*06:30pm, Sanctuary*