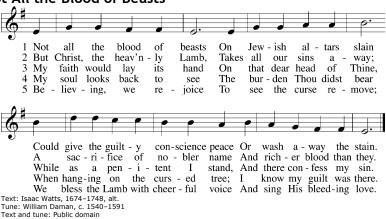
# Lent 4 March 26, 2023 Divine Service 3

# Confession and Absolution

#### 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P 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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

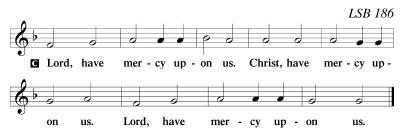
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.





## Salutation and Collect of the Day



Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

#### Israel's Failure to Hear and See

Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

## **Epistle**

Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

Holy Gospel John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



#### Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will. God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eves of a man born blind. If this man were not from God. he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your quilt remains."



#### Nicene Creed

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.

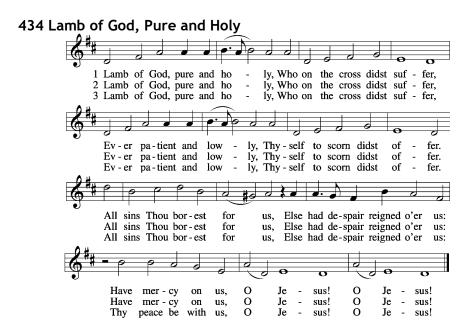
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

#### Children's Sermon



#### Sermon





## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

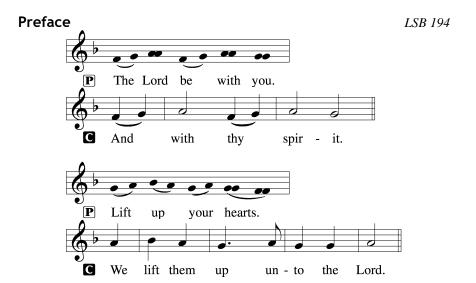
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

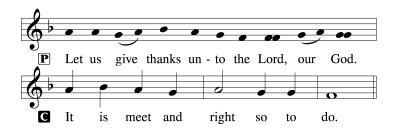
Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

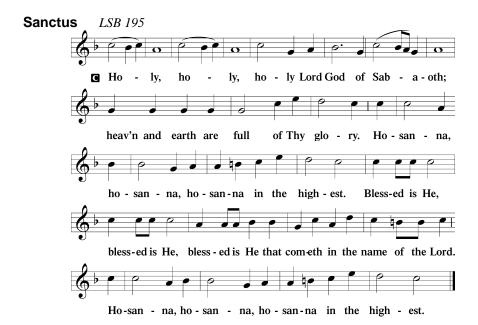
- Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

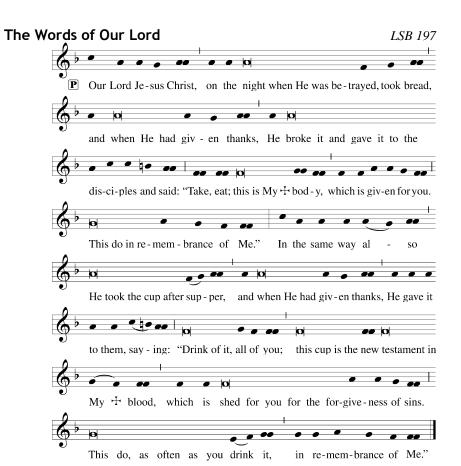




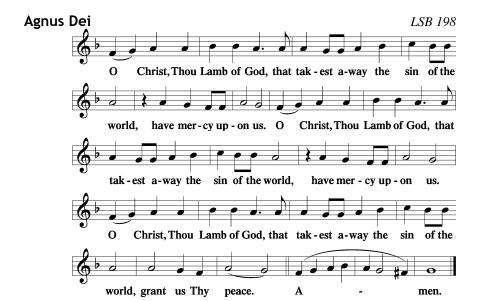
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared 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:











#### Distribution



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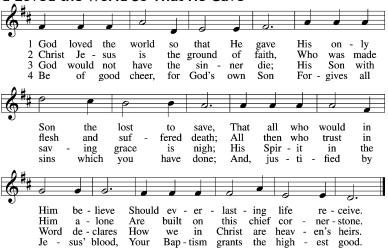
- We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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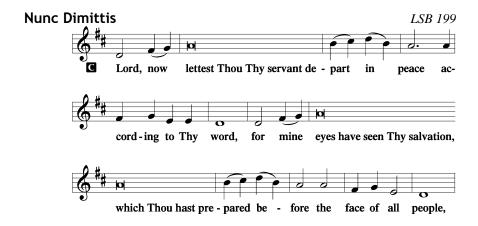
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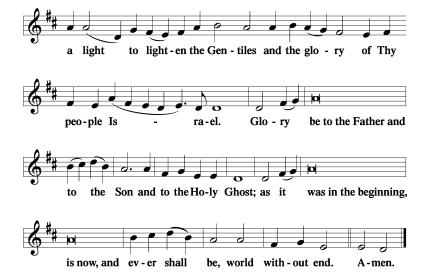
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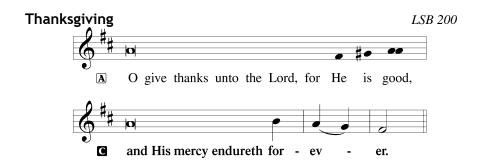


- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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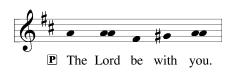




A Let us pray.

