

Lenten Midweek Service-Part IV

March 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN 55021



Theme of the Day:

*“Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.”
(Exodus 17:6) When they were dying from thirst, this worked for
Moses and the Israelites. It works for us, too, today!*

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LSB 437 (stanzas 1-5)

Please stand

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

[During the sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78.]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God did miracles for our ancestors on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.

C: **He divided the sea and led them through.**

P: Making the water stand up like walls!

C: **He led them by a cloud, and all night by a pillar of fire.**

P: He split open the rocks in the wilderness to give them water,
as from a gushing spring.

C: **He made streams pour from the rock.**

P: Making the waters flow like a river!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION [From selected verses in Romans 7]

P: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: **I have the desire to do good.**

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: **What I do is not the good I want to do.**

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: **I find this law at work—**

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: **In my inner being I delight in your law.**

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

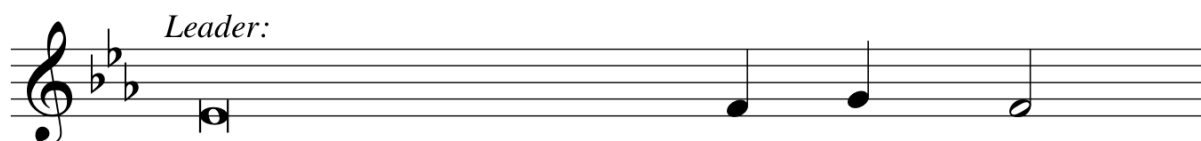
*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.]*

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! He made streams pour from the rock.

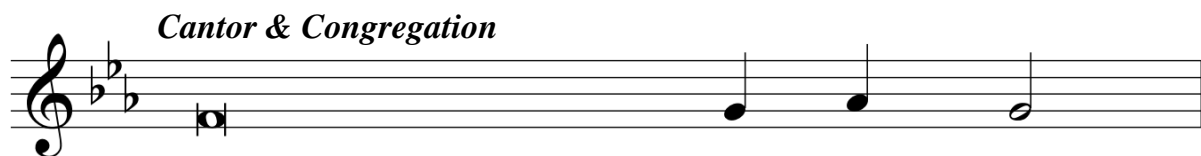
All: Making the waters flow like a river!

Please sit

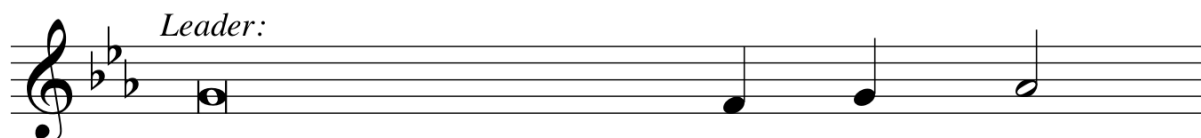
*[The following sentences are chanted responsively by Leader, Steve Denninger;
Cantor, Sierra Jacob; and the congregation.]*



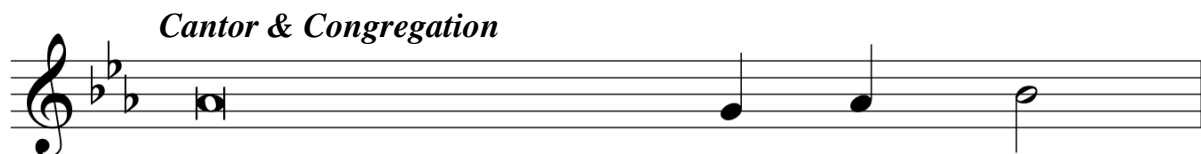
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



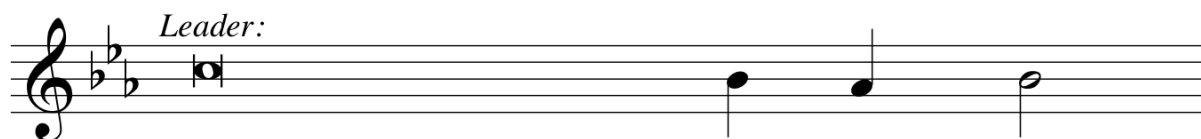
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



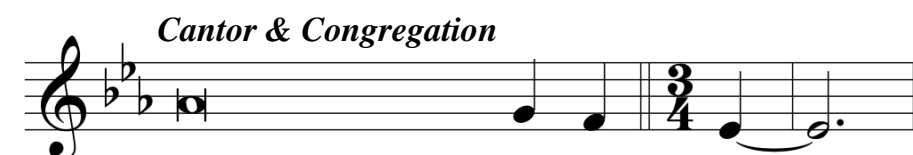
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

