

Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019



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§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving March 6th at Faith

Organist	Karen Boorom	Asst. Minister	Dennis Engstrom and Ron
			Hinchman
Acolyte	Eden Perling	Greeters	
Altar Guild	Elders	Refreshments	Parish Fellowship
Ushers	Lee Phinney, Leroy Tronstad,	Sermon Title	Turning Toward the Cross
	Jared Munson, Ben Fitting		

Those Serving March 10th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling	Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Acolyte	Sterling Gordon and Anthony	Greeters	Bill & Irene Leitgeb
	Cortesini		
Altar Guild	Marion Munson	Refreshments	
Ushers	Leroy Tronstad, Ben Fitting,	Sermon Title	Jesus, Our Refuge and Strength
	John Vaughan, Fred Brady		

Ash Wednesday

Please rise

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → 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 Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Silence for reflection.

P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	have mercy.
P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	hear us.
P	God the Father in heaven,	C	have mercy.
P	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	C	have mercy.
P	God the Holy Spirit,	C	have mercy.
P	Be gracious to us.	C	Spare us, good Lord.
P	Be gracious to us.	C	Help us, good Lord.
P	By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;		
	by Your holy nativity;		
	by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;		
	by Your agony and bloody sweat;		

and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: **Help us, good Lord.**

by Your cross and passion;

by Your precious death and burial;

by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;

P	In all time of our tribulation;		
	in all time of our prosperity;		
	in the hour of death;		
	and in the day of judgment:	C	Help us, good Lord.
P	We poor sinners implore You	C	to hear us, O Lord.
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- To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
 - To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:
- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.

P	O Christ,	C	hear us.
P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	have mercy.
P	O Lord,	C	have mercy. Amen.

- P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

- 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.

The penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) may be sung or spoken during the imposition of ashes.

The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After receiving ashes, each person may approach the altar for an individual word of absolution before returning to the pews.

The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the altar, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution, or he may absolve all the penitents corporately from the altar.

- **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 ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

After all have returned to their seats, the pastor speaks this blessing.

- 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 + peace.
- C Amen.

Please rise

Service of the Word



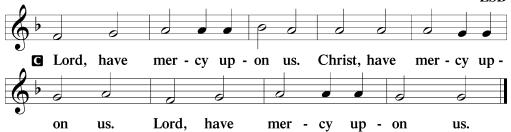


- Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

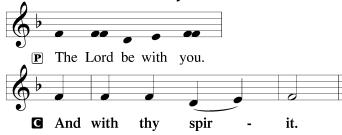
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

¹²"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep

and say, "Spare your people, O LORD,

and make not your heritage a reproach,

a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,

"Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied;

and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

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

Psalm

Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon: v. 17



The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;* according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin!

³For I know my trans- | gressions,* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,* so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,* and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whit-| er than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness;* let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,* and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,* and renew a right spirit with- in me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,* and sinners will re- | turn to you.

The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you,

and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

Please rise

Verse for Ash Wednesday C

P Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

¹⁶ And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



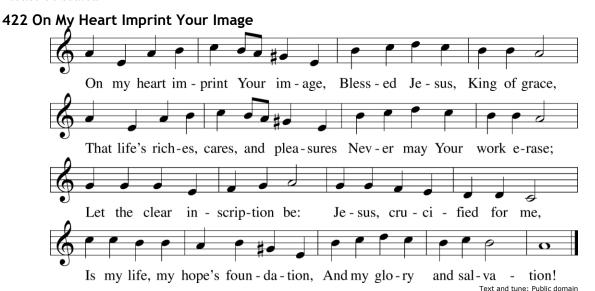
Apostles' Creed

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.

Please be seated



Sermon

Please rise



Please be seated

Offering

Please rise

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- A For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who are sick that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who mourn that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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."

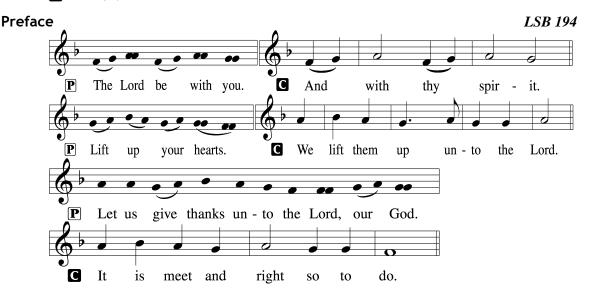
In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give 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.

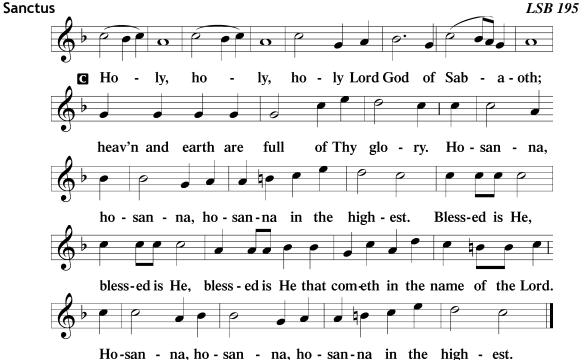
We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one 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.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.



