

**March 9, 2025**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

**701 Draw Us to Thee**

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.	3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven! Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.
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5 Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 Lutheran Service Book)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Kyrie**.....sung to tune: *Jesus Refuge of the Weary*

**For your peace and for salvation Lord have mercy, hear our pray'r.  
For the health of Church, world, nation, Lord have mercy, hear our pray'r.  
For all here who bend to render Hymns of worship, shouts of praise,  
Hear our pray'r, O great Defender; Unto you our voices raise.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your divine Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought unto everlasting salvation; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

## **1 Kings 22 (excerpts)**

[Good king Jehoshaphat of Judah and wicked king Abab of Israel agreed in principle to go to war] but Jehoshaphat also said, “First seek the counsel of the Lord.” So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—about four hundred men—and asked them, “Shall I go to war...or shall I refrain?”

“Go,” they answered, “for the Lord will give it into the king’s hand.”

But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no longer a prophet of the Lord here whom we can inquire of?”

The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, “There is still one prophet through whom we can inquire of the Lord, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.” [and the king sent a messenger to get him.]

The messenger said to Micaiah, “Look, the other prophets without exception are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably.”

But Micaiah said, “As surely as the Lord lives, I can tell him only what the Lord tells me.”

When he arrived, the king asked him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war...or not?”

“Attack and be victorious,” he answered, “for the Lord will give it into the king’s hand.”

The king said to him, “How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?”

Then Micaiah answered, “I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the Lord said, ‘These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace.’”

The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he never prophesies anything good about me, but only bad?”

[During the battle] someone drew his bow at random and hit the king of Israel. The king told his chariot driver, “Wheel around and get me out of the fighting. I’ve been wounded.” All day long the battle raged, and the king was propped up in his chariot and that evening he died. As the sun was setting, a cry spread through the army: “Every man to his town. Every man to his land!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

## **1 John 4:1-3**

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

## **John 14:26-27**

[Jesus said:] ...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Object Lesson**

## Hymn of the Day

### 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

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| 1 I walk in danger all the way.<br>The thought shall never leave me<br>That Satan, who has marked his prey,<br>Is plotting to deceive me.<br>This foe with hidden snares<br>May seize me unawares<br>If I should fail to watch and pray.<br>I walk in danger all the way. | 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,<br>His guidance never fails me;<br>Within His wounds I find a stay<br>When Satan's pow'r assails me;<br>And by His footsteps led,<br>My path I safely tread.<br>No evil leads my soul astray;<br>I walk with Jesus all the way. |
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## Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## The Prayers

*[If you would like to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

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

(After each portion of the prayers:)

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

### The 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.**

### Our offerings help to support:

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### Offertory

.....sung to tune: O Sacred Head  
What language shall I borrow To thank You, dearest Friend.  
For all Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me Yours forever; And should I fainting prove,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive Your dying love!

**Preface:**.....sung to tune: *O Sacred Head*

The Lord is with His people;  
Now may He be with you.  
**The Lord is with His servants;  
May He be with you, too.**  
Now lift your hearts to praise him  
**To God we lift them high  
'Tis right to praise and thank Him  
Who to His world draws nigh.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**Sanctus**.....sung to tune: *Dearest Jesus We are Here*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
Of Your majesty adored,  
Of Your kingdom, pow'r and glory.  
With hosannas now we meet You;  
With our palms and praises greet You.

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He  
Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we  
Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken,  
Of eternal love the token.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

### **Jesus' Direction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

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

**Agnus Dei**.....sung to tune: *O Sacred Head*

O Lamb of God, once lifted upon the cursed tree;  
O Lamb of God, once offered in sacrifice for me;  
O Lamb of God, my Savior in my place crucified;  
Your peace and mercy grant me. My Savior will provide.

### **Distribution Hymns**

#### **857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

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| <p>1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way<br/>Wherever love may lead<br/>And, bending low, forgetting self,<br/>Each serve the other's need.</p>  | <p>3 No golden scepter but a towel<br/>You place within the hands<br/>Of those who seek to follow You<br/>And live by Your commands.</p>       |
| <p>2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,<br/>But pow'r You laid aside.<br/>You lived Your years in servanthood;<br/>In lowliness You died.</p> | <p>4 You bid us bend our human pride<br/>Nor count ourselves above<br/>The lowest place, the meanest task<br/>That waits the gift of love.</p> |

5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

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### 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1	The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.	3	Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
2	My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.	4	My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
5 Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.			

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### 697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1	Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its length and breadth, Its fullness, depth, and height.	3	Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save; With kind and gentle hearts forgive As God in Christ forgave.
2	To us on earth He came to bring From sin and fear release, To give the Spirit's unity, The very bond of peace.	4	For us Christ lived, for us He died, And conquered in the strife; Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**Thanksgiving**.....sung to tune: *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

**Christ, himself for us abasing Gave his life upon the cross;  
Ever humble, all-effacing, For us counted all things loss;  
Unto death God's will obeyed, For our sakes a servant made.  
Thus to glory God did raise him, Granted him the highest name,  
That all creatures now may praise him, Call him "Lord" and tell his fame.  
At the name of Jesus now Let all knees in worship bow.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good 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.

**Amen.**

## 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.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

### 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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| 1 | Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways<br>To keep His statutes still!<br>Oh, that my God would grant me grace<br>To know and do His will! | 3 | Assist my soul, too apt to stray,<br>A stricter watch to keep;<br>And should I e'er forget Thy way,<br>Restore Thy wand'ring sheep. |
| 2 | Order my footsteps by Thy Word<br>And make my heart sincere;<br>Let sin have no dominion, Lord,<br>But keep my conscience clear.         | 4 | Make me to walk in Thy commands—<br>'Tis a delightful road—<br>Nor let my head or heart or hands<br>Offend against my God.          |

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## Server Schedule

	3/9	3/16	3/23
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Mike	Greg	Edwin
Reader	Nanette	Bob	Dianna
PowerPoint	Gordon	Wanda	Phil
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Preston	Edwin	Amy
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Greg	Erik	Erik
Reader	Delka	Rosemary	Kathy
PowerPoint	Cole	Cole	Vicki
Audio/Visuals	Vicki/Edwin	Preston/Greg	Mike/Conor
Counters	John Di/Wayne	John Da/James	Adria/Michelle
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Williams/Koob	Nancy D	Nancy D
Altar Flowers	Heller	Rehmes	Davis

Altar flowers this week were donated by Meg Heller in honor of family and friends.

## Birthdays this Week

03/09	Gavin Dontsow
03/09	Judy Thieme
03/10	Bernice Moon
03/12	Erv Menebroker
03/14	Jeffrey Wright
03/15	Susan Hallstead
03/15	Isabelle Steffen

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record