

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

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**

### 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 sit)*

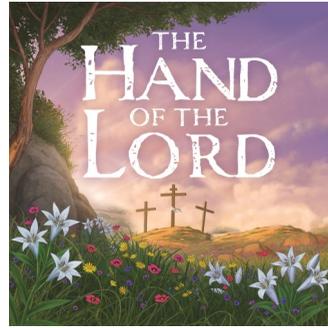
### CLOSING SONG "Lamb of God" LSB 550, sts. 1-3

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!**

\* \* \* **To God be the Glory** \* \* \*

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Join us for our  
**Lenten Series**  
"The Hand of the Lord."

- ✠ **Midweek Services—March 26 & April 2, 9 at 5:30 p.m.** followed by supper in the Fellowship Hall  
*(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **MAUNDY THURSDAY—April 17, 10:30 a.m. Senior Service with Holy Communion**  
*(followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP at the church office for lunch.)*
- ✠ **MAUNDY THURSDAY— April 17, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion**  
*(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **GOOD FRIDAY—April 18, 7:00 p.m.:**  
*(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **EASTER VIGIL Remembrance of Baptism— April 19, 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion**
- ✠ **EASTER SUNDAY—April 20, 8:00 a.m. - Festival Service with Holy Communion**  
*(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **EASTER SUNDAY—April 20, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service with Holy Communion**  
*(live streamed)*

*Easter Breakfast: April 20, 9-11:00 a.m.*

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## THE CONNECTION

March 23, 2025 10:30am

### PRELUDE / WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

### WORSHIP SONG "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861, sts. 1-3

*(Please stand)*

### INVOCATION

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

C. **Amen**

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

**FIRST READING *Ezekiel 33:7-20***

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L. Here ends the first reading.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:1-13***

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L. Here ends the second reading.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***(Please stand)***

**GOSPEL READING *Luke 13:1-9***

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

<sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

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<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

***(Please sit)***

**TITHES & OFFERING**

*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG “The Lamb”** LSB 547, sts. 1-5

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**“TRAUMA, TRAGEDY, TORNADOES, AND REPENTANCE”**

*(Text: Luke 13:1-5)*

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

***(Please stand)***

**STATEMENT OF FAITH *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**