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.







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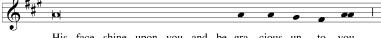








P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School:** At 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.

**Bible Study**: 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are

studying: Psalms

Thursday Bible Study: Noon in the Fellowship Hall we are studying Deuteronomy.

**Tuesday LSF Bible Study: -** Every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran Student Center. We are currently studying the book of John

**Confirmation Classes:** Every Wednesday in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

## **Lent Service Schedule**

## Mid-Week Lent

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Week Lent 4 -12:00 & 6:00 pm March 29<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week Lent 5 - 12:00 & 6:00 pm

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Palm Sunday & Confirmation April 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:00 pm

April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – 12:00 & 6:00 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday – With Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt after Church. We will celebrate Easter Breakfast in the LSC gymnasium at 10:30 am. Anyone who wants to donate candy for the Easter Egg hunt please bring candy to the Church Office.

#### Adult Choir:

The Adult Choir will practice Wednesday evening, March 22, after the Lenten service.

**March Newsletters:** there are copies on the wall under the T.V. for you to take.

# New sign-up Sheets for- 2023- are now the wall:

Communion Attendants: Jan to Mar, 2023
Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks: Apr to June, 2023
(Thank you to everyone who sign up for Bible Snacks)
College Refreshment Snack: Jan to April, 2023
(We need people for April 04<sup>th</sup>. thru April 25<sup>th</sup>.)
Altar Guild Schedule Jan to Dec, 2023
(We need people for November)

# Parking Lot

Parking Lot Special Fund: The new parking lot is done. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, and a new shed. If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member.

# LWML Lutheran Women in Mission

**Servant Workshop, Tuesday, March 21,** 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the church basement. Projects for these two sessions will be marking Bibles for Prison Ministry, making pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train and tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. All levels of experience are welcome.

**As Lutheran Women in Mission,** we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

To God be the glory

## **Thrivent Members**

Choice Dollars for 2022 can be designated until March 31, 2023. Log on to <a href="www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice">www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice</a> to access your Thrivent account and designate your Choice Dollars to the non-profit organization of your choosing. A "how to" sheet for both on-line and telephone communication can be found in the "information center" in the narthex.

# Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President: Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as a reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as an excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokenness just as He does though our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, and courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor assisted deaths.

**Copies of "Life Date"**, a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available in the narthex "Information Center". This publication is filled with life issue articles and an addressed envelope for donations to become or maintain Lutherans For Life membership. Feel free to take one.

#### SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 12, 12 noon Immanuel Fellowship Hall, Rolla

> Rolla Area Chapter of Lutherans For Life

More information forthcoming

# Leisure Lutherans

**Card and Game Day**, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**The Card Cabinet** has been relocated and provides a variety of Christian greeting cards for purchase individually or by the box. The Card Cabinet can now be found in the hall leading to the Fellowship Hall.

RADA kitchen utensils and knives are being sold once again by Leisure Lutherans. Copies of current catalogs and individual order forms can be found in the file rack in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Orders for RADA products will be made following the first Sunday of each month and payment will be collected upon delivery. Additional information regarding the Card Cabinet or RADA sales may be directed to Nancy Anderson or Mary Wittmaier. Proceeds from the Card Cabinet and RADA sales fund Leisure Lutheran activities.

# Easter Breakfast

An Easter meal is scheduled immediately following our Easter service on April 9th. Hams are being provided, in part through a Thrivent grant, as well as cheesy potatoes, egg casseroles, and French toast casseroles. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office for additional donations such as orange juice, chocolate milk, deviled eggs, rolls, muffins and coffee cakes, fruit plates and salads. Please come and enjoy fellowship and a wonderful meal.

## LET'S GET READY FOR EASTER

Altar Committee Refresh Day March 25, Saturday 9:30-11:30

The altar committee will meet at church on Saturday, March 25 at 9:30, to polish Communion wear and altar.

Everyone is welcome to come and help—there is always a job to be done.

Any questions ——contact Sue Perry

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## **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

**Project Connect:** 

Messages from: Bill Wuenscher:

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, March 19,

The Conflict at Home (6BE139)
The psychological and physical upheaval of PTSD is a winnable struggle.

## The Flower Chart:

For 2023 is now up on the wall. Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you



**Sunday School:** Will start at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We'll learn about creation; man's fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior.

Lesson Summaries

Unit 5

**GOD LEADS HIS NATIONS:** 

## Lesson 11:

March 19,

Today, we will study "The Faith-Full Friends." The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David" (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul's insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Saul's anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God's will warns David to flee from the king.

If you would like to order an Easter lily to decorate the chancel,
please fill out this form, and either put it in the offering plate, or turn
it into the church office <b>by Sunday, April 2,</b> Lilies are \$10.00 each.
Please put payments in an envelope and annotate Easter lily.
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In memory of:
In honor of:
I will pick up my lily after the Easter Service.

