

**March 22, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Opening 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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**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: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may serve You in holiness as we love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Old Testament****Joel 2:28-29**

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle****Galatians 5:13-16, 25**

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel****Luke 11:11-13**

[Jesus said] "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Object Lesson****Hymn of the Day****710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

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

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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.**

### **Our offerings help to support:**

COS Children's Ministry

### **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!

### **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.**

### **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**

**709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

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| <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is,<br/>Whose goodness faileth never;<br/>I nothing lack if I am His<br/>And He is mine forever.</p>                  | <p>4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br/>With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,<br/>Thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br/>Thy cross before to guide me.</p> |
| <p>2 Where streams of living water flow,<br/>My ransomed soul He leadeth<br/>And, where the verdant pastures grow,<br/>With food celestial feedeth.</p> | <p>5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;<br/>Thine unction grace bestoweth;<br/>And, oh, what transport of delight<br/>From Thy pure chalice floweth!</p>   |
| <p>3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br/>But yet in love He sought me<br/>And on His shoulder gently laid<br/>And home rejoicing brought me.</p>    | <p>6 And so through all the length of days<br/>Thy goodness faileth never;<br/>Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise<br/>Within Thy house forever!</p>      |

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### 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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| 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;<br>Much we need Your tender care.<br>In Your pleasant pastures feed us,<br>For our use Your fold prepare.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>You have bought us; we are Yours.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>You have bought us; we are Yours. | 3 You have promised to receive us,<br>Poor and sinful though we be;<br>You have mercy to relieve us,<br>Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>Early let us turn to You.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>Early let us turn to You.       |
| 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,<br>Be the guardian of our way;<br>Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,<br>Seek us when we go astray.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>Hear us children when we pray.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>Hear us children when we pray.          | 4 Early let us seek Your favor,<br>Early let us do Your will;<br>Blessèd Lord and only Savior,<br>With Your love our spirits fill.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>You have loved us, love us still.<br>Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,<br>You have loved us, love us still. |

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### 728 How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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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.**

**Men's Chorus**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

**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**

**725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>Safely in His bosom gather;<br/>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>Such a refuge e'er was given.</p>                  | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>From the Lord His children sever;<br/>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br/>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> |
| <p>2 God His own doth tend and nourish;<br/>In His holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things He spares them;<br/>In His mighty arms He bears them.</p> | <p>4 Though He giveth or He taketh,<br/>God His children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>His the loving purpose solely<br/>To preserve them pure and holy.</p>        |

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## Server Schedule

	3/22	3/29	4/2 Maundy Thurs	4/3 Good Friday
Altar Flowers	Davis	Ehlers	N/A	Moons
Altar Guild	Williams/Koob	Royce/Paula	Dan/Amy	Dan/Amy
Counters	John Da/Adria	John Di/Wayne	N/A	N/A
	8:30	8:30	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Elder	Erik	Gordon	Gordon	Bill
Reader	Nanette	Amy	N/A	N/A
PowerPoint	Gordon	Dan	Lisa	Wanda
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Greg	Preston	Amy	Edwin
	10:30	10:30		
Elder	Edwin	Herold		
Reader	Delka	Royce		
PowerPoint	Cole	Lisa		
Audio	Hayden	Preston		
Visuals	Donovan	Vicki		

Altar flowers this week are donated by Loretta Davis with thankfulness for 92 years that God has taken care of her.

## Birthdays this Week

03/23 Edwin Rehme  
 03/24 Conor Huffman  
 03/24 Ginny Cree  
 03/24 Loretta Davis

## Anniversaries this Week

03/22 Edwin & Linda Rehme  
 03/24 Ron & Helene Sander