



ADVENT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Third Sunday in Lent
Oculi

7 March 2021 Anno Domini

Welcome!

COVID-Response Plan Update – **YELLOW**

*A copy of our Covid-Response Plan is available
on our website and in the Narthex.*

- **Sunday 8:15am Divine Service MASK-REQUIRED**
- **Sun School & Bible Class 9:35am**
- **MASK-REQUIRED** unless eating or drinking
- **Sun. 10:45am Divine Service MASK-RECOMMENDED**
- **Wed. 7:00pm Lenten Service MASK-RECOMMENDED**
- **Pews are taped to better accommodate social distancing.** You may sit anywhere in the Sanctuary NOT marked with blue tape and 6' from other individuals or households. In addition, we ask that you do not gather in the narthex or elsewhere before or after the service.
- **For those who continue to shelter in place**, the early service will be streamed on our YouTube channel.
- **To view the service or Bible Study online**, visit our homepage at www.adventlutheran.org and click on the YouTube link. Videos are streamed “live” or you may watch them at any time.
- **If you watch the service online, please print this bulletin** (includes the entire service - hymns, propers, prayers, etc.)
- **If you do not have a hymnal at home**, feel free to retrieve yours from your member mailbox, or we can drop one off for you.
- **If you desire to receive the Sacrament**, call the pastors directly, call the office, or make an appointment online by visiting our website. Follow the link on our homepage to a sign-up where you may choose a 15min time to meet a pastor privately here at Church.
- **Communication updates are posted on the website.** Check there weekly for bulletins and prayer sheets, etc. Copies of the latest updates will also be available in the narthex.



Martin Luther was an Augustinian monk, priest, professor, theologian, and a prolific author and hymnodist – symbolized by the open book, quill pen and music staff – who inspired the Protestant Reformation and profoundly influenced the western Christian Church. His revolutionary translation of the Bible into German made it accessible to the people – represented by the sheep – and led to the standardization of the German language, and inspired others to translate the Bible into their native tongues. Luther translated the New Testament while exiled in the Wartburg Castle. The Luther Rose, with a black cross and red heart in the center of a stylized white rose, symbolizes that it is faith alone – Sola fide – in Christ Crucified which saves us.

Visitors & Guests

- Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors or Elders and refer to our **Communion Policy** on page 2.
- Please sign our Visitors' Register in the Narthex.

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The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with our pastor. If communing, please prepare with prayers in hymnal on pages 308, 329-330.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the sacrament, please stand, bow and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

Worship Broadcasts

Sunday services are livestreamed on our You Tube channel. Weekly service bulletins are available on our website at www.adventlutheran.org.

The Congregation at Prayer

The Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is now included in this bulletin and may be found on the last pages.

Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the start of the 40-day Lenten season. We marked ourselves with ashes as a sign of God's judgment upon sin, but did so in the sign of the cross, symbolizing the redemption we have through Christ Jesus our Savior. Before Lent we said farewell to Alleluias and will now restrain our joy and singing during this penitential season. As such, our Pastors will not chant until Easter Sunday and we will speak most of the responses during our service. All of these practices teach and remind us of our sinful condition and to "Return to the Lord," the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

In-person Sunday School & Bible Class have resumed! – see back of bulletin for guidance

To participate in Sunday School online, please contact Sarah Becker at sarahsmile2005@gmail.com Bible Study will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ADVENT

Our Wednesday Midweek services during Lent will begin at **7 p.m.** Due to Covid-19, we will not be holding Lenten Dinners before the service. Confirmation classes and Midweek Bible Study will commence after each Wednesday evening Lenten service. In addition to our regular Sunday services, please mark your calendars for the remaining **Lent and Easter services.**

- Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24 - **7:00 pm Lent Midweek Services**
- Mar. 28 - 8:15 & 10:45 am **Palm Sunday**
- Apr. 01 - 7:00 pm **Holy (Maundy) Thursday**
- Apr. 02 - 7:00 pm **Good Friday**
- Apr. 03 - 7:00 pm **Saturday Vigil**
- Apr. 04 - 8:15 & 10:45 am **Easter Services**

Please see an Usher for help locating:

- **Hearing assistive devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available upon request.
- **Restrooms** are located to the left of the Narthex as you enter the church.
- **The Nursery and Cry Room** provide quiet places for active or crying children and are equipped to broadcast our services.

