

# TRINITY

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

## THE ORDER OF VESPERS

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:30 PM

+ In The Name Of Jesus Christ +

#### WELCOME

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please fill out Friendship Pads.)*

#### HYMN TO OPEN "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come" LSB 981 (stanzas 1-7)

1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

*(continued...)*

- 5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

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**Please stand**

**INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen

**CONFESSION**

**P** Let us 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.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**P** People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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.

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

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

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our salvation.

**PSALM 19:1-14** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

**P** <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of  
God, and the sky above proclaims his  
handiwork.

**C** <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and  
night to night reveals knowledge.

**P** <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there  
words, whose voice is not heard.

**C** <sup>4</sup>Their measuring line goes out  
through all the earth, and their  
words to the end of the world. In  
them he has set a tent for the sun,

**P** <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom  
leaving his chamber, and, like a  
strong man, runs its course with joy.

**C** <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the  
heavens, and its circuit to the end  
of them, and there is nothing  
hidden from its heat.

**P** <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul; the testimony of the  
LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

**C** <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart; the  
commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;

**P** <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever; the just decrees of  
the LORD are true, and righteous  
altogether.

**C** <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than  
gold, even much fine gold; sweeter  
also than honey and drippings of  
the honeycomb.

**P** <sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant  
warned; in keeping them there is  
great reward.

**C** <sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden  
faults.

**P** <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from  
presumptuous sins; let them not have  
dominion over me! Then I shall be  
blameless, and innocent of great  
transgression.

**C** <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and  
the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight, O LORD,  
my rock and my redeemer.

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.

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it

you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the

wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

*(continued...)*

<sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that

are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Please stand**

## **GOSPEL READING John 2:13-22**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from the second chapter.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

<sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORY (LENT)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MAGNIFICAT**

**P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

**C** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

**P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

**C** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

**P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

**C** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

**P** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Please be seated**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** "Built on the Rock" LSB 645 (stanzas 1-5)

**SERMON** "THE HOUSE OF THE LORD VS. THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD"  
*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**CANTICLE HYMN** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (stanzas 1-5)

**TITHES & OFFERING**

**Please stand**

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

*Each intercession ends with the words* **P** "Lord, in your mercy,"  
*to which the congregation responds,* **C** "Hear our prayer"

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

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

**C** Amen

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**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.

*Please be seated*

HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728 (stanzas 1-5)

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

\* \* \* **To GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

	<b><u>Leading Worship</u></b>
<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Peter Gueldner
<b>Music</b>	Nancy Simonson, Organist
<b>Lector</b>	Donna Rae Schultz
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Mitch Miller, Steve Mullenex
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Langevin, Jan Paschke
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan & Judy Valentyn, Dave Schuenke

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**Lenten Midweek Services continue...**  
**Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**  
***Exodus: Let My People Go!***



- ✠ **March 6** - Followed by Beef Stew Supper hosted by Trumps' Bible Study
- ✠ **March 13** - Followed by Soup Supper to benefit St. Vincent de Paul
- ✠ **March 20** - Followed by Soup Supper hosted by the Trinity Youth Group