

AN LCMS CONGREGATION

March 16, 2025 9:00am Worship



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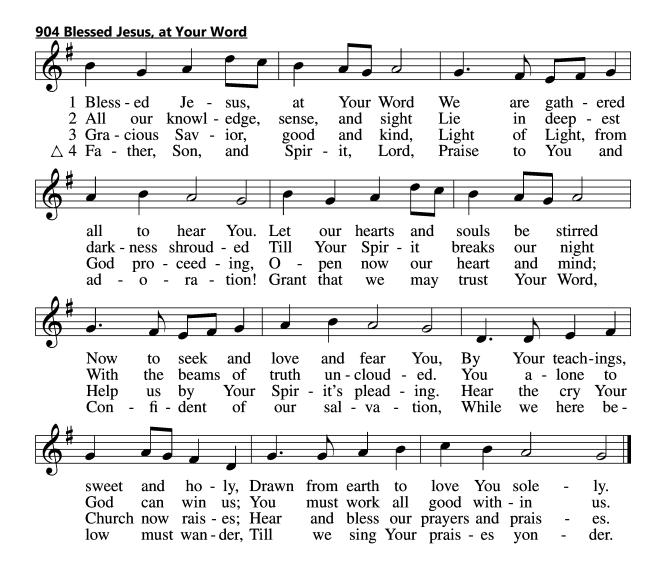
(Pastor Ben)

How does it feel to depend on someone else?

2nd Sunday in Lent - March 16, 2025 9:00am Order of Worship

That's a Great Question: Do you believe I am able to do this?

Prelude / Welcome



Invocation & Confession

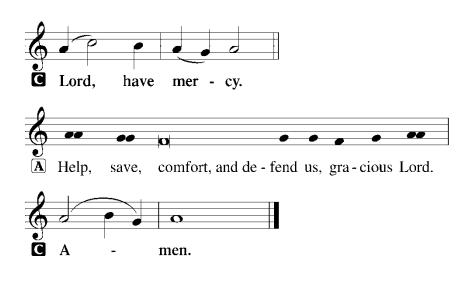
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Passing of the Peace







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- **P** Let us pray.
- O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please Sit)

First Lesson

Psalm 40:11-17

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

¹² For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.

¹³ Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

¹⁴ May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin

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be turned back in disgrace.

15 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.

¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"

¹⁷ But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer;

you are my God, do not delay.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

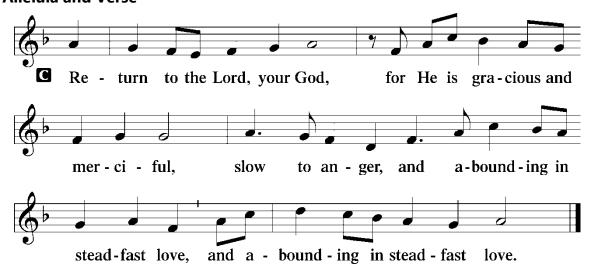
5 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

- ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,
- "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
- ⁶ And he says in another place,
- "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel, according to St Matthew the 9th chapter.



Matthew 9:27-31

- ²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
- ²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"
- "Yes, Lord," they replied.
- ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; ³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." ³¹ But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

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begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and

the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and we look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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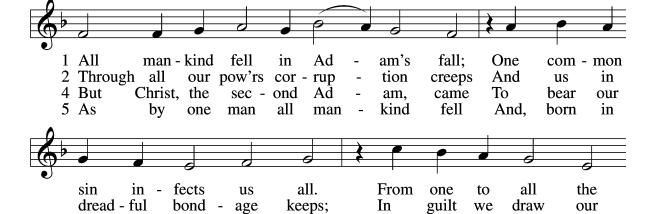
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Message That's a Great Question: Do you believe I am able to do this?

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Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, You have given Your Church the gift of faith, yet we often struggle with doubt and fear. Strengthen our trust in Your power to sustain and grow Your Church, even in times of abundance. Help us to proclaim Your Gospel boldly, trusting that You are able to open blind eyes and soften hardened hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Righteous King, You rule over all nations. Give wisdom to those in authority, that they may govern with justice, mercy, and humility. Where there is division, bring peace; where there is injustice, bring righteousness. Let leaders seek Your will, believing that You alone have the power to restore and heal. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You call families to live in love and faithfulness, yet many struggle with brokenness, doubt, and fear. Where there is discord, bring reconciliation; where there is need, provide; where there is uncertainty, grant trust in Your provision. Help parents, children, and all family members believe that You are able to restore, strengthen, and bless their homes. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who is able to grant healing now or in the life to come. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Savior, many carry unseen burdens—grief, anxiety, loneliness, and despair. Speak Your words of hope and healing to the brokenhearted. Open their eyes to see Your love, and help them trust that You are able to restore their joy and give them peace that surpasses understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross in order to reconcile the world. Make us glad to receive His body and His blood on this altar today, and use it to strengthen our confession as we boldly trust in You and declare Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

All: Amen.