To receive Advent Announcements via email every Friday, sign up on the website's 'Contact Us' page or contact the office at 317.873.6318 or email info@adventlutheran.org

Third Sunday in Lent – Oculi (*eye, to see*)

Today's Readings

Exodus 8:16-24; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man.

He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees

us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.



Exploring the Hymn of the Day – *Lord of Our Life*

Although it seems that in our time Satan and the world are working especially hard against the Church, the truth is that there have been many such times in our history. One time was the Thirty Years' War (1618-48); although it was a time of death, disease and destruction, many great hymns of faith were born out of the horrific conditions caused by this conflict (for example, the many hymns of Paul Gerhardt). It was a largely political and territorial war, though it is also remembered – at least superficially – as a battle about religion. The author of today's hymn, Matthäus Apelles von Löwenstern (1594-1648), was an imperial counselor in the courts of two Holy Roman Emperors during these years. He was a devout Lutheran, but his employers were Roman Catholic and very determined to destroy the Lutheran faith.



In His Service Today:

- P** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Sr. Pastor
- A** Rev. Jim Grady, Asst. Pastor
- Deb Trewartha, Director of Choirs; Preschool Director
- Phil Lehman, Kantor & Organist
- Ryan Scrogam & Matthias Mackay, Audio/Visual

8:15 a.m. Service

Acolyte OPEN
Altar Guild Marcy Phillips, Laurel Steffes
Crucifer OPEN
Elders Andy Fordice, Matt Comer

10:45 a.m. Service

Acolyte Carolyn Kopeschka
Altar Guild Janet Johnson, Jen Siukola
Crucifer OPEN
Elders Pete Dooms, Ned Ryan

Divine Service - Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Stand

Processional Hymn

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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 for 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15-16

- A** *My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*
- C** **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**
- A** *To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.*
- C** **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**
- A** *The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.*
- C** **Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**
- A** *Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.*
- 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.**
- A** *My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*
- C** **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Salutation and Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16-24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"" ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesus, the Father's Only Son

by Louis Bourgeois, setting by Don Petering & Friedrich Metzler, CPH 2007

*Jesus, the Father's only Son,
For us the heavy Law obeyed.
His precious blood our freedom won,
The all-sufficient ransom paid.*

*Jesus the Sacrifice became
To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb
Beneath avenging Justice fell.*

*Amazing goodness! Love divine!
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace nor yield to sin
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!*

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lent Verse

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C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Nicene Creed

C 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





1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



☐ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

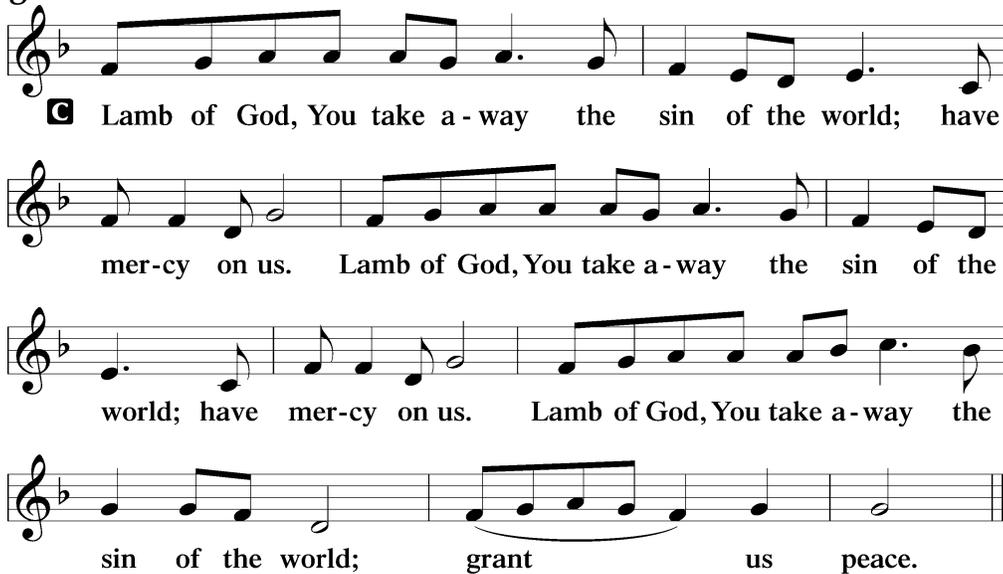
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



