

# WATER OF LIFE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



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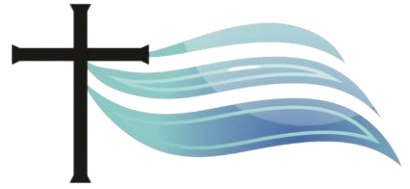
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD



### Welcome ✝

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### As We Gather ✝

**HOW CLOSE IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?** Paul writes, “All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death,” and “if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His” (*Romans 6:3, 5*). Your Baptism has brought you so close to Jesus that you share death, life, and all things with Him. Therefore, when David said of Jesus in Psalm 41:1, “Blessed is the one who considers the poor,” he was also speaking of you. Your blessed Lord Jesus considers you—a poor, miserable sinner—and He will surely deliver you in the day of trouble so that you, too, will be “called blessed in the land” (*Psalms 41:2*).

The service in its entirety is printed in this service folder.

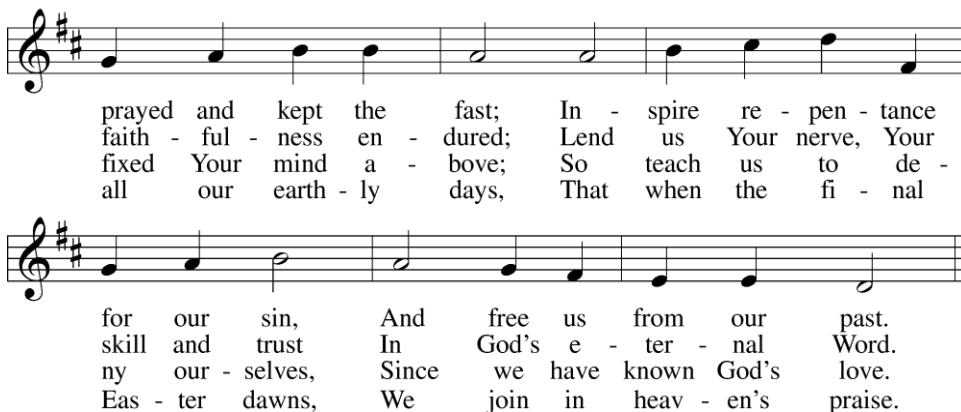
### Preparation ✝

#### OPENING HYMN

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

LSB 418

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.  
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 41:1-2, 11*

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

P The LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.,

C **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. By nature, I am sinful and unclean. Time and again I have not honored Your name or walked in Your ways. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and for eternity. I am truly sorry for my transgressions and sincerely repent of them. In Your great mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and by the directing of the Holy Spirit, lead me to walk in paths of blessedness.**

P Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who endured Calvary's cross so that we are given remission of all our sins, full and free. Therefore, 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P We are indeed forgiven in Christ. Still, in this world, we suffer the wages of sin, which is death. We endure pain, disease, and grief. Today we receive the mark of the cross upon us in the form of ashes. These ashes remind us that we are merely dust and ashes, that when we die, our bodies will return to dust and ashes. But the sign of the cross reminds us that dust and ashes are not the end for us. When Jesus returns, He will raise us from the dead, and we will live forever with Him in the new creation.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*(Those who desire to receive the mark of ashes may come forward and stand before the pastor. The pastor applies the ashes in the shape of the cross to the forehead or hand while saying to each person, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The penitent responds, "Amen.")*

## IMPOSITION HYMN


*Savior, When in Dust to Thee*

LSB 419

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
heav'n re - stored, Might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

## Service of the Word ☩

### KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You call Your straying people to return to You in repentance and contrition, and You graciously have promised forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Grant that, forgiven and free, we may live each day in joyful hope as Your well-loved children; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Joel 2:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and 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.

<sup>14</sup>Who 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?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather 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.  
<sup>17</sup>Between 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?' "  
<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people.  
<sup>19</sup>The 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."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Hebrews 12:2*

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**C Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10**

<sup>20b</sup>We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup>Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE FOR LENT

*LSB, p. 157*

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

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[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.

<sup>2</sup>"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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>But 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. ...

