

**March 16, 2025**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**981 To Your Temple, Lord, I Come**

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| 1   | To Your temple, Lord, I come,<br>For it is my worship home.<br>This earth has no better place,<br>Here I see my Savior's face.        | 3 | While Your glorious praise is sung,<br>Touch my lips, unloose my tongue<br>That my joyful soul may bless<br>Christ the Lord, my righteousness. |
| 2   | I through Him am reconciled,<br>I through Him become Your child.<br>Abba, Father, give me grace<br>In Your courts Your love to trace. | 4 | While the prayers of saints ascend,<br>God of love, to mine attend.<br>Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;<br>Hear us, as He intercedes.          |
| 7   |   |   |  |
| From Your house when I return,<br>May my heart within me burn,<br>And at evening let me say,<br>"I have walked with God today." |   |   |  |

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 in 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 all 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 full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Kyrie**.....(pg. 152 in Lutheran Service Book)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Amen.**

**Hymn Of Praise**.....(pg. 155 in Lutheran Service Book)

### **This is the Feast of Victory**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Let us Pray: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Holy Spirit intercede for us that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament**

**1 Kings 3:5-13**

The Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day."

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

**Romans 8:22-23 & 26-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Verse**.....(pg. 156 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

♪ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 20:29-34**

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Object Lesson**

**The Hymn of the Day**

**779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care**

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,<br>Jesus loves to answer prayer;<br>He Himself has bid thee pray,<br>Therefore will not turn away. | 3 | With my burden I begin:<br>Lord, remove this load of sin;<br>Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,<br>Set my conscience free from guilt. |
| 2 | Thou art coming to a King,<br>Large petitions with thee bring;<br>For His grace and pow'r are such<br>None can ever ask too much.  | 4 | Lord, Thy rest to me impart,<br>Take possession of my heart;<br>There Thy blood-bought right maintain<br>And without a rival reign.  |

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**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.

**The Prayers** *[If you need information 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 your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

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**The Offertory**.....(*sung to #955 in the Lutheran Service Book*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**The Preface**.....(*pg. 160 in Lutheran Service Book*)

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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' Instruction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

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

**The Agnus Dei**.....(pg. 163 in Lutheran Service Book)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

### **The Distribution Hymns**

#### **770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | What a friend we have in Jesus,<br>All our sins and griefs to bear!<br>What a privilege to carry<br>Ev'rything to God in prayer!<br>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br>Oh, what needless pain we bear—<br>All because we do not carry<br>Ev'rything to God in prayer! | 2 | Have we trials and temptations?<br>Is there trouble anywhere?<br>We should never be discouraged—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Can we find a friend so faithful<br>Who will all our sorrows share?<br>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.                |
|   | 3  |   | Are we weak and heavy laden,<br>Cumbered with a load of care?<br>Precious Savior, still our refuge—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>In His arms He'll take and shield thee;<br>Thou wilt find a solace there. |

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#### **729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

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| 1 | I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,<br>Trusting only Thee;<br>Trusting Thee for full salvation,<br>Great and free. | 2 | I am trusting Thee for pardon;<br>At Thy feet I bow,<br>For Thy grace and tender mercy<br>Trusting now. |
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3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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### 772 In Holy Conversation

1 In holy conversation  
We speak to God in prayer,  
And at His invitation  
Our deepest thoughts we share.  
We come, His will obeying,  
As children bringing needs;  
And to support our praying,  
His Spirit intercedes.

2 These holy conversations  
Begin in childlike ways;  
We bring our supplications  
And words of thanks and praise.  
With care our Father listens  
To ev'ry thought expressed,  
Then answers our petitions  
In ways He knows are best.

3 As holy conversation,  
In silence or by word,  
In ev'ry situation  
Through Jesus, we are heard.  
So let us pray securely,  
Expressing hopes and fears  
With confidence that surely  
Our Father ever hears.

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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.**

**The Post Communion Canticle**.....(pg. 164 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.**

### **The Final Hymn**

## 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
  
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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### Server Schedule

	3/16	3/23	3/30
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Greg	Edwin	Herold
Reader	Bob	Dianna	Edwin
PowerPoint	Wanda	Phil	Shirley
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Edwin	Amy	Benjamin
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Erik	Erik	Gordon
Reader	Rosemary	Kathy	Delka
PowerPoint	Cole	Lisa	Vicki
Audio/Visuals	Preston/Greg	Mike/Conor	Hayden/Donovan
Counters	John Da/James	Adria/Michelle	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Nancy D	Nancy D	Monika/Inge
Altar Flowers	Rehmes	Davis	Vito

Altar flowers are given by Linda and Edwin Rehme, in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Birthdays this Week

03/16 Jasmine Pierce  
 03/16 Adam Stamp  
 03/16 Susan Waldvogel  
 03/17 Crystal Dyer  
 03/17 Vin Pierce  
 03/18 Jim Durham  
 03/18 Shirley Bullinger  
 03/19 Judy Mohrman  
 03/22 Emily Dillman

### Anniversaries this Week

03/20 David & Julie Bruce  
 03/22 Edwin & Linda Rehme