



*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
3/10/24*

*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 #448, LBW #98, LBW #200, LBW #95, & 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: "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound" LBW #448

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)

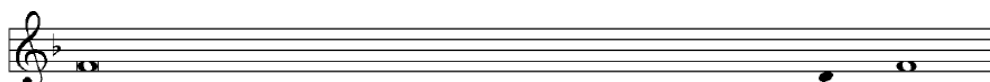
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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*



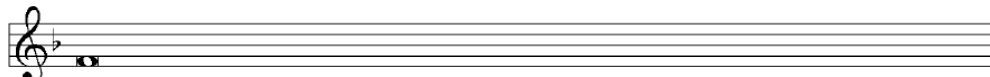
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. B Lord, have mer - cy.



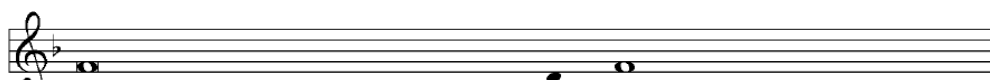
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



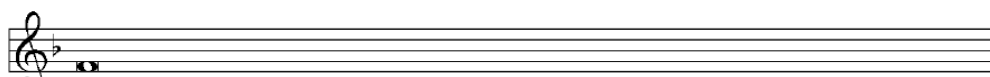
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



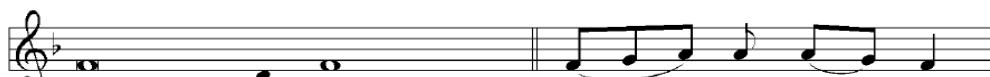
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

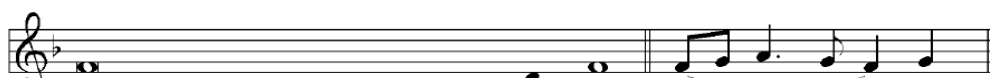


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

PSALM 107:1-9 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.* (Psalm tone 2)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,\*  
and his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let all those whom the Lord has re- | deemed proclaim\*  
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.**

<sup>3</sup>He gathered them out | of the lands;\*  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

<sup>4</sup>**Some wandered in | desert wastes;\*  
they found no way to a city where | they might dwell.**

<sup>5</sup>They were hun- | gry and thirsty;\*  
their spirits lan- | guished within them.

<sup>6</sup>**Then they cried to the Lord | in their trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.**

<sup>7</sup>He put their feet on a | straight path\*  
to go to a city where | they might dwell.

<sup>8</sup>**Let them give thanks to the Lord | for his mercy\*  
and the wonders he does | for his children.**

<sup>9</sup>For he satis- | fies the thirsty\*  
and fills the hungry | with good things.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

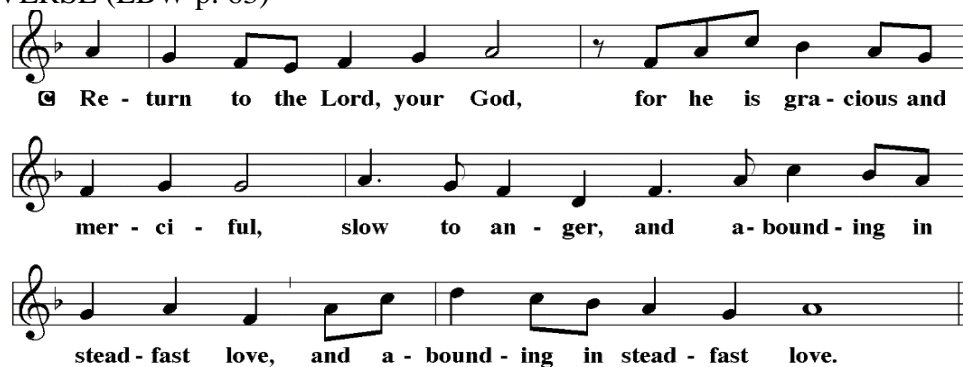
<sup>1</sup>You were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 third chapter.




Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>{Jesus said to Nicodemus,} “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Praise to you, O Christ.

