



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Lenten Midweek Service**

**March 26, 2025**

**12:15pm & 7pm Worship**



Good morning! Welcome to the Lord's house today—this place that God makes holy by His presence among us. Whether you are a visitor or a long time member, God has good things to give you today, and we invite you to lift up your hearts and give your attention to the Word of God in worship today. Please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the collection plate at the front of each pew section.

# “The Spirit Anointed Christ for Mercy”

## Opening Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*LSB 427*

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 40 days of Lent are set aside as a time to take a look at our walk with God. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, instruction, and humble repentance, born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws life and hope from it. Sometimes our hearts believe upon Him so we can confess Him with our lips when we are broken and feel abandoned and separated from Him. In our service tonight, we continue to focus on God’s mercy in Christ, who was anointed as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and who proclaims the mercy of God in Word and deed. We take this time to remind ourselves that as Christ has given us mercy, we are to be merciful. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of

His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten season for us, that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth. Because God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power as Prophet, Priest, and King, all kings will bow down to Jesus the Christ and all the nations will serve Him. The broken hearted will rejoice in His mercy.

**C For He will deliver the broken hearted, a bruised reed He will not break and a smoldering wick of faith He will not snuff out.**

P Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**C Praise be to His glorious name forever.**

P May the whole earth be filled with His glory.

**C Amen.**

## Confession

P Praise be to Your name, O Jesus, Prophet, Priest, and King of all kings, forever and ever. The marvelous things of Your mercy include Your sinless life, Your death in our place, and Your spectacular resurrection from the dead.

**C We who have broken hearts cry out to You.**

P We, like all people since Adam and Eve, have fallen into sin and stand in need of Your forgiveness.

**C We who are broken hearted cry out to You.**

P O Christ, our King, we confess to You that we have not done the right things You want us to do. We confess that often our broken hearts keep us from doing the good things we can and should do for others.

**C We who are broken hearted cry out to You.**

P Forgive us, Lord.

**C For Your sake, O Christ, forgive us.**

P Lord, in Your mercy, give us Your peace.

**C Amen.**

## Absolution

P Our Prophet came to heal broken hearts, our Priest died to bring us into His kingdom, and our King will give us new hearts of flesh and not of stone. In the name of Jesus and by the power of His cross and His authority, I, as a called and ordained pastor, ordained to preach healing to broken hearts, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Let us pray. O God, our King, who has called us through Your anointed one Jesus Christ to be kings and priests unto you: Teach us

to bear one another's burdens and the burdens of our country and the poor around the world. Open our eyes to see the woes of our land, the despair in the lives of many, and the broken hearts that afflict Your people and those who do not yet know You. Give to us also a vision of our world as You would have it be and as You alone can fashion it. Make us Your servants, even when our hearts are breaking or are broken, to work while it is day before the night comes when no one can work and give us Your strength and mercy until You have worked our work of compassion, that generations yet unborn may praise Your name. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake.

**C Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Psalm 34*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 4:16-20*

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 425

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## Sermon

“The Spirit Anointed Christ to...Heal the Brokenhearted”

*Pastor Rich Lewis, St. John's, Marion Springs*

## Offering

### The Litany

LSB p. 288

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P God the Father in heaven,

C **have mercy.**

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P God the Holy Spirit,

**C have mercy.**

P Be gracious to us.

**C Spare us, good Lord.**

P Be gracious to us.

**C Help us, good Lord.**

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C Good Lord, deliver us.**

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

P We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen

and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage;  
and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

## **The 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.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**



## Closing Hymn

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

## Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.  
Song used with permission CCLI License #1367966