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Visitors & Guests

Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to the Pastors or Elders, fill out our Visitor Card *(turn in for additional resources)* and assist us in recording church attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. We hope you join us again soon.

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 communing, please prepare using pp. 308, 329-330 found in the front of our Hymnal.

- **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. You may come forward during Distribution to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

- **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 (or blessing), 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.

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- 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.

Coffee & Donuts served every Sunday between the early and late service in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for Bible Study Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45-10:30am.

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The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

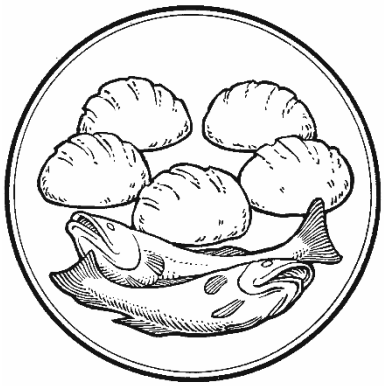
Flower Calendar

To sponsor upcoming flowers:
Please make out a check to Advent Lutheran Church with the memo of "Altar Flowers" or "Flowers" and claim the date on the Flower Calendar hanging in the hallway near the library!

Single Side- $30
Both Sides- $60
**Checks may be dropped off to the office or mailed in.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT *LAETARE (REJOICE)*

Today's Readings:
Exodus 16:2–21
Acts 2:41–47
John 6:1–15



The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people "*shall not hunger or thirst*" (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

Hymn of the Day — *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* — *LSB 743*

Johann Franck (1618–77) published this text after the Thirty Years' War (1618–48), during which his hometown suffered invasion from both Saxon and Swedish armies. Franck embarked on a distinguished civic career as an attorney, city councilor and mayor. He wrote both secular and religious poetry, including 110 religious songs.

Lent

Historically, Lent developed as a season of preparation for Holy Baptism. Liturgically and theologically, Lent is the Church's refocus on the significance of Holy Baptism. The daily drowning of the old Adam in us through contrition and repentance, which characterizes the entire Christian life of discipleship, is deliberately intensified during Lent as a renewal of faith and life in Christ. This repentance is always the divine work of the Holy Spirit through the Law and the Gospel. The Law crucifies the old Adam, and the Gospel raises up the new man in us. Thus, a Lenten focus on the cross and Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not aimed at an emotional response but is a pointed proclamation and confession of the Law and the Gospel, a preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Lent is properly penitential when it brings the cross to sinners and sinners to the cross of Christ as the fountain and source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

We said "farewell" to Alleluia at Transfiguration, which is now replaced by the Tract (Psalm verses). There is yet to come a progressive "dropping off" in the liturgy in the weeks ahead. The Gloria in Excelsis was silenced on Ash Wednesday; the Pastors and congregation refrain from high chant, most portions now spoken; come Judica, the Gloria Patri is removed as well; the Church more and more assembles in solemn silence before the majesty and mystery of the Holy Cross until at the Great Vigil of Easter these all come roaring back to greet us.

In His Service Today:

P Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor
A Rev. James Grady, Assistant Pastor
A Rev. Aaron Schultz, Headmaster-Assoc. Pastor

Choir Director: Deb Trewartha
Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman
Audio/Visual: Matthias Mackay

8:15am	10:45am
Greeter: Joann Whorwell	Greeter: OPEN
Altar Guild: Donna Coomes, Jena Mackay	Altar Guild: Margaret Halvorsen, Jennifer Siukola
Ushers: Mike Klemsz, Steve Vogtman	Ushers: Jannson Engleman, OPEN
Elder: Steve Vogtman	Elder: Pete Dooms

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT *LAETARE (REJOICE)*

Divine Service starts on page 151 in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Stand

Processional Hymn ***Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*** ***LSB 711***

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

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8:15AM **HOLY BAPTISM** **p. 268**

10:45am 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 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a***

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**
A I was glad when they | said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
A Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!
C **For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**
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 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
C **that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**

Kyrie ***LSB 152***

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 of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 16:2–21***

2 And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3 and
the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we
sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole
assembly with hunger."
4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go
out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. 5 On the
sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." 6 So Moses and
Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling
against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" 8 And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in
the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that
you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."
9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the
LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" 10 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people
of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 And the
LORD said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat
meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"
13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. 14 And
when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the
ground. 15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it
was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. 16 This is what the LORD has
commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the
number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" 17 And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some
more, some less. 18 But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and

whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. 19And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." 20But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. 21Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem ***O Praise ye the Lord*** *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Music 70 Music Publishers, 1984

O praise ye the Lord God Almighty! Praise Him in the firmament of His great power.
O praise Him, all ye nations, praise ye the Lord!
For He is King of Kings! He is the Lord!

