

Lenten Midweek Service-Part V

March 13, 2024

5:30 PM

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



Theme of the Day:

When we don't conquer coveting, coveting conquers us. Every time! Coveting drives a stake into every relationship we have. But don't despair! *There is hope for us today in God's Word.*

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419 (stanzas 1-4) [Tune TLH 166]

Please stand

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

[During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from *Psalms 136*. We will begin with a soft voice and build to a joyful shout.]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The LORD brought Israel out of Egypt.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: He acted with a strong hand and outstretched arm.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to him who parted the Red Sea.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: He led Israel safely through.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: He hurled Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea!

C: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness!

All: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

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

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: **For 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: For in my inner being I delight in God's 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?

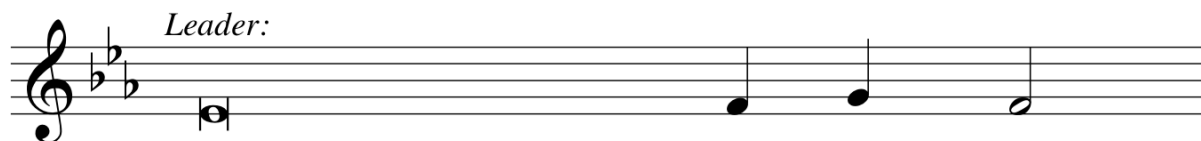
*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.]*

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! Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness.

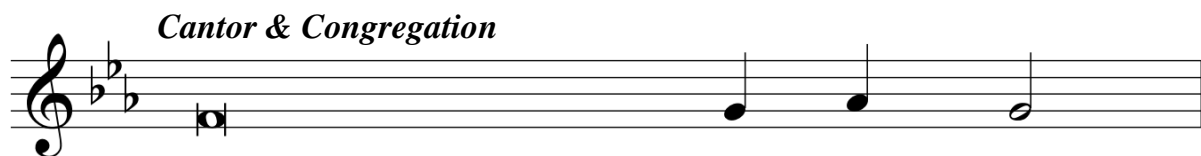
All: His faithful love endures forever!

Please sit

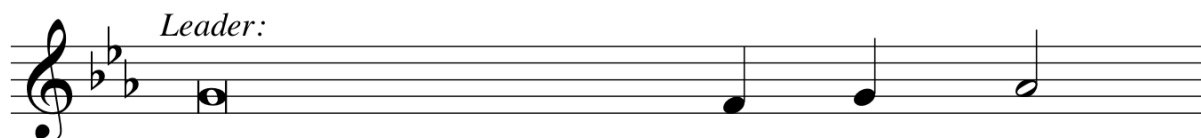
*[The following sentences are chanted responsively by Leader, Steve Denninger;
Cantor, Sierra Jacob; and the congregation.]*



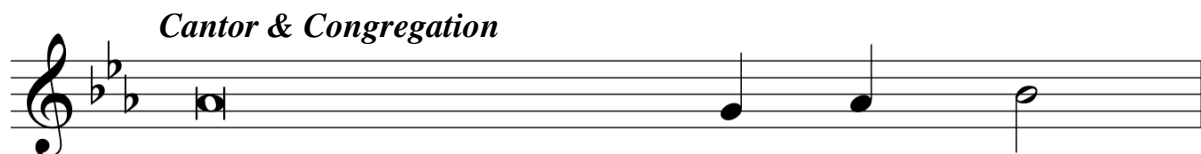
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



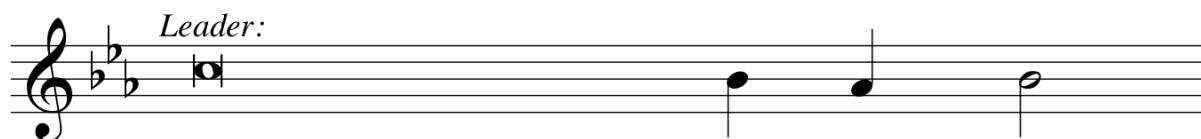
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



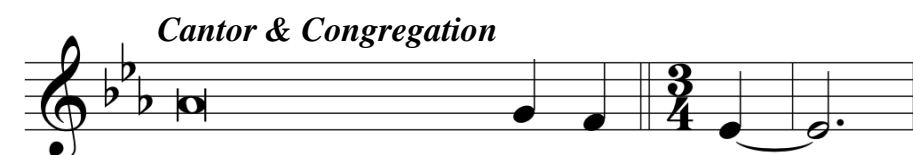
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

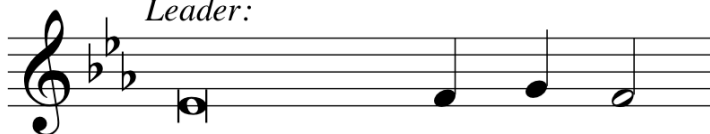
EVENING HYMN *(sung to the tune of LSB 445)*

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.

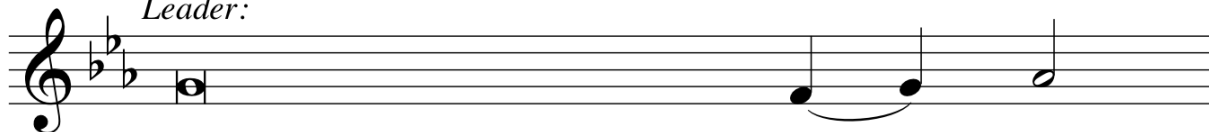
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EVENING THANKSGIVING*Leader:*

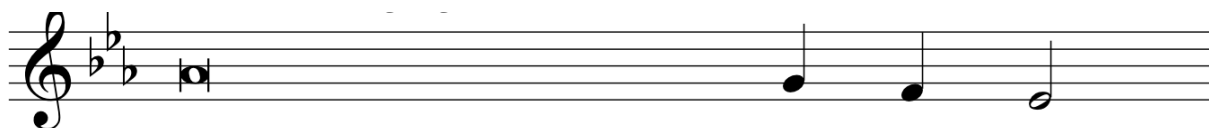
May God be with you all,

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. Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit so that we affirm with St. Paul, “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.” (Philippians 4:12); through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OUR SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT LEARNING HOW TO BE CONTENT**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“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.

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

EXODUS 20:1-17

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. ¹¹For 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.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²²Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴And when the

MATTHEW 20:20-28

ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as 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.

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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *Phil Simonson, Soloist*

SERMON

The Fifth Part in the Series
Exodus: Let My People Go!

“Mine!”

(Exodus 20:1–17)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

HYMN “What Is the World to Me” LSB 730 (stanzas 1-4)

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Following the pastor's prayer, "Lord, help us learn,"
the congregation is invited to respond, **"the secret of being content."**
[This is based on Philippians 4:12]

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 led his people through the wilderness satisfy you with every good and perfect gift.

C: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

All: Amen and Amen!

Please sit

HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917 (stanzas 1-4)

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

Everyone is invited to enjoy soup supper tonight following the service. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf. Serving: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Cheesy Potato Soup.

Leading Worship

Pastor The Rev. Peter Gueldner **Leader** Steve Denninger

Cantor Sierra Jacob **Soundboard** Chrysteena Saehler

Worship Assistants Rich Delaske, Larry Hagre

Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist; Phil Simonson, Soloist

- ✝ **LENTEN MIDWEEK—March 20, 5:30 p.m.** - Followed by Soup Supper sponsored by the Trinity Youth Group



- ✝ **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—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 (contemporary) with Holy Communion *(live streamed)*

Join us for Easter Breakfast on March 31, 9-10:30 a.m.!
Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit and beverage. Free will offering

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