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**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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## **From the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increase. If you are uncomfortable about the increase in numbers attending, consider signing up for the 10:30 Sunday morning Divine Service. Saturday night and Wednesday evening silent Divine Services are available. Until you are able to gather with us, God keep you in the one true faith till life everlasting.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

## **For younger children**

*Word Search: **Temple***

*[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]*

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [ | - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

## **For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism**

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

## **Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

## **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students' schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

## **Pass This On**

### **From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS**

#### *Lent 3*

Merriam-Webster defines zeal as "eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something." In the reading from John's Gospel that we'll hear this coming Sunday, we hear a bit about the zeal of Jesus. He has zeal for His Father's house; that is, the Temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus has such zeal that He forces out the people who were selling animals for the required sacrifices, as well as the money-changers. They had made the sacrificial worship of God into a system of transaction. They were adding some element of corruption or of profit to a wonderful gift of God.

Jesus' zeal truly extends beyond the house of God. It extends to the whole fallen creation of God. Jesus cared about the Temple being kept pure because it was a preview of His own pure body, the true temple that would be destroyed on Good Friday and then three days later raised up on Easter. This, the death and resurrection of Jesus, was the most wonderful of God's gifts. God, in His love and grace, gave Jesus as a sacrifice to take away the sin of the world.

That zeal of Christ for all to be saved now extends beyond Himself to His own followers. Take, for example, the Apostle Paul. He is so zealous to speak to everyone about the wonderful gift of

salvation in Jesus Christ crucified that he's willing to be considered a fool. "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing," Paul writes. "But to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

To those who are blind to God's ways, the zeal of Jesus to offer Himself as a pure sacrifice for the sins of the world is foolishness. But as for those who know that every man is sinful and unclean? Well, for every one of them – hopefully including you – the zeal of Jesus to die and rise for all mankind is nothing but a reason to cry out with thanks and praise to God.

**WORSHIP FOLDER**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**God's Wisdom**  
**March 6 & 7, 2021**

**As We Gather**

When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.



**Order of Divine Service *LSB 151***

**Opening Sentences**

- P As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we hear Jesus teaching about humility.  
C **He warns against the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees.**  
P They put heavy burdens on others but refuse to carry those burdens themselves.  
C **They enjoy being noticed, exalted, and honored but refuse servanthood.**  
P Jesus calls us to humbleness.  
C **Jesus calls us to serve.**  
P Lord, grant that we repent of our hypocrisy  
C **and pick up our cross and follow Jesus.**

**Opening Hymn "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come" *LSB 981***

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,  
For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place,  
Here I see my Savior's face.

- 2 I through Him am reconciled,  
I through Him become Your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

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### **Corporate Confession and Absolution**

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 mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C **Amen.**

*Why does Jesus continually cleanse us of our sins?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

C **Deliver me from sinking in the mire;  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,  
or the pit close its mouth over me.

C **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**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.**

C **For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

*Why can we be assured that God will listen to our  
prayers?*

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

C **be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again  
with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the  
unchangeable truth of Your Word;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*God always wants to act in what?*

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 20:1–17

<sup>1</sup>And 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 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.”

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

*What do we call these commands from God?*

### Psalm Psalm 19:7–11

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
C **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**  
P the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
C **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**  
P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
C **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**  
P More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
C **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
P Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;  
C **in keeping them there is great reward.**

*How good are the Commandments of God?*

### Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>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>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

*What important message do we preach?*

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

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

**Holy Gospel John 2:13–22**

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

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

<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.

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

*What action of Christ proves He is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior?*

*Highlight or underline words and phrases that speak about Christ being the center focal point of our worship.*

**Hymn of the Day “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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### **Sermon** *"I Will Raise It Up" John 2:13-22*

#### Introduction:

Jesus was being questioned as to what authority He had to drive out all these money-changers and sellers of animals. He wasn't a priest. He wasn't one of the temple rulers. He was just a common man off the street.

True, He was no stranger to the temple. He was forty days old when He was presented at the temple as the first born son of Mary and Joseph. He spent three days at the temple when He was twelve. Mary and Joseph searched for Him and found Him at the temple. Jesus was surprised they didn't first go to the temple to find Him. And throughout His ministry Jesus was known to come to the temple. He even declared Himself to the living water at the temple. He was no stranger. The temple was a part of Jesus' life.

#### I. He designed it

So, now when He saw the temple being misused, the zeal for the temple moved Him to drive out the money changers and the sellers. Was it just an act of an overzealous Israelite? Was it just a member of the congregation going ballistic?

No, this was His Father's house. It was a house designed by His Heavenly Father. He commanded Moses to take skilled workers and build the tabernacle and items that would be used in the daily sacrifices plus those special days of sacrifice.

Later He would give King Solomon permission to build the temple in Jerusalem. And destroy it at the time of the Babylonian Captivity. The children of Israel had turned away from God and in a sense God had to cleanse the temple, the city and the land.

The temple that Jesus cleansed was the temple King Herod built. It followed the same design as the tabernacle that God had designed. King Herod's motive was not of devotion to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He delighted in building buildings that reflected his glory not the glory of God.

It something we need to battle ourselves. The care of this building is not to make us look good and attractive to the community. It is to provide a place of prayer and worship for us to use to the glory of God.

So, when Jesus saw the temple being misused, He cleansed it under the authority of being the Son of God. And He would show this authorization by His resurrection.

## II. He rose from the dead

46 years it took to build the temple, Herod's temple as it is referred to today. A lot of time and money went into it. But less then forty years later, the temple would be leveled. I am not aware of how long it took the Romans to dismantle the temple. But it no longer stands.

Jesus refers to Himself as the temple. "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days," a clear reference to His resurrection. Jesus showed that He is the Son of God. He rose from the dead on the third day. He is the Savior, the Messiah and our Lord. He has authority to cleanse the temple because it represented Him and what He would do. He would be the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for the sins of the world. He would be the High Priest who would offer Himself as the sacrifice for the iniquities of this world. He would be the burnt offering that alone paid for the transgressions of this world.

His resurrection is proof that His sacrifice is sufficient to pay for our sins. It is proof positive that He is the Son of God. It is proof that He has the authority to cleanse the temple. It is proof that there will be no temple in heaven. Jesus is the temple and the Lamb who will be served day and night by those who are gathered before Him in heaven.

### Conclusion:

One might quote Jesus by saying (tongue-in-check), "It is my Father's house. I can do as I please with it." Well it pleased the LORD to cleanse the temple and keep it a house of prayer. It was meant to draw people to an understanding that God dwelt among them and that He gladly forgave them their sins for the sake of the sacrifice His Son would make.

May this be our comfort that when Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven," He does have the authority to announce this to us, for He rose from the dead and is our Lord and Savior.

T AMEN T

### Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances  
Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory. And we pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination. Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they

may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions. Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities. Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom. Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith. Strengthen clergy and lay leaders to focus not on institutions or statistics but on the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption our Savior won in His gracious sacrifice for us in grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, *[including ...]*. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **Offertory** *LSB 159*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Hymns

### “I Know My Faith Is Founded” *LSB 587*

1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God’s Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev’ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me,  
Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure,  
Lord, take me home to You,  
Your riches to inherit  
As all You said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
Until Your heav’n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy  
The end of faith attain.

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### “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB 425*

1 When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of  
ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**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 T give you peace.  
C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *LSB 427*

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3           When the sun of bliss is beaming  
              Light and love upon my way,  
              From the cross the radiance streaming  
              Adds more luster to the day.

4           Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
              By the cross are sanctified;  
              Peace is there that knows no measure,  
              Joys that through all time abide.

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