Epistle Reading ***Acts 2:41–47***

41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
43And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lent Verse ***LSB 157***

C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel ***John 6:1–15***

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"
15Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Hymn of the Day ***Jesus, Priceless Treasure*** **LSB 743**

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine,
O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2 In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash
And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r
Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss,
Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory & Offering ***LSB 159***

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

10:45am **Confirmation** **p. 272**

Prayer of the Church

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***

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ***LSB 161***

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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."

Pax Domini ***LSB 163***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei ***LSB 163***

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn ***Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*** ***LSB 625***

1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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Distribution Hymn ***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*** ***LSB 641***

ref You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice. Refrain

2 With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. Refrain

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. Refrain

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Distribution Hymn ***O Living Bread from Heaven*** ***LSB 642***

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given

What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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Stand

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 ***LSB 165***

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

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 ***LSB 166***

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.**

Recessional Hymn ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** ***LSB 655***

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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Postlude

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Lent 4 / Laetare – March 19, 2023

Review or learn by heart from Luther's Small Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-3 (Primary Texts) Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

Verse of the week: Luke 10:2 The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

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.

	Bible Narrative	**Second Reading**
SUN	**Lent 4:** The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15	
MON	**St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	
TUE	Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11	Deuteronomy 15:7-11
WED	Palm Sunday—John 12:12-26	Psalm 118:1-20
THU	**Passion: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin—**Matthew 26:57-75	Psalm 35:1-12
FRI	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet—John 13:1-20	Exodus 40:1-33
SAT	A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38	Psalm 41
	Lent 5: The Sacrifice of Isaac—Genesis 22:1-14	Hebrews 9:11-15
	The Annunciation of Our Lord: Luke 1:26-38	
Sundays Lectionary Readings	Exodus 16:2-21; Psalm 132:8-18; Gal. 4:21-31; John 6:1-15	

Psalm 132:8–18; antiphon: v. 13

O Lord, we praise You for dwelling with us. Clothe us with the righteousness and salvation of Your Anointed One, Jesus Christ, our King. In His name. Amen. (Prayer from The Lutheran Study Bible)

Hymn of the Week: *LSB 743 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

The tune can be found on the web. Search "JESU, MEINE FREUDE"

Daily Psalms	**SUN**	**MON**	**TUE**	**WED**	**THU**	**FRI**	**SAT**
Morning	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20	22
Evening	4, 6	7	11, 12	13	16, 17	21	23, 24

Weekly Collect - Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.*

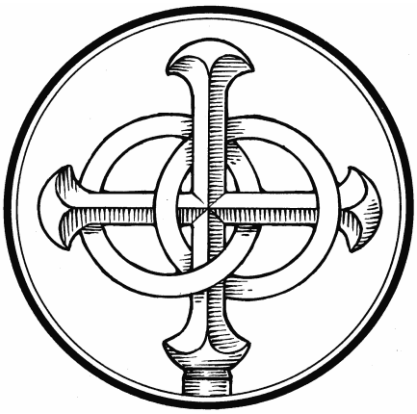
FRIDAY: *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

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 Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly to all. Please contact Pr. Grady to be added to the Prayers List.

Next Week

Lent 5/*Judica*
March 26, 2023



WEDNESDAY
6:00pm Lenten Supper
7:00pm Lent Service
7:45pm Catechism Classes
Bible Study

SUNDAY- YOUTH CONFIRMATION
8:15am Divine Service
9:35am Sunday School
9:45am Bible Study
10:45am Divine Service

Hymns:
798 sts. 1-4&9, 430,
547 – 431 – 597, 655

Texts:
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 43;
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-59

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