

Wed, Mar 4

Mid-week Lent Noon and Evening Services 2026

Opening Versicles

*Psalm 51:15; 70:1*

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O 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.**

Versicles

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;  
**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning, and noon

**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;  
**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**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.**

*A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.*

Hymn: 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

*see hymnal*

Reading

*Proverbs 25:26–28*

Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain  
is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

It is not good to eat much honey,  
nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory.

A man without self-control  
is like a city broken into and left without walls.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Reading**

*1 Corinthians 9:24–27*

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading**

*Matthew 4:1–4*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Confessing the Catechism: The Third Petition**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*What does this mean?*

**The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*How is God’s will done?*

**God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**



**Hymn: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

see hymnal

**+ Homily +**

*The Virtues: Temperance*

## Kyrie

- L** O Lord, **C** have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Afternoon/Evening

- 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.

## 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.



*One or more concluding prayer as follows:*

### **Noon Prayer**

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray. **Amen.**

### **Afternoon Prayer**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Evening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake. **Amen.**

### **For Our Dwellings**

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**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.**

### **Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Blessing**

**℣** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **☩ Amen.**

### **Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

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