

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Look with the Light  
March 21 & 22, 2020

**As you read this:**

The sermon is included in this folder. Read the service as you would if you were gathered with other believers in Christ Jesus. Don't stop too long at any one point. Put a T by any word, phrases or sections to which you want to return. Put a "?" mark at any place you may have a question, but keep on reading.

After you have read through the service and the message, go back through the service again. This time stopping and pondering on what the message has revealed and how the theme is repeated throughout the service.

Do this more than once. Do it daily if you can. Include others especially children. Share it with others.

During this pan epidemic you may wish to have your own hymnal. Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) has the hymnal in many different styles. Later, when we begin to gather again at that building dedicated to the Lord and called Trinity Lutheran Church, you may and are encouraged to bring it along with your Bible.

In the meantime, KFUE 850 am carries a number of Sunday morning worship services. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on WTIM 870 am, 96.1 FM, 107.3 FM and 107.5 FM at 7:30 a.m. "Worship Alive" is on channel 49 on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Keep up the hand washing. Instead of singing a little children tune, sing "Jesus Loves Me" or "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb." You may wish to say the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 121<sup>st</sup> psalm. The words are included below.

**Jesus Loves Me** *LSB 588*

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
    Little ones to Him belong;  
    They are weak, but He is strong.  
Refrain

ref   Yes, Jesus loves me!  
      Yes, Jesus loves me!  
      Yes, Jesus loves me!  
      The Bible tells me so.

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb** *LSB 740*

I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides  
me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

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**Psalm 23:1-6** *A Psalm of David.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Psalm 121:1-8** *A Song of Ascents.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
[2] My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
[3] He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
[4] Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
[5] The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right  
hand.  
[6] The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
[7] The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
[8] The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and  
forevermore.

**As We Gather**

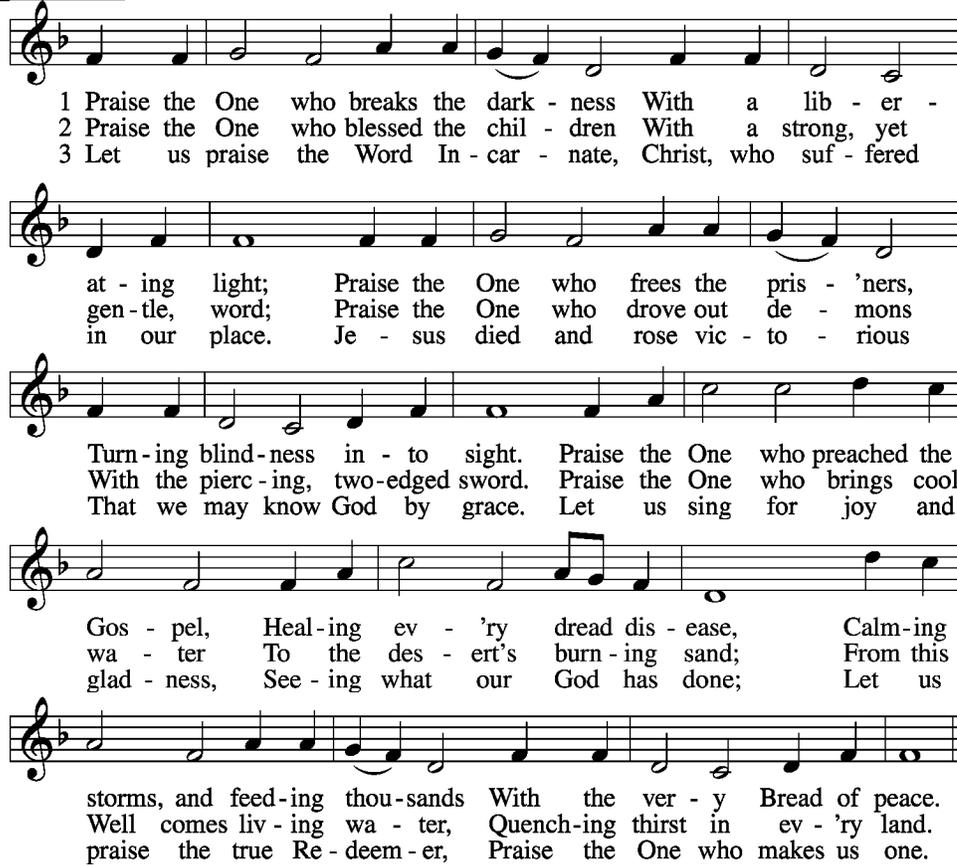
It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness—the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we gather again today to see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world—the light no darkness can overcome.



**Communion:** (The Lord's Supper) is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with Pastor. To understand the teaching surrounding the Sacrament of the Altar turn to page 329 in the front of the hymnal and read "Christian Questions with Their Answers."

