



*Third Sunday in Lent*

*3/3/24*

*Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One  
with Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Ten*

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE.**

*Lent is a 40-day season of contemplation, spiritual discipline, recalling the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Throughout the season, we reflect upon our sinfulness and God's grace. As we take up spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting (denying oneself), and giving to the poor, God calls us to turn from serving ourselves, repent of our sins, and return to Him.*

Hymns Today: **LBW #305, LBW #304, LBW #200, LBW #107, & WOV #740**

**PRELUDE, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please, stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may trace the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead.*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity – Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit -  
who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION (based on ELW p. 95)**

*Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Holy and Gracious God, **have mercy on me, a poor sinner.**

**I confess that I have turned from you and given myself over to the power of sin.**

**I am sorry for my disobedience to you and humbly repent of my sins,  
those known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**In your merciful compassion, turn me again to you,**

**forgive me of my sins, and uphold me by your Holy Spirit,**

**so that I may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION (FORGIVENESS OF SINS)** *Ephesians 2:4,8; Matthew 9:2, Luke 7:48, etc.; Ephesians 3:17*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us and equip us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**OFFERING OF PEACE**

*John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

# GATHERING HYMN: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LBW #305

## AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

*Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.  
We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

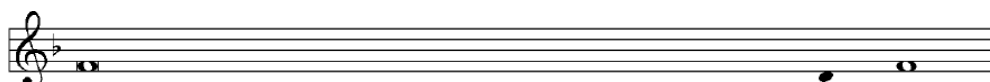
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE ("Lord, have mercy..." LBW pp. 57-58) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



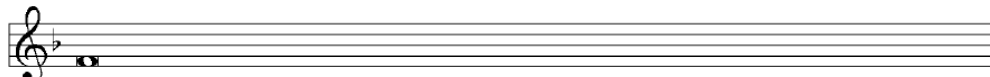
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



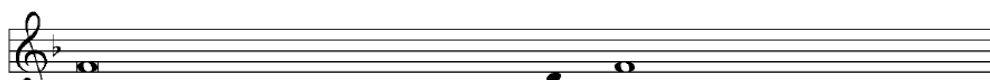
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



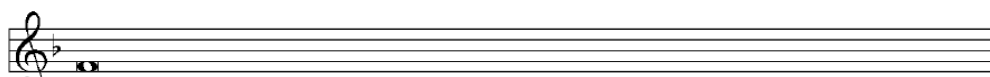
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



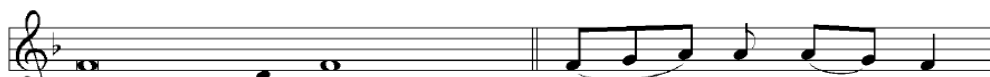
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

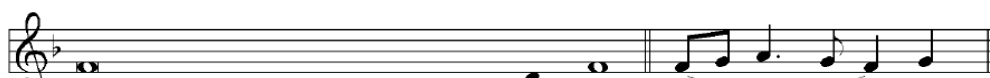


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

B Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. B A - men

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*Ruth 2:4*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>You 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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it 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. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.* (Psalm tone 2)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,\***

**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,\*

and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,\***

**and their message to the ends | of the world.**

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;\*

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;\***

**nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;\*

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;\***

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;\*

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,\***

**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,\*

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can tell how often | he offends?\***

**cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;\*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\***

**O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 63)

*John 6:68*

☩ 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.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter

☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken...

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*We observe a time of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LBW #304**

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64)

*Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

*Continued on the next page.*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...  
*Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***  
*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

**OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC as available**

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

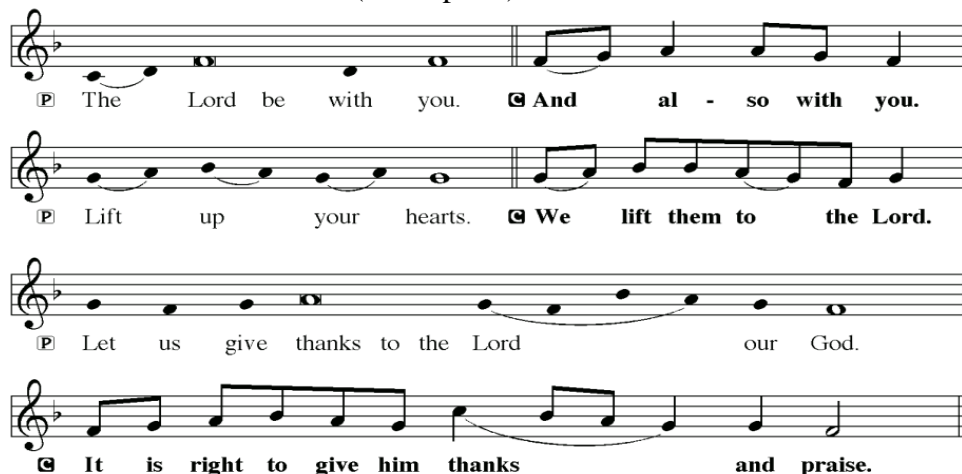
**OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 67)**

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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)**

Let us pray...  
**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
 With them we offer ourselves to your service  
 and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,  
 for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

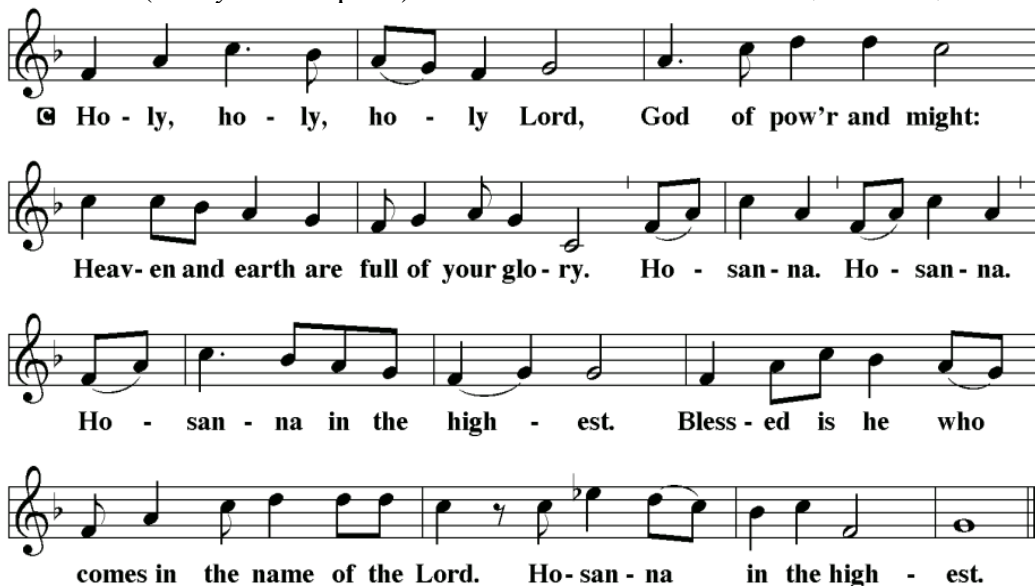
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69)

*Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Min. Desk Ed. p. 260-261)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 72)

*John 1:29*

☞ 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.

*Please be seated.*

**CHRIST OFFERS US HIMSELF IN HIS HOLY SUPPER.**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer hand sanitizer, if you so desire.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone*



*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

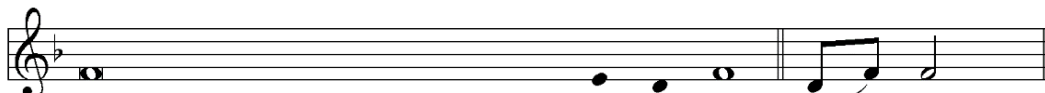
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: “**For the Bread Which You Have Broken**” LBW #200

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, **you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



☞ 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.

### **GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE.**

SENDING HYMNS: “**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**” LBW #107

“**Jesus, Remember Me**” WOV #740 - *Sing 3 times.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus’ name.

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