<sup>16</sup>"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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that 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.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**ALL 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.**

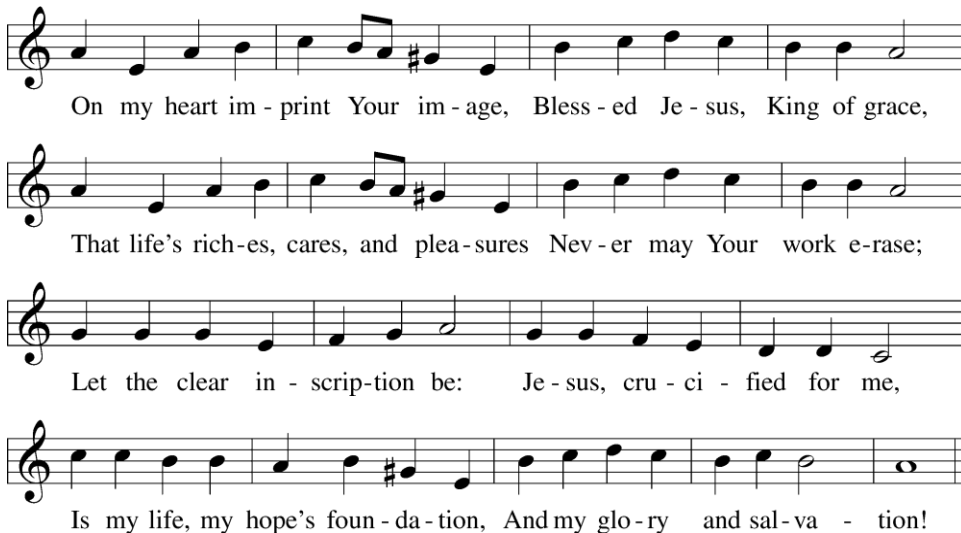
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**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  $\div$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SERMON HYMN**

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## **SERMON**

*"Mutual Consideration"*

Rev. Shawn Deterding

Based on Psalm 41:1-2

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**



## Service of the Sacrament †

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalms 136*

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

**C Holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have shown Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that, in the fellowship of His Table, we are blessed to receive Christ's forgiveness as He exchanges the ashes of our sin for His perfect righteousness. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

### PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

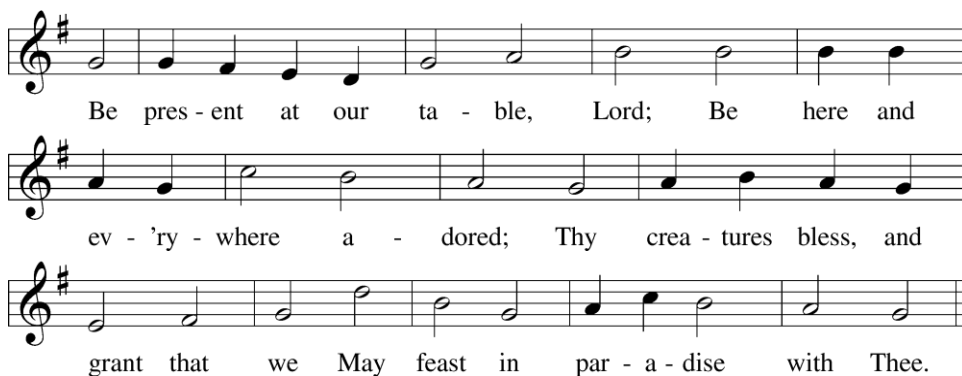
C Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION ~ *Welcome to the Lord's table.*** (An usher will direct you.)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Be Present At Our Table, Lord*

LSB 775



Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and  
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and  
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.  
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that You have given us pardon and peace in this Supper. Grant us the faith to always trust that because of Your Son's death and resurrection, You have taken the ashes of our sin and given us the beauty of Your forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

C Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Now the Light Has Gone Away*

*LSB 887*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.  
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.



## *Tithes & Offerings*

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate during worship or in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. You can also give through your banking institution's bill pay service, online via our website, or by texting your amount to 469-515-8118.

## *Lenten Worship Schedule ~ Join us each week!*

### **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21**

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Mexican theme)

7 PM – Lenten Worship Service – *"Sustained in Sickness"*

### **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 28**

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Soups & Salads)

7 PM – Lenten Worship Service – *"I Have Sinned"*

### **Wednesday, MARCH 6**

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Italian theme)

7 PM – Lenten Worship Service – *"Soon and Never"*

### **Wednesday, MARCH 13**

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Potluck)

7 PM – Lenten Worship Service – *"Empty Words"*

### **Wednesday, MARCH 20**

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Sandwiches & Salads)

7 PM – Lenten Worship Service – *"Vindication"*