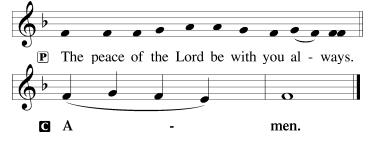
The Words of Our Lord

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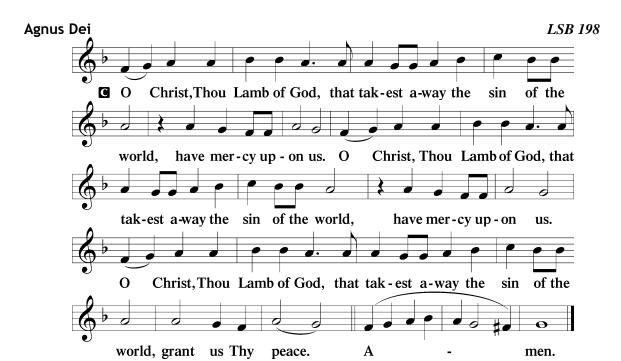
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini LSB 197



Following the Pax Domini, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).



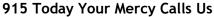
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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Communing at Faith

Please refer to our communion statement on page 2.



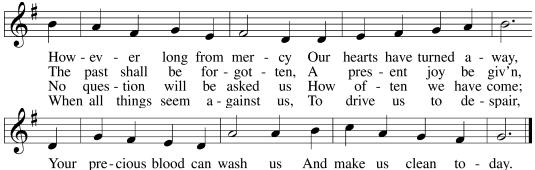
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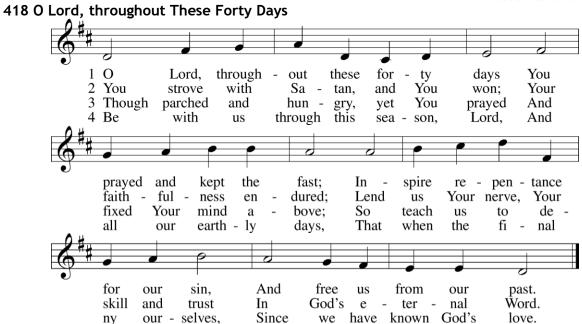
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Your pre-cious blood can wash fu - ture grace be prom - ised, glo-rious crown in heav'n. Α Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home. We know one o - pen, One will gate is ear hear our praver.

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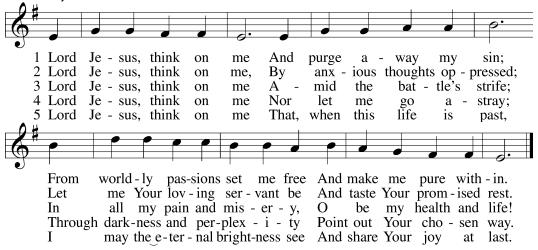
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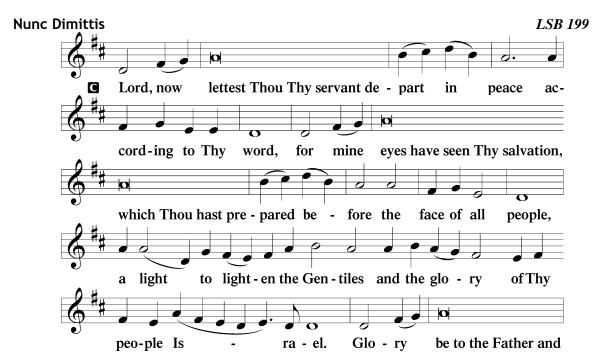
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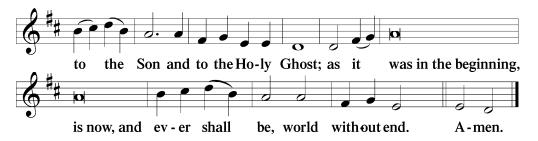


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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Please rise





Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.







Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

- Savior, when in dust to Thee
 Low we bow the_adoring knee;
 When, repentant, to the skies
 Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
 O, by all Thy pains and woe
 Suffered once for us below,
 Bending from Thy throne on high,
 Hear our penitential cry!
- By Thy helpless infant years,
 By Thy life of want and tears,
 By Thy days of deep distress
 In the savage wilderness,
 By the dread, mysterious hour
 Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
 Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;
 Hear our penitential cry!
- By Thine hour of dire despair,
 By Thine agony of prayer,
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
 By the gloom that veiled the skies
 O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
 Listen to our humble sigh;
 Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
 By the sad sepulchral stone,
 By the vault whose dark abode
 Held in vain the rising God,
 O, from earth to heav'n restored,
 Mighty, reascended Lord,
 Bending from Thy throne on high,
 Hear our penitential cry!

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