

The First Midweek Service in Lent February 21, 2024

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## Opening Hymn: "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424

- O Christ, You walked the road
  Our wand'ring feet must go.
  You faced with us temptation's pow'r
  And fought our ancient foe.
- No bread of earth alone
   Can fill our hung'ring hearts.

   Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
   The food Your grace imparts.
- No blinding sign we ask,
   No wonder from above.
   Lord, help us place our trust alone
   In Your unswerving love.

- When lures of easy gain
  With promise brightly shine,
  Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
  Our wills with Yours align.
- O Christ, You walked the road
   Our wand'ring feet must go.

   Stay with us through temptation's hour
   To fight our ancient foe.

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## **Opening Versicles**

- **L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- **C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.

#### **Old Testament Canticle**

LSB 261







#### **Readings From Holy Scripture**

Reading Romans 10:5–17

**L** A reading from Romans, the tenth chapter.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

[6:30] Anthem: "Abide With Me"

Suzie Gangi, flute

## Responsory

- L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- **C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- **C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- **G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

#### Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Catechetical Instruction**

#### Hymn of Response: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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#### **Prayer**

- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- **L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### Collect of the Day

- L O God, Your infinite love restores to the right way those who err, seeks the scattered, and preserves those whom You have gathered. Of Your tender mercy pour out on Your faithful people the grace of unity that, all schisms being ended, Your flock may be gathered to the true Shepherd of Your Church and may serve You in all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### Collect for the Word

- E Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **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.

# **Blessing**

- Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

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