+ Ghird Sunday in Lent +

March 12, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS2

+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

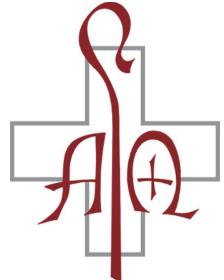
- ${\ensuremath{\mathbb P}}$ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

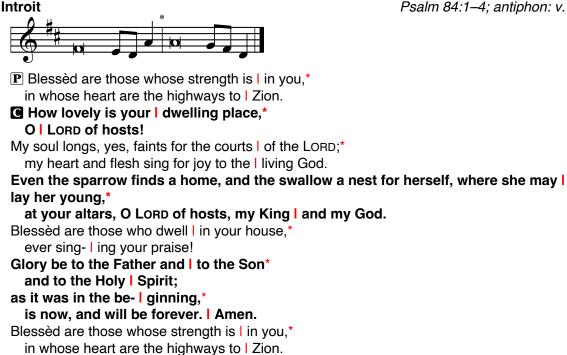
Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

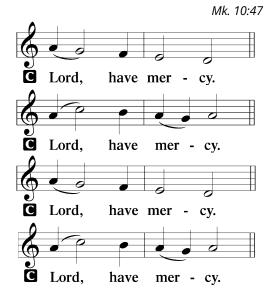
+ Service of the Word +





Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



▶ Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Gradual

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Hebrews 12:2

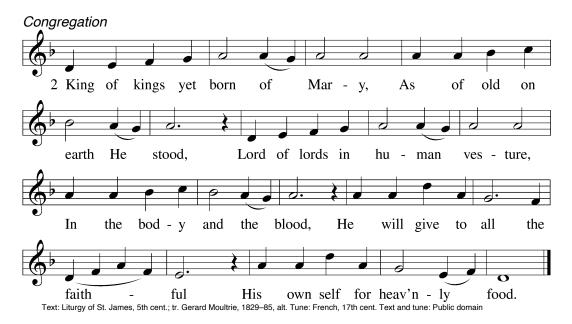
O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Exodus 17:1–7

Choral Anthem (11:00 am service): 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 (Choir only) Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.



3 (Choir only) Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanguish As the darkness clears away. Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt. Text: Public domain

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

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.

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

Verse of the Day

John 4:5-26

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Holy Gospel

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



[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have

no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming



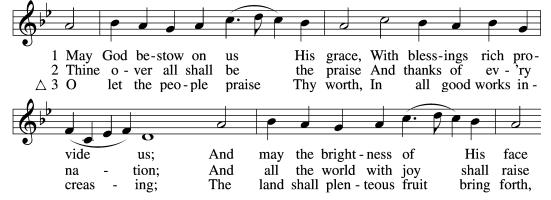
(he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

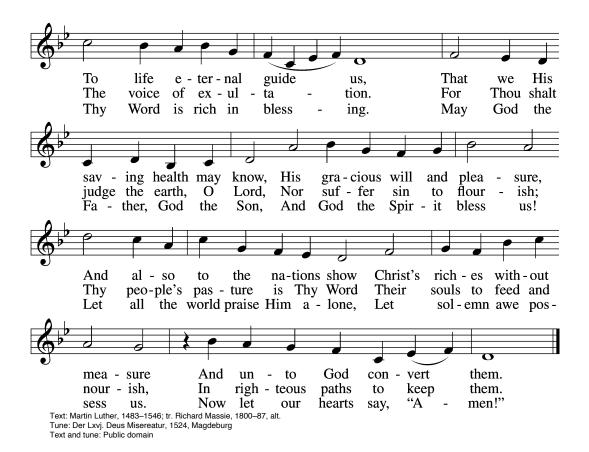


Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

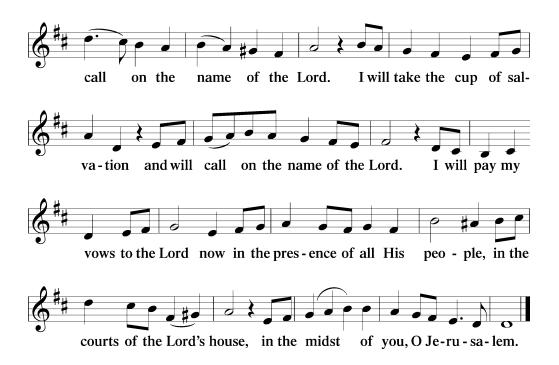




+ Sermon +

The Messiah at the Well





Rite of Blessing and Installation of Shelli Haynes, Director of Christian Education