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

Distribution

Please wait patiently in your pew until an Elder or Usher motions to you. You and/or your household should come down the Center Aisle, maintaining appropriate distance between other Individuals and/or Households that will be in front and behind you. You may kneel or stand at the Communion Rail. **Please maintain appropriate distance from other parishioners.** If you are wearing a mask, please remove it and hold out your hand to receive our Lord's Body, the Common Chalice and/or Individual Chalice. After communion, please exit to the side aisle, placing the individual chalices carefully in the bowl provided. Then return to your seats, maintaining appropriate distance from the other communicants.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.





1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

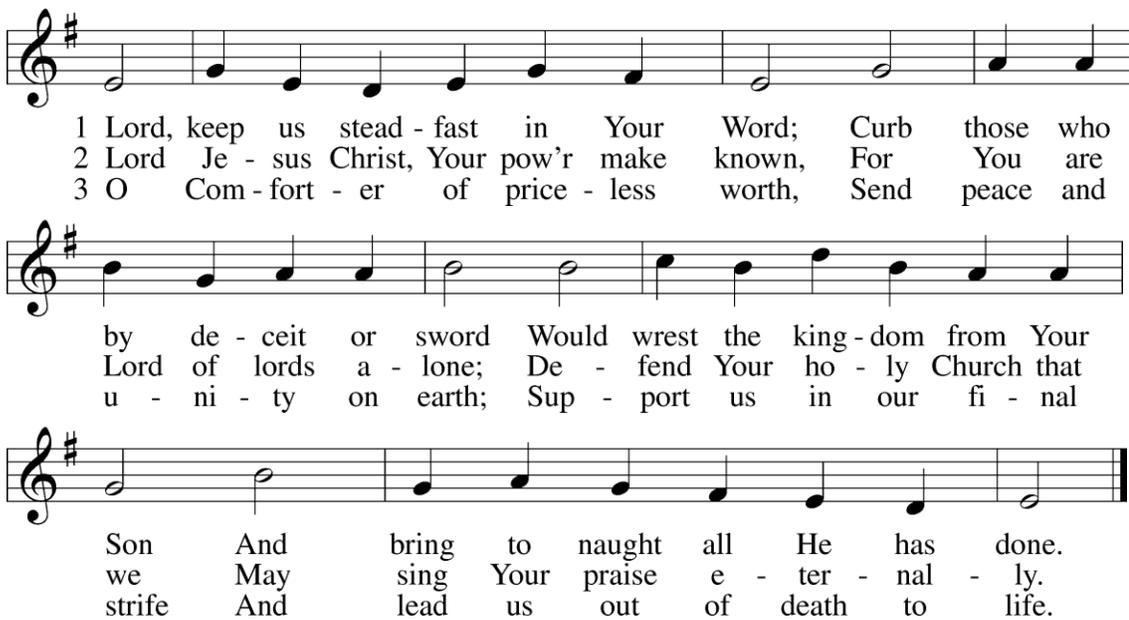
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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
by de- ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Postlude



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SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

In-person Sunday School & Bible Class resumed the First Sunday in Lent

- Masks required (unless eating or drinking)
- Socially distanced (seating will be pre-arranged and Fellowship Hall capacity limited to 90)
- Online Sunday School and Streaming of Bible Class will continue for those unable to attend in person.

Please note the following changes from the fall.

