

Wed, Mar 11
Mid-week Lent Noon and Evening Services 2026

Opening Versicles

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

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: 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

see hymnal

Reading

Deuteronomy 16:18–20

“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 23:1–5, 13–15, 23

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, so practice and observe whatever they tell you—but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They



do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing the Catechism: The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

+ Homily +

The Virtues: Justice

Hymn: 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate (see hymnal)

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:

For all times of day

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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

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

C **Amen.**

Hymn: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

see hymnal

*Wednesday Midweek Services in Lent continue
on Wednesdays at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.)*



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