Shelli's family: Travis (husband) is Assistant Principal at CAK in Knoxville; Daughters Megan (husband Tyler Smith serves in the Airforce) is enrolled in law school at UT, and Amanda (Mandy) is a student at Union University in Jackson, TN.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

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).

Prayers to God on Behalf of ...

<u>World:</u> Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Devasting twin earthquakes in **Turkey** and **Syria**.

<u>Church:</u> For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year



Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville. For our DCE Shelli Haynes, for blessings upon her service to Praise, and for her family.

<u>Vocation:</u> Tyler Smith (Airforce) in Mississippi and Megan beginning law school at UT. Jacob (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. Carter Felt (Navy: stationed in Charleston). Casey Lawson (Airforce). For Emily and Julian Martinez (expecting). Alex & Shelby Hicks (expecting). Paul & Angela Gift rejoicing in the birth of Nyla). For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson Isaiah. Tatum Smolter (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of Tylen). Eugene & Vicky Gorman (expecting).

<u>Mourning:</u> Family of Larry (Marleen's brother in law, Jeff's uncle) who passed away in Colorado. Family of Clayton Narveson who passed away 1/20. Family of Janet Moore's mother, Mary Lou, who passed away. Family of Stan Stubelt of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17/22.

Health: Mary Schopmann recovering from rhabdomyolysis. Amy Mohr recovering from surgery and treatment for sepsis (and shoulder separation). Ed & Sandy Bagley recovering from covid. Pastor Ed Maanum of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function and back pain. Gary Kubin severe back pain and covid. For June McDonnell (lung health). Sharon Yoder trouble with oxygen levels, heart, and leg pain. Ed McGillick vertigo and blood pressure/heart health. Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. Delora Roth good leg circulation health. Myrna Frazier biopsy results. Rachel Ernst's mother: cancer treatments. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother recovering from kidney stones and health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father who fell and is recovering. Brad (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. Sheila Schnepf (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. Judy Kalkitis recovering after a fall on Christmas Eve. Nancy (Jim Vesper's mother) heart attack recovery; Arnold Solis (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. Aurora Stevens broken back treatment. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). Jeannie Lindenfelser for lung cancer treatments. For Barbara Moyers health. Debbie Johnston kidney health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. Mark (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) knee treatment. For all suffering from mental health issues. For Lindsey (cancer). Barry (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) Al Reuer health. Gregory Strege (Phyllis's son, health). Tom Williams, health and care for heart. Ken Payne's health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Paula (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: Gail Rieman (wound care). Tim Smith (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother Louise (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (struggling from cancer treatments). Connie (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. Bill (Cathy

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Wacker's father) dementia, health. Lee Schuck (health, unable to walk). Janeen Meier (Maureen Robert's sister) health. Melissa Gilmore (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For **Cathy Wacker** had successful hip surgery (praying for her recovery). For **Larry Wacker** had three successful procedures at Vanderbilt (praying for good results of the procedures). For **Judy Kalkitis's friend** (old classmate) had successful surgery to remove cancer. For **Janet** (Matthew Flaska's mother) who is recovering from a kidney infection (stent is helping).

