FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

The second quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for Agape Flights.

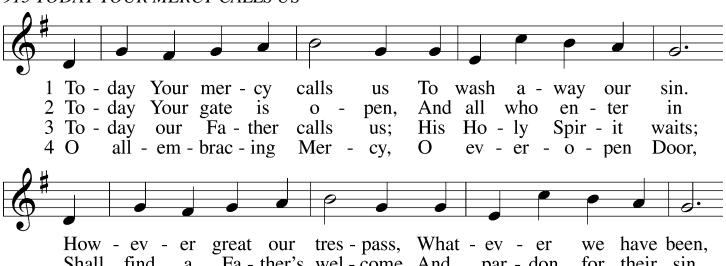
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Weekly Memory Verse

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been, Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n-ly gates. What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, How - ev - er for - got - ten, pres - ent The past shall be A joy be giv'n, of - ten No ques - tion will be asked How us we have come: drive When all things seem a - gainst To de - spair. us. us to



Your pre-cious blood can wash And make us clean to - day. us fu - ture grace be prom - ised, glo-rious crown in heav'n. A Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It Fa - ther's home. is our We know one o - pen, will gate is One ear hear our prayer.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

Cong: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

Cong: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

Cong: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

Cong: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

Cong: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Pastor: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

Cong: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.



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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

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that you might comfort me.

2"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."
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³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

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"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

5"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

6Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
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- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.""

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

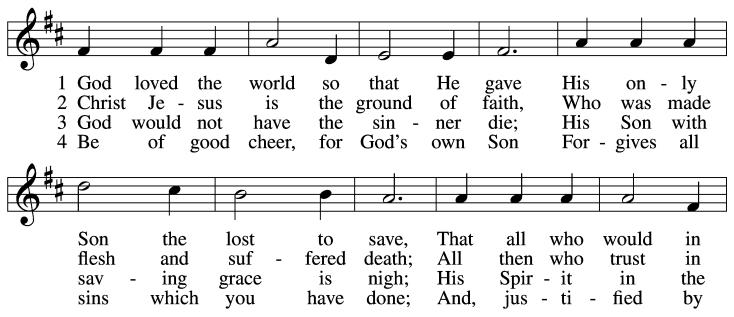
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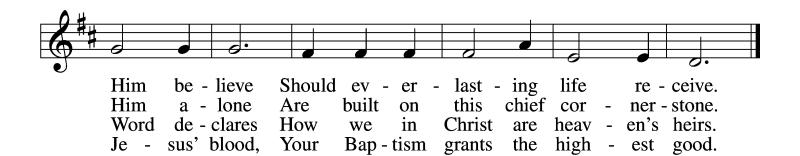
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE





If you are sick, if death is near,This truth your troubled heart can cheer:Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;

That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

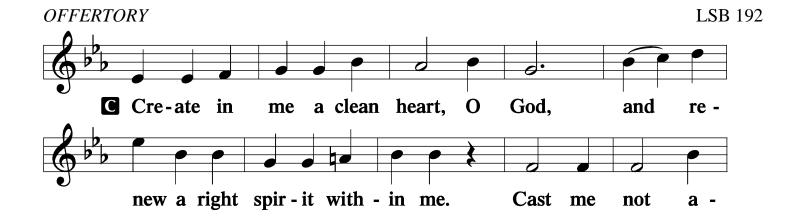
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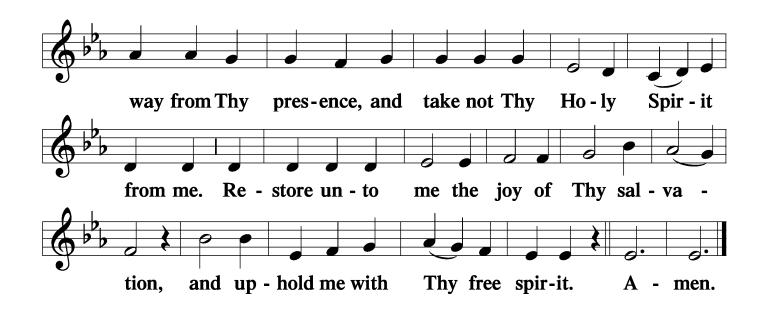
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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING





+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

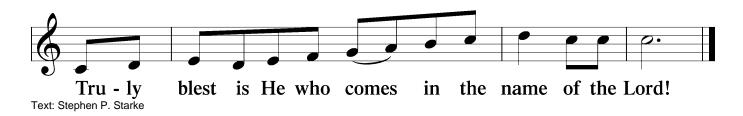




Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

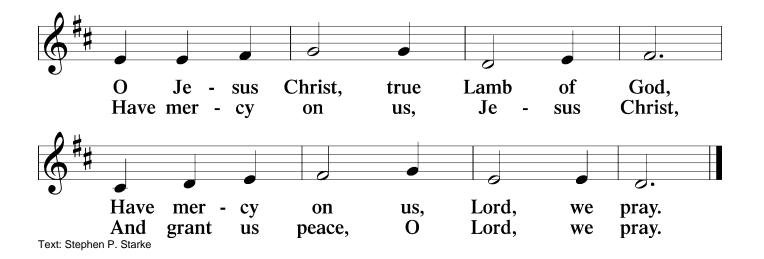
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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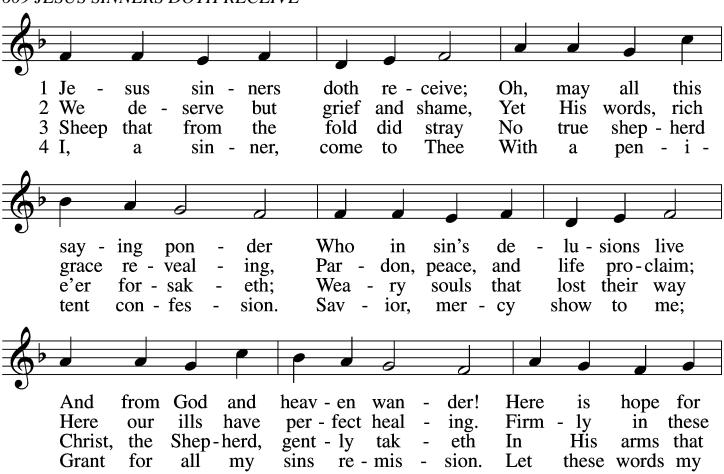
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

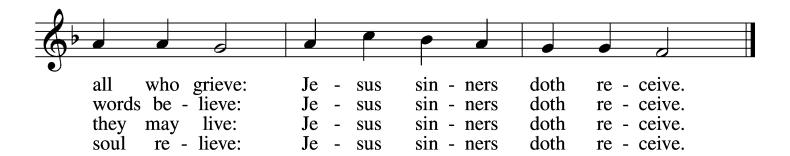




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609 JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE





5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD



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a - dore Thee; May I still Thy ev - er to good-ness prove. me from dan - ger, In - ter-posed His pre - cious blood. res - cue take and seal Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. heart, O it, Me to realms of end - less an - gels soon to car - ry

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- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessèd food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

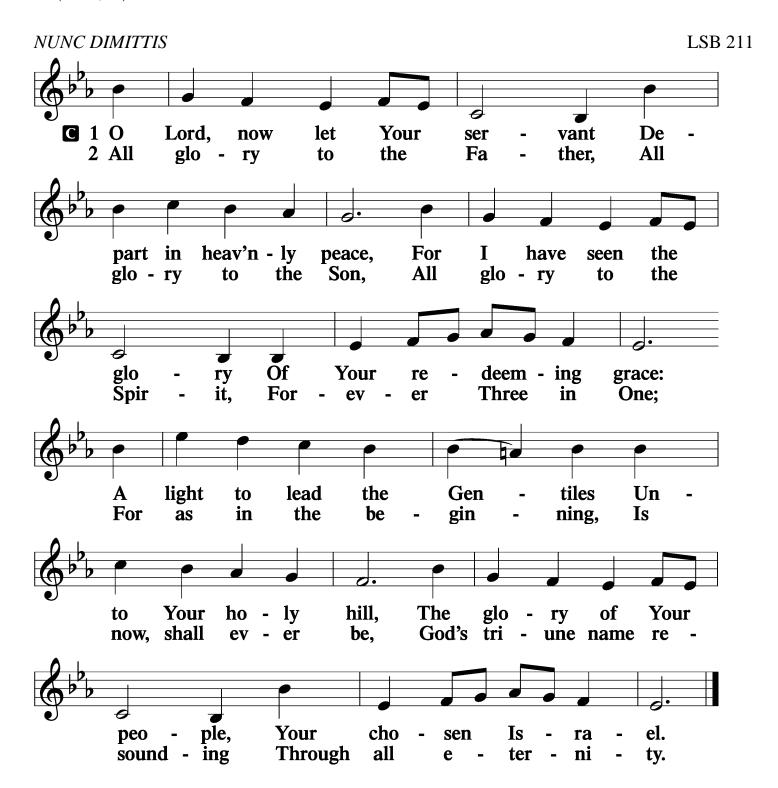
Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

BENEDICAMUS LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

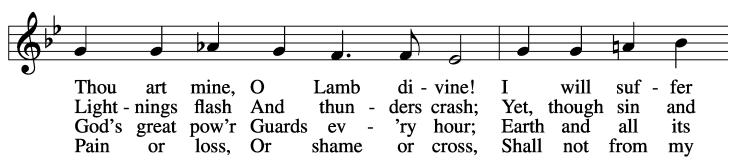
- The Lord bless you and keep you.

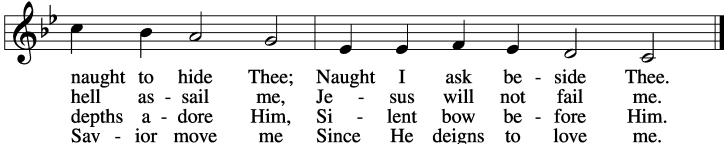
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

743 JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE







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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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday
Don Hill 30th Susie Cashon 31st Paulette Stoddard 5th

Happy Anniversary

None

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH: Sunday, March 30th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites 12:15 pm Adult Catechism

Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 am Women of Faith 5:00 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm Meal 3:30 & 6:30 pm Bible Study

Saturday, April 5th

9:00 am LWML Spring Rally, Lakeside Lutheran, Venice

Sunday, April 6th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Coffee Bites 12:15 pm Adult Catechism

Looking Ahead

April 8th 9:15 am Elders Meeting April 9th 9:00 am Women of Faith April 9th 3:30 & 6:30 Bible Study April 9th 5:00 pm Lenten Service April 9th 6:00 pm Light Meal April 11th 9:30 am LWML Meeting