*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: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LBW #98

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.**

**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.**

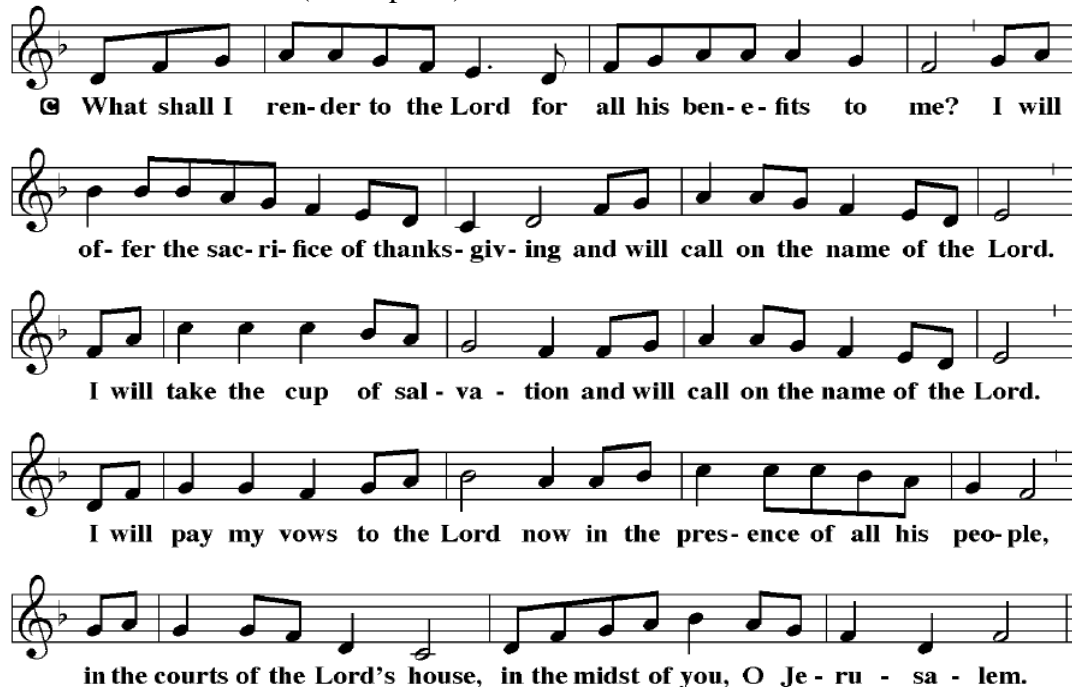
*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### 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...

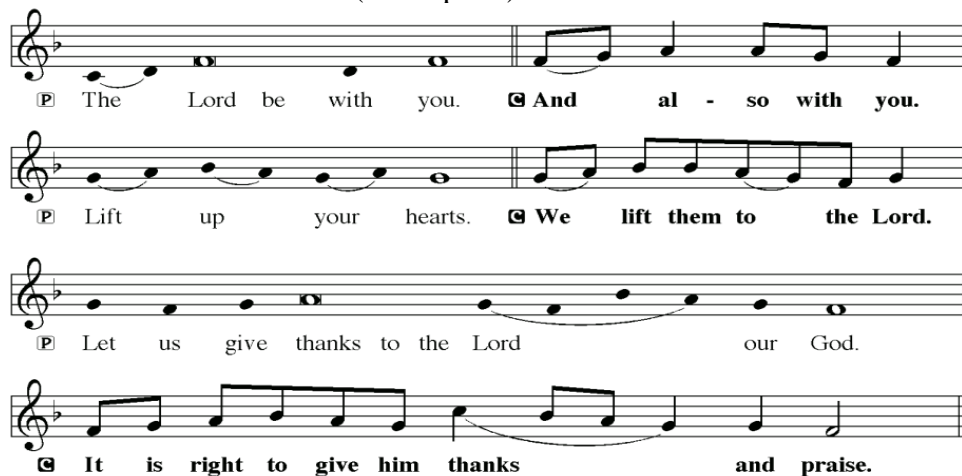
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

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.**

☩ 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.

☩ A - men

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE.**

SENDING HYMNS: “Glory Be to Jesus” LBW #95

“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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