- **Sunday School will start in the fellowship hall at 9:35am**, allowing children to sit with their family for a short opening.
- **Preschool through 2nd grade teachers** will pick up students from the Fellowship Hall and lead them to class.
- **Third grade and above will walk to their classroom on their own.** 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be together in the old 5/6 classroom. 6th, 7th, and 8th will be together in the library.
- **After class**, 3rd grade and above will be released to walk to their family. Parents should go to their child's classroom to pick up Preschool through 2nd grade.
- **Masks are still required in all Sunday School classrooms.**
- **No Sunday School class will be held on Easter Sunday.**
- **Online Sunday School will continue** for those unable to attend in-person. Please let Amanda Probst (adprobst@eagles.usi.edu) or Anne Mundrick (anne.mundrick@gmail.com) know if you need materials for online Sunday School.

UPCOMING WEEK AT ADVENT -

SUNDAY	8:15 am	Divine Service	MASK-REQUIRED
	10:45 am	Divine Service	MASK-RECOMMENDED
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study	
	7:00 pm	Midweek Service -	MASK-RECOMMENDED
	7:45 pm	Confirmation Class	
	7:45 pm	Adult Bible Study	

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Advent's Wednesday Midweek services during Lent will begin at 7 p.m. Due to the Pandemic, there will not be Lenten Dinners before the services. Confirmation classes and Midweek Bible Study will commence after each Wednesday evening Lenten service. In addition to our regular Sunday services, please mark your calendars for the following **Lent and Easter services**.

- **Midweek Services - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays** - Mar. 10, Mar. 17, and Mar. 24
- **Palm Sunday** - Mar. 28 - 8:15 & 10:45 am
- **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** - Apr. 01 - 7:00 pm
- **Good Friday** - Apr. 02 - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday Vigil** - Apr. 03 - 7:00 pm

EASTER DAY SERVICES

- Easter services will be held at **8:15 and 10:45**, following our normal protocols.
- At this time, due to the pandemic, the **Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt** will not be held. This may change, so stay tuned for updates.

RECEIVE ABSOLUTION & SACRAMENT

To reserve a time for you and/or your household members to receive Absolution and the Sacrament, [sign up online](#) (link on our website) or call the office at 317.873.6318.

Times available are:

- **Sundays** noon - 1 p.m.
- **Tuesdays** 10-noon
- **Wednesday** evenings 5:30-6:45

If you are in need of a different time, please the Church Office or one of the Pastors.

Home visits are also available by calling the Pastors or the Office at 317.873.6318 or emailing info@adventlutheran.org.

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021

Review or learn by heart from Luther’s Small Catechism: Table of Duties – To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers: 1 Timothy 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 3:6; Titus 1:9

Verse of the week: 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord’s Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

Readings for the week...

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	A House Divided – Luke 11:14-28	
Monday	Palm Sunday – Mark 11:1-19	Zechariah 9:9-12
Tuesday	Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany – Mark 14:1-11	Isaiah 49:13-18
Wednesday	Midweek: Herod Murders Children – Matthew 2:7-18	1 John 2:7-11
Thursday	Jesus Celebrates the Passover – Mark 14:12-31	Zechariah 13:7-9
Friday	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane – Mark 14:32-52	Psalm 88
Saturday	Many Shall Come from Afar – Isaiah 49:8-13	Acts 2:41-47
Sundays	Ex. 8:16-24 or Jer. 26:1-15	
Lectionary	Eph. 5:1-9	
Readings	Luke 11:14-28	

Psalm 136:1-16

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, we thank You that as we live our lives, with all the highs and lows, joys and trials, Your steadfast love is there for us at every moment; it endures forever. Through Christ, our redemption. Amen. (Prayer from *The Lutheran Study Bible*)

<i>Daily Psalms</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Morning	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141
Evening	124	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143

Hymn of the Week: LSB 659 – Lord of Our Life

Text: Mattheus Apelles von Lowenstern, 1594-1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799-1855 alt.

Tune: *Antiphoner*; Poitiers, 1746

The tune can be found on the web. Search “ISTE CONFESSOR”

Weekly Collect - O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Themes for Prayer:

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Specific prayer requests may now be found in the announcements that are emailed weekly to all members.

Looking forward to The Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14, 2021

Hymns Next Week: 711, 743, 629 - 433 - 641, 655

Texts: Ex. 16:2-21 or Is. 49:8-13; Gal. 4:21-31 or Acts 2:41-47; John 6:1-15



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