

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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**The First Wednesday in Lent**

Vespers/Evening Prayer (*page 229-230, 248-252*)

*Please use this worship folder along with the hymns in the hymnal*

## Opening Hymn 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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## Invocation

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and

**cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### **Confession of Sins**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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.**

### **Absolution**

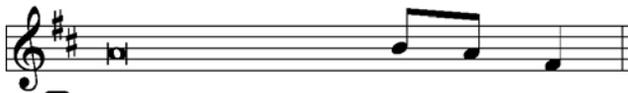
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **VESPERS**



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



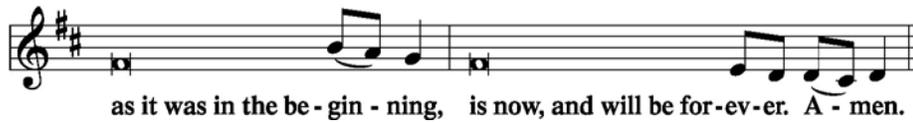
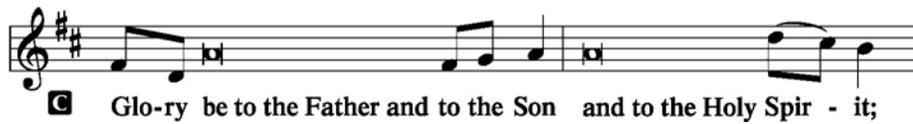
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



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



**Psalm** *Psalm 32:1–7 (antiphon: v. 7a)*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\*  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not | reach him.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Sit

**Old Testament Reading**      *Genesis 22:1–18*

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the twenty-second chapter.

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**Epistle** *James 1:12–18*

**P** The Epistle is from James, the first chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel** *Mark 1:9–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

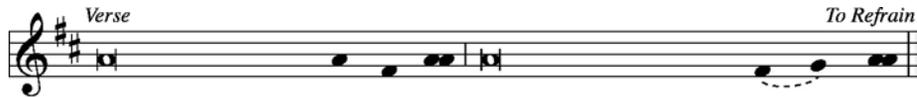
**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**Children's Sermon—Pastor Wagner**

## 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.

Sit

## Sermon Hymn 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



- 1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5      As by one man all mankind fell  
          And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
          So by one Man, who took our place,  
          We all were justified by grace.
- 6      We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
          New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
          This grace our ev'ry way attend  
          Until we reach our journey's end.

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**Sermon - Pastor Wagner**

Stand  
**Magnificat**

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-

joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the

Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

1 For He has re-garded me,  
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,  
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;  
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand-maiden.  
 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 4 and the rich He has sent empty a-way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Holy Spirit;

1 For behold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be . . . . . ginning,

1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . generation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt . . . . . ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A . . . . . men. *Refrain*

**Offering**

## Litany

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, 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.**

*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

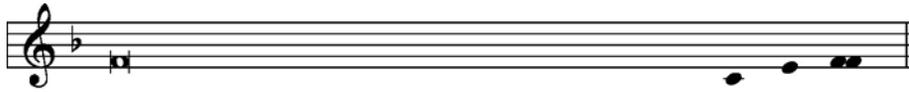
Musical notation for the second prayer, consisting of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The treble staff contains four chords: G4, A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff contains four chords: G2, A2, B2, and C3.

Common: **C** Al - le - lu - ia.  
Lent: **C** Thanks be to God.

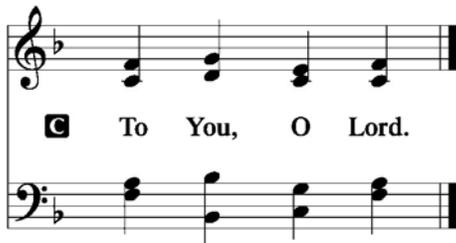


**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



### Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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 For Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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



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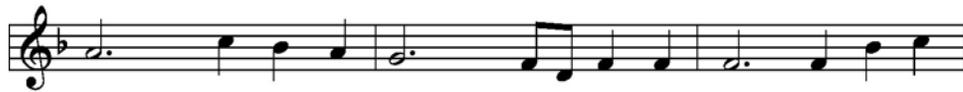
### Dismissal Hymn 561 The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
played With - in the world - so new - ly made.  
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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