Birthdays: Charlie N 3/12, Bob G 3/14, Lillian H 3/15, Archie W 3/19, Tyler S 3/20, Andrew H 3/21, Rosalyn L 3/24

Anniversaries: Randy & Carrie G 3/14, Rick & Lisa G 3/20, Fred & Faye H 3/26

Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

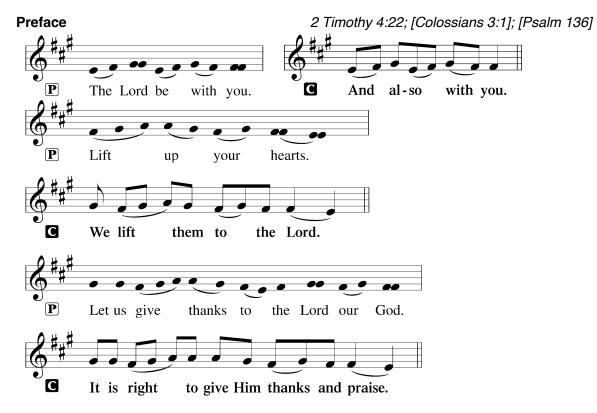
+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that

Matthew 6:9–13

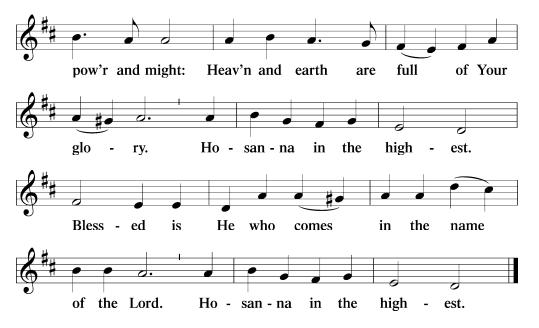
they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.



Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

Proclamation of Christ

1 Cor. 11:26

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and grant us Your peace.





Pax Domini

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

Distribution Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Distribution Hymn: 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Distribution Hymn: 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

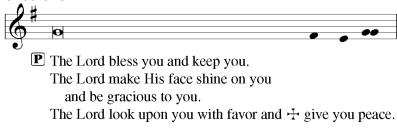
Post Communion Collect

- L Let us pray... now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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Announcements (see next page as well)

Upcoming Build: permitting underway, loan discussion and approval to be presented at Voters Meeting on Mar 19, and soon, we pray, breaking ground for excavation work. Keep the process in your prayers.

DCE Shelli (and husband Travis) Haynes wants to Visit You Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex where you can see her calendar and email shelli@praiselutheran.com or text her at (909) 226-3179 to arrange a time.

Palm Sunday Breakfast on **Sun, Apr 2** between services will be provided by Praise's Youth. Bring friends to eat with us, learn of Jesus, and get ready for Holy Week! Funds raised will help our Youth attend Campfirmation in July. See Shelli Haynes for details.

Announcements

Midweek Lent Services on WED at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m. Theme: *I am a Christian: What does this mean?* **Sign-up** in Social Hall TODAY to help provide food for our upcoming midweek meals.

Shelli Haynes, Rite of Installation for a DCE TODAY at the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service. Cake and punch reception after church. We are already blessed by the work Shelli is doing for our youth and congregation. Shelli is hard at work in planning for events ahead. Let's ask God's good favor on her labors and that she continue with such joy in serving Christ and congregation together with us!

Good news to share: our *God Grants Life* event in January raised \$34,117.08 (above our \$25,000 goal!) such that the synod will be matching our gift via the Million Dollar Life Grant and making the total: \$59,117.08 for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Maryville and Sevierville. Thanks be to God! Kate Roberts is submitting the documentation for the match.

This Week

Choir Practice this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (and will wrap up by 6:15 p.m.)
Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch
LCEF President to visit Praise on Thurs, Mar 16 at 1:45 pm to discuss our building project.

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings Is 42:14-21, Eph 5:8-14, John 9

Voters Meeting will be held Sun, Mar 19 (between services) to (re-)elect officers and boards and discuss/approve building loan amounts. Installation of officers and boards on Sun, 3/26. **Youth Catechesis** next meets on Sun, Mar 19 (10 Commandments)

Baby Shower for Emily & Julian Martinez on Mar 26 following the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service, register at Target (gift registry).

Holy Week Schedule 2023

Apr 2 Palm Sunday with Palm Procession at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast between services served by our Youth

Apr 6 Holy Thursday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Apr 7 Good Friday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Apr 8 Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m. (to be determined)

Apr 9 Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Following church: lunch and afternoon together at the Pastor and Gretchen Roberts home