C Our Father who art in heaven,

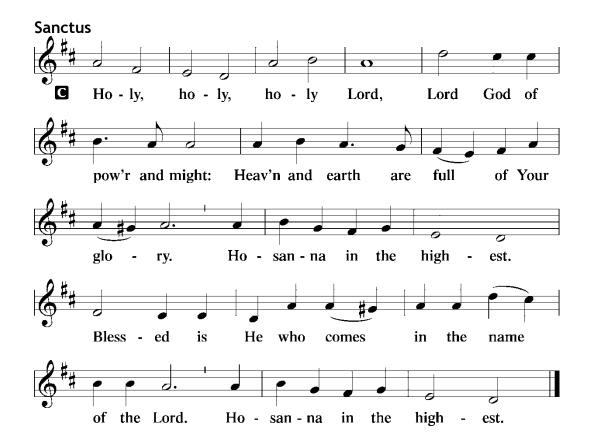
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Communion Liturgy ~ Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface & Prayer of Thanksgiving

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life as a ransom for many and cleansed our hearts, that we might be prepared to joyfully celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. For you have Gathered us together, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

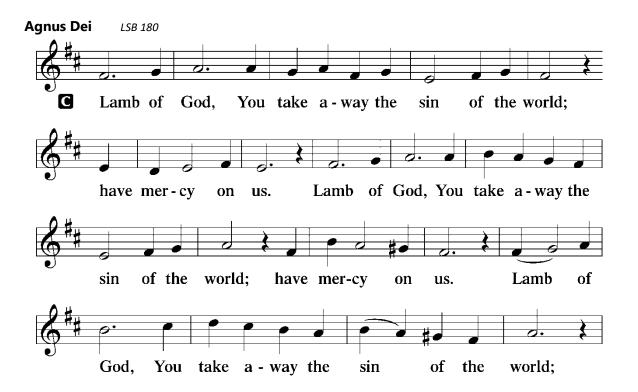


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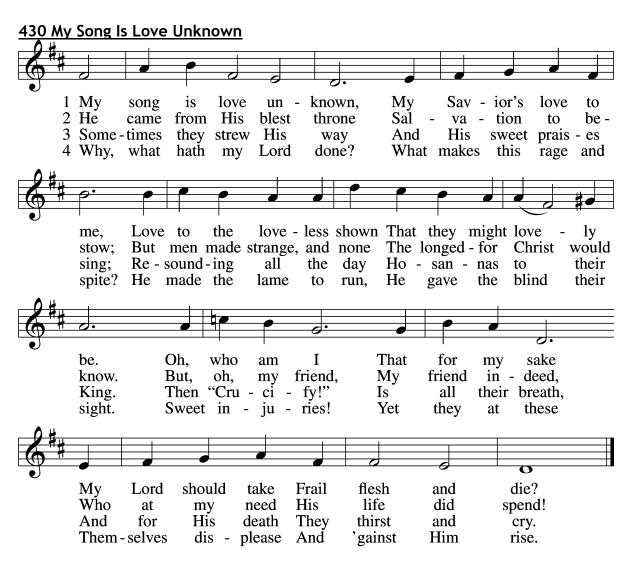
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





Distribution



5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful He

To suff'ring goes

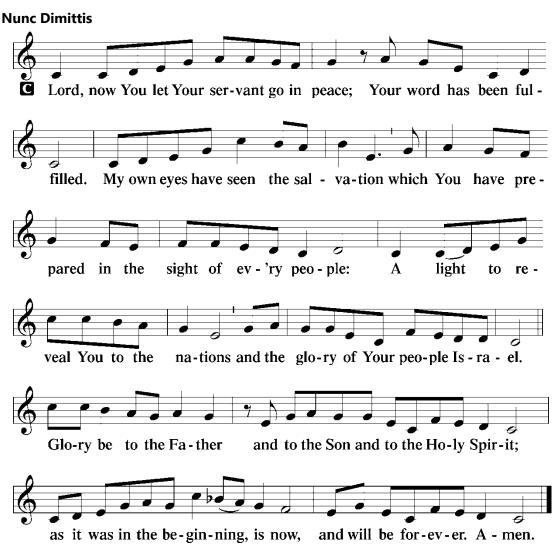
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From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!





Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
- Me give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