Order of Divine Service I LSB 151

Opening Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *LSB 849*



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution *LSB 290*

*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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul

urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C Amen.**

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly**

**deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** *Ps. 27:4–6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15 (“Singing the Psalms” LSB xxvi Tone C)*



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

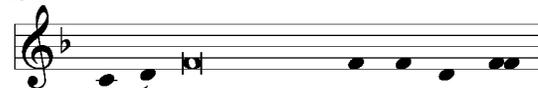
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

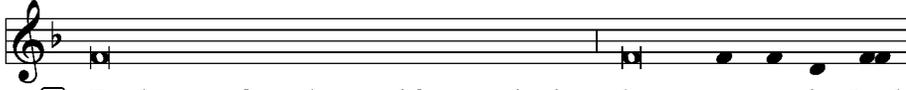
**Kyrie** *LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



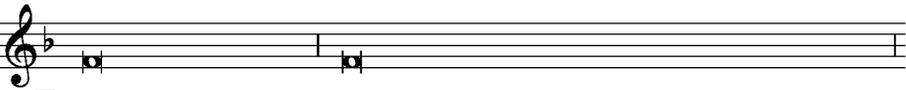
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



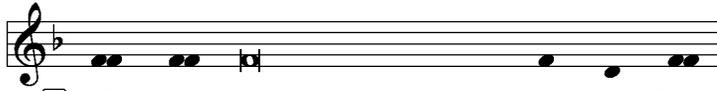
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

**The Hymn of Praise** *omitted during the Lenten Service*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**Prayer of the Day**

**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 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Psalm 142 (antiphon: v. 5)(Tone C)*



<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;\*  
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;\*  
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.  
<sup>3</sup>When my spirit faints within me,  
you | know my way!\*

In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a | trap for me.

<sup>4</sup>Look to the right and see:  
there is none who takes notice | of me;\*  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares | for my soul.

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the | living.”

<sup>6</sup>Attend to my cry,  
for I am brought | very low!\*

Deliver me from my persecutors,  
for they are too | strong for me!

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks | to your name!\*

The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully | with me.

**Epistle** *Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light  
<sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is  
pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.  
<sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is  
exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it  
says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent)** *LSB 157*



☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



**Holy Gospel** *John 9:1–41(The Healing of the Man Blind From Birth)*

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6] Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

[8] The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" [9] Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." [10] So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." [12] They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

[13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17] So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

[18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19] and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20] His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21] But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." [22] (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) [23] Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

[24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." [25] He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26] They said to

him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28] And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

[35] Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36] He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" [37] Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." [38] He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. [39] Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." [40] Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" [41] Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

**Hymn of the Day** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *LSB 873*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
 Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
 Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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**Sermon** *“What Happened to Us?”* Based on Ephesians 5:8–14  
Rev. Rodney Blomquist, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville, Illinois

#### Introduction:

You and I have dealt with a deadly disease all our lives. It is called sin. Our parents infected us with it and we infected our children. It has brought death to all. No one can escape it. No isolation can slow its process and effects.

Earthly diseases are different. They can be controlled through vaccinations, sanitary practices, quarantines and isolation. We will never be able to rid the world of diseases, sickness and death. They are here because of the fall of man into sin. And will remain till the day Christ returns.

We do not want earthly diseases to define us. We do not call ourselves, “Coronavirusinners,” “Cancerinners,” or “Common Coldinners.” But we do call ourselves “Sinners.”

Yet, we do not want to be identified as to what we were. We cling to what we are in Christ. We were darkness. Now we are Children of light. So, what happened to us? That is to say what change has taken place in our lives to transform us from darkness to light?

#### I. We were darkness

It is important to know what we were before being in Christ. We were lost and condemned creatures, enemies of God and ruled by our sinful natures. We had no spiritual insight to the One and Only true God. We were incapable of living a perfect life. And we were conceived and born in sin.

It was a dark time with an even darker future. It was a helpless time because we could do no good or any good works that would appease the wrath of God. We were doomed. We were spiritually dead. Much like being helpless toward in becoming sick, we were helpless against sin and all its deadly consequences.

This was the darkness we were in without Christ. It was and is the same darkness that the unbelieving world still lives in. Fear can over take them. Selfishness can become the rule of the day. Personal strength and character can only last till something bigger than themselves and the world over powers them. Ultimately the disaster called the fall of man into sin takes their lives and they perish.

This is not who we are in Christ. Yet, we still sin as if we are darkness. We still possess a fallen nature. The world cannot always distinguish a child of light from a good and decent person. They can clearly see that we are as sinful as they are. We can see this for ourselves. So, why then do we not consider ourselves darkness but children of light? What happened to us?

## II. Now in Christ we are children of light

The quick and simplest answer is the person of Jesus the Christ. He is the Light of the world. This Light has shine on us. It has revealed our sin and our darkness. This Light should have destroyed us like the wicked witch of the north from the novel, "The Wizard of Oz," was destroy by water or as a fable vampire from horror fiction is destroyed by the sunlight.

