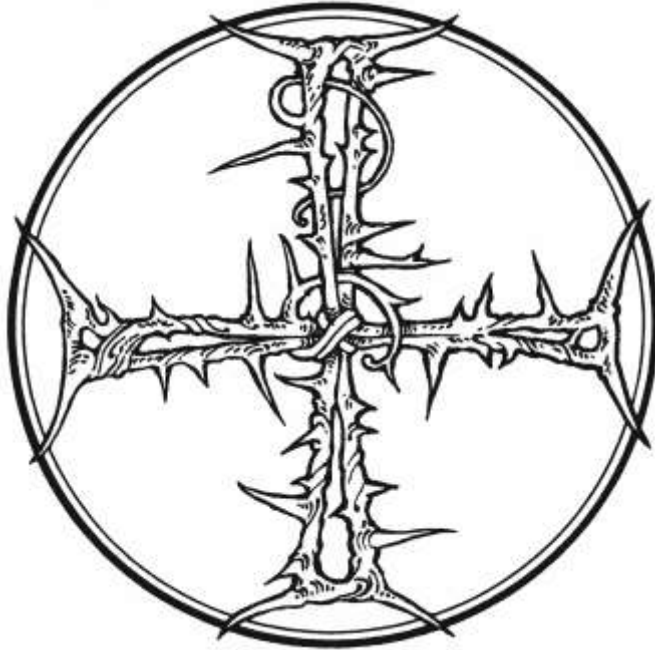


# *Lenten Midweek Worship Service*

*Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
Order of Vespers LSB Pg. 229*



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*“We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus.  
We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve  
others.”*

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## RETURN TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In the conclusion of his First Letter to his co-worker Timothy, Paul encourages his young friend with a shared vision of what is to come as God fulfills all things. He writes of “the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:14–15). As Jesus stood before Pilate, who seemed to have the full authority of life and death over Him, our Savior knew who He was and what His kingdom was and is and will be. “My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus stated (John 18:36a). With the psalmist, we affirm, “The LORD will reign forever” (Psalm 146:10). The very best and most blessed time under His gracious kingship is yet to be!

### Order of Vespers



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalm 25:1-7



<sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust;**  
**let me not be | put to shame;\***  
**let not my enemies exult | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\***  
**teach me | your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*  
for you I wait all the | day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\***  
**for they have been | from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## 891 O Light Whose Splendor

1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens  
 2 As twilight light hovers near at sunset,  
 3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,

With radiance brighter than the sun,  
 And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
 Let faithful voices sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's unending glory,  
 In evening hymns we lift our voices  
 O Son of God, our Life bestower,

O Jesus, blest Anointed One;  
 To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.  
 Whose glory lights the endless days.

### Reading

*Isaiah 53:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## Epistle

*1 Timothy 2:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to

come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing  
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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## Holy Gospel

John 18:28–38

<sup>28</sup>Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory (Lent) *LSB 231*



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

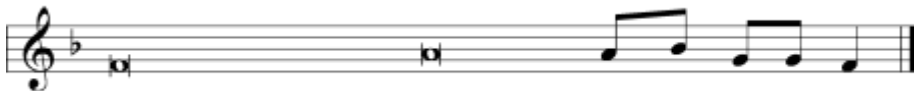
## Sermon

## “Return to the Kingdom to God”

### Canticle



- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



# Magnificat

LSB 231



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



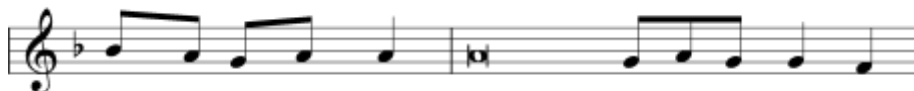
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy

as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.

G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Passion Reading of Our Lord Prayer

## “Calvary”

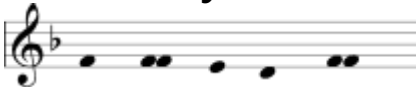
## Kyrie

G Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.

## Collect of the Day



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P God our Father, You promise to hear our prayers, whether spoken or even too deep for words. During these Lenten days, breathe the breath of Your Spirit into our mouths, that we learn to pray without ceasing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Ever-present God, stay with us, for darkness has come and the day is now past. Forgive, we pray, both our neglect in doing good this day and the wrongs we have done. Awaken us in the morning, bathed in the light of our Baptism, so that we will be ready to love and serve You and our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benedicamus & Benediction *LSB 234*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - - men.

### *Lent Worship Schedule*

Maundy Thursday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> :	11:00 am & 7:15 pm
Good Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	11:00 am & 7:15 pm
Easter Vigil Service Saturday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	7:15 pm
Easter Sunday Services Sunday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 am & 9:00 am
Easter Breakfast:	7:30 am – 9:00 am



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please bring a canned food item to help the food pantry and be entered in a drawing for an Easter Basket. There is a bucket by the entryway for candy donations.





Easter Lily Sign-up sheet is now hanging on the bulletin boards between the offices. Please pay the church secretary or put in the offering marked “Easter Lily”.

## **LWML Spring Tea**

Our Divine Shepherd LWML group is excited to host a Spring Tea on May 1, 2021 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. All ladies from Divine Shepherd are invited to attend. We will have bible study, bazaar items for sale, and enjoy a potluck salad luncheon and fellowship.



**March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm we will be showing “The Passion of the Christ”.  
Please join us!**

## **Matching Fundraiser Challenge**

<u>Goal</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
February	\$4,750.00
March	\$250.00
April	
May	

Total                      \$4,750.00  
Fundraiser for a new Electronic Display Sign.

