

Wed, Mar 18
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: 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

see hymnal

Reading

Joshua 1:1–9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of

the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

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

Reading

1 Corinthians 16:13–14

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

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

Reading

Luke 22:39–46

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing the Catechism: The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

+ Homily +

The Virtues: Fortitude

Hymn: 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken (*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:

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: 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

see hymnal

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