Yet, He did not destroy us. This Light also revealed to us that He took upon flesh and blood to be our Savior. He took our sins and the punishment for them to the cross. There He paid for them by suffering the full and complete wrath of God, the punishment of our sin. He died as the sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Then He rose again so that He, the Light, can shine on us His grace and the forgiveness the Father wants to give and has given to us. Yes, this Light has shined on us through His Word. He has shown to us our salvation. He revealed that He has given us His Holy Spirit through Baptism and the hearing of the Word of God. He has revealed to us the truth of His Word. He has revealed to us that through the bread and wine He gives us His body and blood so that we may know for certain that our sins are forgiven and that we are children of light.

So, now we are to go and live as children light. We are to go and serve God and our neighbor in what is good, right and true. We are a light to the world showing forth the fruit of faith, avoiding the things of darkness and reveal the darkness of the world.

At this time of the COVID-19 outbreak, we are to try to discern what is God-pleasing. This is not always clear. We want to be informed yet not spread false information which causes fear and anxiety. We want to do what is best for our families while not hording thus hurting our neighbor by robbing him of his needs. We follow and obey our God-appointed leaders while not taking advantage of the situation to advance ones political career or destroying it by bearing false witness against our neighbor. We are to offer help while avoiding others when sick. And the list goes on.

It is hard and difficult to sort through the clamor. It is difficult to know what to do at any given moment.

So, we pray as children of light knowing God is in control. He will deliver us. For, some He will keep the virus away. For others, they will endure being infected and thus wait on the Lord for recovery. And yes, God will through this pan epidemic deliver others to their eternal reward in heaven.

We stay in the Word as children of light knowing God's grace. We repent of any sin His light has revealed within us. We ask Him for strength to live as children of light so others may see Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We pray that He continues to wake us from our sleep and increase in us to take to heart, even more seriously, the work and salvation Christ has wrought for us.

Conclusion:

There is nothing new here on earth that Christ has not seen and dealt with since the fall of man into sin. This truth Christ has shined upon us. God the Holy Spirit will continue to call us to open our eyes from sleep and see all things in the light Christ provides.

T AMEN T

### Apostles' Creed

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, shine Your light of mercy and grace into our darkened hearts of sin and eyes blinded to Your will and ways, so that we know the fullness of Your forgiveness, life, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Healing Lord, shine Your light of peace and healing to all who seek relief, for the sick and dying, for those troubled physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally, and for the grieving and the dying, that Your comfort be known, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of all nations, shine Your light to all places in this world and to the leaders of

- cities, states, and countries, that Your light guide and direct them so that peace be had and justice faithfully served. Give courage and diligence to all who work to defend liberties and life, and to those who speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of the Church, shine Your light upon all You have enabled to speak and proclaim Your Word. Be with our congregation, that we remain united in truth, love, faith, and service. Give courage to live as Your witnesses, that many who remain in darkness rejoice in the light of truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of all seasons, in this season of Lent shine Your light upon us as we examine ourselves, see our sins, and know our need for a Savior. As we continue to follow Christ to the cross, draw our hearts and minds to You and the joys that await. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

**Offering** *(You may mail, hand deliver at the office, and/or bring it to the church when begin to gather again in His Name. The mission offering box is available in the narthex of the church for your personal gift to the Lord.)*

**Offering Hymns** “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” *LSB 857*



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scept - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in  
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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**Offertory** *LSB 159*



**C** 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.

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**Preface** *LSB 160*



**P** The Lord be with you.



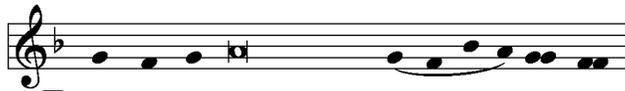
**C** And al - so with you.



**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** 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.

**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.**

**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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in



## Distribution Hymns

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” *LSB 571*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 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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“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 851*



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you?”  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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“O God of God, O Light of Light” *LSB 810*



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
 4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of  
 wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions  
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our  
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,  
 saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night  
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!  
 earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 Rang out the song, “Good-will to men!” Sung once by first-born  
 So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
 For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.  
 sons of light, It ech-oes now, “Good-will!” A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.  
 throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

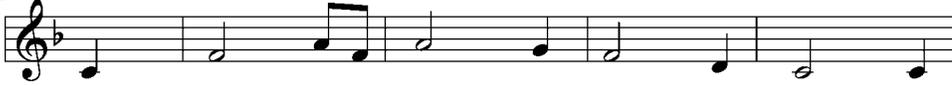
**Benediction** *LSB 166*

**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.



♩ A - men.

**Closing Hymn** “Amazing Grace” *LSB 744*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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