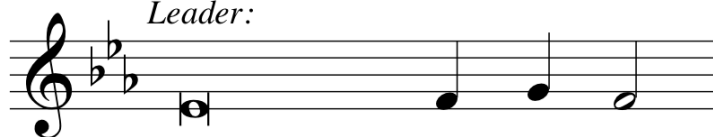
EVENING HYMN *(sung to the tune of LSB 445)*

1. Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to You,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night,
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

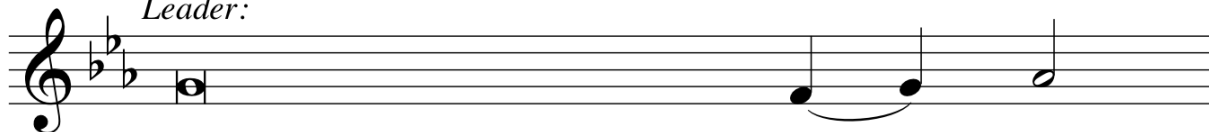
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EVENING THANKSGIVING*Leader:*

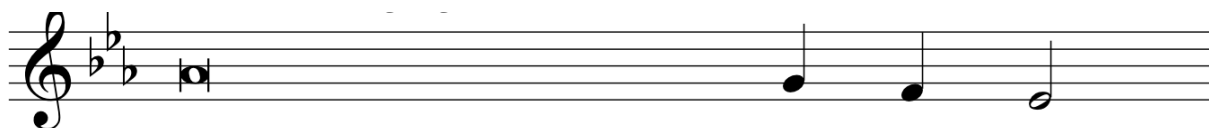
May God be with you all,

Cantor & Congregation

and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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(Sung by Leader) Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

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PSALMODY Psalm 141 *(sung by Leader and Cantor)*
[Congregation is invited to sing along with the Leader.]

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.
O God, I call to you, come to me now;
O hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.
Keep watch within me God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.
Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.
All praise to the God of all— Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.
Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful Father, through Moses you provided water for the people to drink. Quench our spiritual thirst through the one who is greater than Moses, Jesus Christ our Rock and our Redeemer. In his name we pray,

All: Amen.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT CHRIST QUENCHING OUR THIRST**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the

EXODUS 17:1-7

LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual

I CORINTHIANS 10:1-4

drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand**GOSPEL LESSON**

³[Jesus] left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

JOHN 4:3-10

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?"

(continued...)

(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, 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 sit

TITHES AND OFFERING “Calvary Covers It All” *Barbara Beatty, Soloist*

SERMON

The Fourth Part in the Series

Exodus: Let My People Go!

“STRIKE THE ROCK!”

(Exodus 17:1–7)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *LSB 803 (stanzas 1-3)*

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Following the pastor's prayer, “As the deer thirsts for streams of water,” the congregation is invited to respond, **“So we thirst for you, O God.”**

This is based upon Psalm 42:1.

THE 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

BENEDICTION

P: May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who made streams pour from the Rock.

C: Make the waters flow like a river!

All: Amen and Amen!

Please sit**HYMN “The Old Rugged Cross” (stanzas 1-4)**

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

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* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

**Everyone is invited to enjoy Beef Stew supper tonight
following the service.**

Leading Worship

Pastor The Rev. Peter Gueldner **Leader** Steve Denninger
Cantor Sierra Jacob **Soundboard** Robert Sommers
Worship Assistants Rich Delaske, Steve Zimmerman
Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist; Barbara Beatty, Soloist

Lenten Midweek Services continue...
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

- ✝ **March 13** - Followed by Soup Supper to benefit St. Vincent de Paul
- ✝ **March 20** - Followed by Soup Supper hosted by the Trinity Youth Group

Happy Easter



- ✝ **PALM SUNDAY— March 23, 5:30 p.m. & March 24, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**
(8:00 a.m. live streamed and KDHL 920AM; 10:30 a.m. live streamed)
- ✝ **MAUNDY THURSDAY— March 28, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion**
(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)
- ✝ **GOOD FRIDAY—March 29, 7:00 p.m.:** (live streamed and KDHL 920AM)
- ✝ **EASTER VIGIL Remembrance of Baptism—**
March 30, 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion
- ✝ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31, 8:00 a.m.**
Festival Service with Holy Communion (live streamed and KDHL 920AM)
- ✝ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31, 10:30 a.m.**
Connection Service with Holy Communion (live streamed)

Join us for Easter Breakfast on March 31, 9-10:30 a.m.!

March 31, 10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt/Scavenger Hunt