



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 18, 2018



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The congregation is invited to stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The congregation is invited to sit, kneel, or stand in silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Merciful God,

C: Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence

P: Merciful God,

C: We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence

P: Merciful God,

C: We acted when we knew better.

Silence

P: Merciful God,

C: We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence

P: Merciful God,

C: For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: People of God, look to the ✠ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world. Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: Amen.

The congregation is invited to stand

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW pg.156

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

see insert

P: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

see insert

L: The first lesson is reading is from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

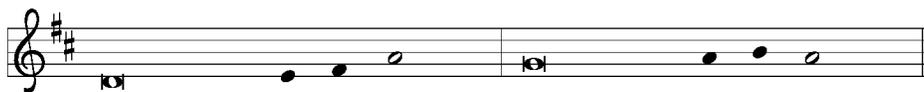
L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 51:1-12

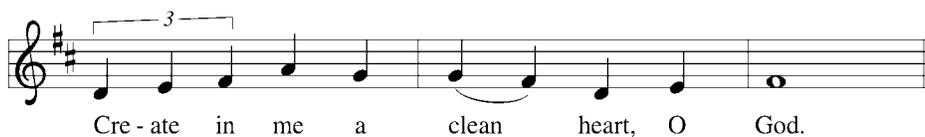
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TONE



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REFRAIN



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- ¹**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.**
- ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
- ³**For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.**
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. **R**
- ⁵**Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**
- ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- ⁷**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**
- ⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. **R**
- ⁹**Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.**
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- ¹¹**Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

see insert

L: The second lesson is from Hebrews, the 5th chapter.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

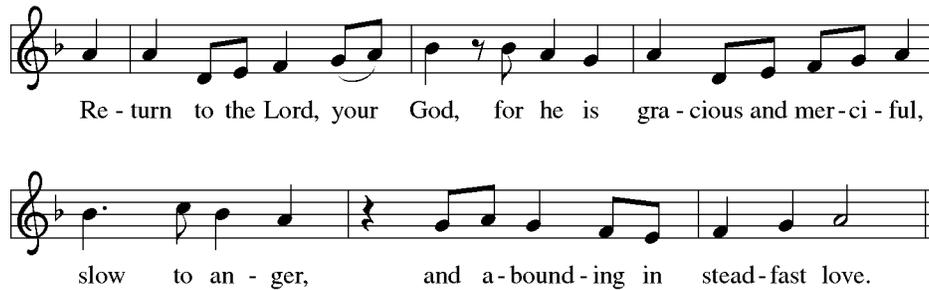
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

see insert

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation is invited to sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The congregation is invited to stand

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Restore in Us, O God”**

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APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

see insert

A: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A: We pray for the church. Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets, teachers, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the world. For seeds planted in hope of an abundant harvest. For fertile soils and sufficient rains. For shepherds and ranchers, farmworkers and seafood harvesters. For flowers and berries. For orchards, vineyards, and citrus groves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the nations. For countries embroiled in long-term conflicts, and for communities scarred by political unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world's decision makers. Guide them to work for peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in need. For all who suffer in any way. For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking employment. For those who approach the hour of their death, and all who are ill *especially*... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism. For visitors, newcomers, and those who are returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith. Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, especially those who have been witnesses and examples to us. Bring us with them to the promise of resurrection and life eternal with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to sit

OFFERING

“The Lamb”

Bell Choir

The congregation is invited to stand

OFFERING PRAYER *The pastor will lead the offering prayer* **ELW pg.161**

P: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg.161

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg.162

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

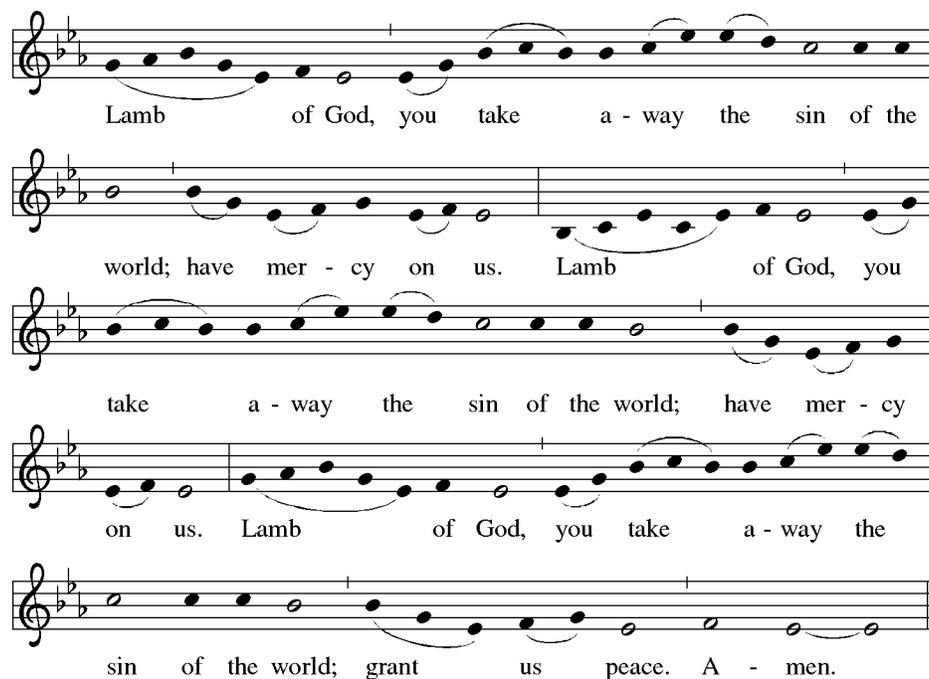
LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg.164



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

The congregation is invited to sit

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS “O Savior, Precious Savior”
“As the Grains of Wheat”
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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ELW 623

The congregation is invited to stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW pg.164

P: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

ELW pg.164

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

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DISMISSAL

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P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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