

Suffrages

Midweek Lent 3, Mar 26 | (LSB Responsive Prayer 1)

Hymn: 916 Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal

see hymnal

Opening Versicles

- L** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- C** have mercy and hear us.

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.



Catechism on Holy Baptism

- L** First: What is Baptism?
- C** Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.
- L** Which is that word of God?
- C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
- L** Second: What benefits does Baptism give?
- C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- L** Which are these words and promises of God?
- C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mk 16:16)

Reading

Romans 13:11–14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 15:12–17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Homily

Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian (354-430)

Collect: Lord God, the light of the minds that know You, the life of the souls that love You, and the strength of the hearts that serve You: Help us, following the example of your servant Augustine of Hippo, so to know you that we may truly love You, and so to love You that we may fully serve You, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's

nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and

grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,

Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed

end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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Afternoon/Evening

Pss. 85:7, 132:9, 67:4-5. 9:18, 51:10, 102:1

- L** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
- C** **and grant us Your salvation.**
- L** Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
- C** **and let Your saints shout for joy.**
- L** Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
- C** **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- L** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- C** **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**
- L** Let the peoples praise You, O God;
- C** **let all the peoples praise You!**
- L** For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
- C** **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day/Week (from this past Sunday's collect for the *Third Sunday in Lent*)

- L** 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.
- C** Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.
Amen.

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C Amen.

Hymn: 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

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