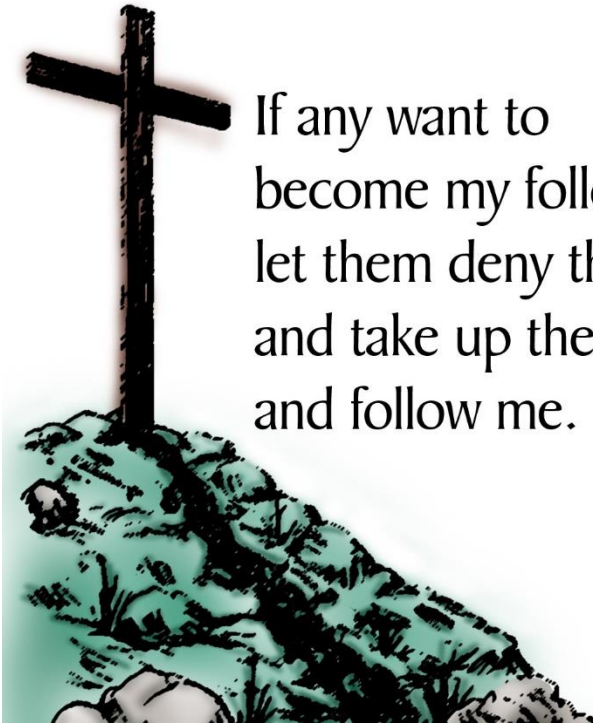


Grow ... Go ... Gather
February 28, 2021



If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.

Mark 8:34

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The Second Sunday in Lent

The Order of Service (Matins)

Pre-service Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask when singing)

The Opening Hymn: LSB 420, "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



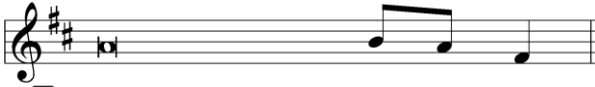
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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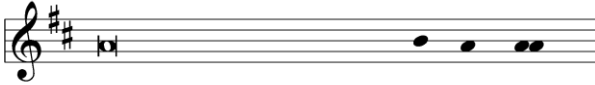
The Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

The Lenten Antiphon *LSB 220*

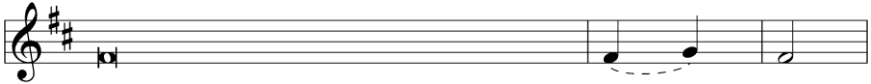


L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.

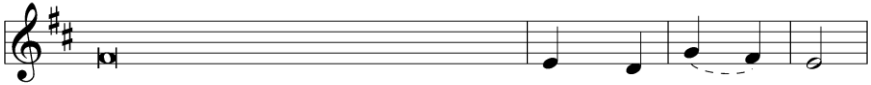


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

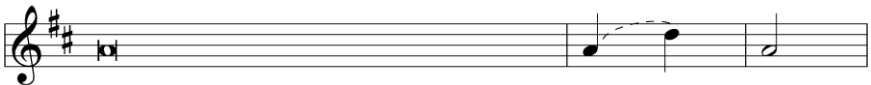
The Venite *LSB 220*



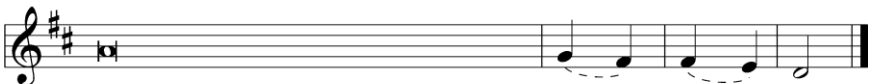
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22 (Selected Verses)

P: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

C: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

P: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

C: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

P: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

C: May your hearts live forever!

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nation shall worship before you.

C: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

The Prayer of the Day

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I

will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:1–11*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than

that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "His Mercy Is More" (Boswell and Papa)

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 8:27–38*

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

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

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he

asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Lenten Responsoy *LSB 222*

P We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

A Hymn: LSB 563, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

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The Sermon

The Offering Prayer

A Hymn: "Jesus, Messiah"

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

***Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all***

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing **(Chorus)**

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world **(Chorus)**

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The General Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

**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 Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 228*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: *LSB 425*, "When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worshippers will be ushered out. Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you prefer to leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you prefer to leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building. Thank you!

Please put your **kneeler down** before exiting the pew.

Events of the Week: February 28 – March 7

TODAY: 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook

Monday: 10:00 a.m. Registration for **March 7**
Worship begins

6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship
Service with Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Registration is closed

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB

9:30 a.m. Communion Worship at St.
James (for registered members) and on
Facebook Live

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Today's Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Those who serve March 3:

Deacon: Bryan Ensing

Those who serve March 7:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

March Altar Guild: Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP February 21, 2021

General Fund	\$6,710.00
Plate Collection	370.00
Evangelism	10.00
ISJ Academy	150.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	35.00
<u>Memorials: Sandy Harper</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total:	\$7,335.00

To **register for worship**, please go to bit.ly/stjamesgr and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



Happy 75th Birthday to Rachel Palmer on March 5th!

Lutherans for Life Quote: February 28

“Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.”

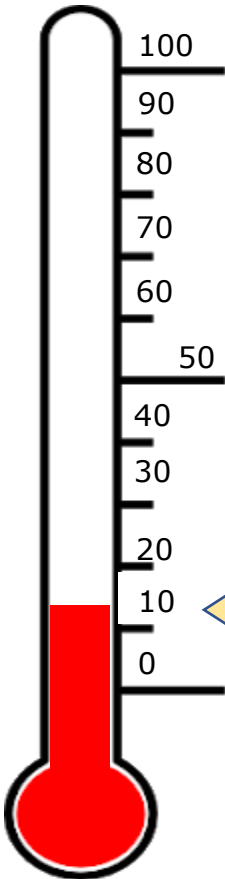
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You Can Create A Season of Hope for Someone!

This Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the five weeks of Lent. Here's what we need:

- ◆ 2 bars of **soap** (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- ◆ 1 bath **towel** (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27"; 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size; dark color recommended)
- ◆ 1 **toothbrush** (Adult size, in original packaging)
- ◆ 1 sturdy **comb** (remove packaging)
- ◆ 1 **nail clipper** (metal, attached file optional/remove packaging)



Complete details on how to assemble a kit is in your February newsletter.

Goal:
91 kits

The collection table is by the office.



Registration is now open
for **Maundy Thursday, Good
Friday** and **EASTER!**

We ask that you please sign up
before Saturday, March 27th.

It is important to sign up early so
we can adequately prepare for Holy
Communion and assess the need
for a 2nd Easter service.



Holy Week