✠ Vespers ✠

Lent 2

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Please place your offering in the basket in the narthex before or after the service.

All are invited to stand as they are able.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

431 *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

L O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

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

C **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. Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our salvation.**

Please sit for the psalm, office hymn, and readings.

32 Psalm 23

594 *God's Own Child I Gladly Say It*

Readings:

2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Peter 3:17-22
John 3:1-8

After each reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

After the final reading:

Responsory

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Sermon

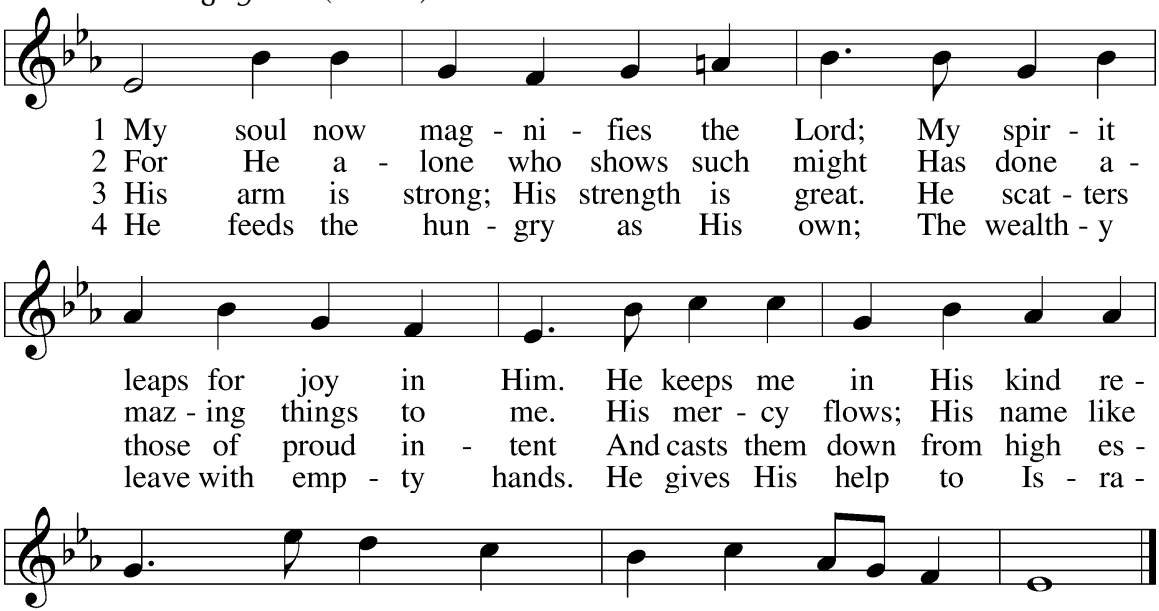
✠ Canticle & Creed ✠

Please stand as you are able for canticle, creed, and prayers.

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Canticle – Magnificat (#934)



Apostles' Creed

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

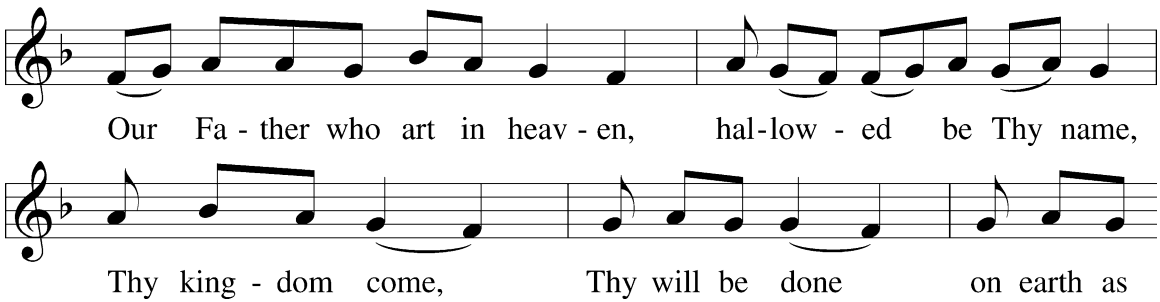
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the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

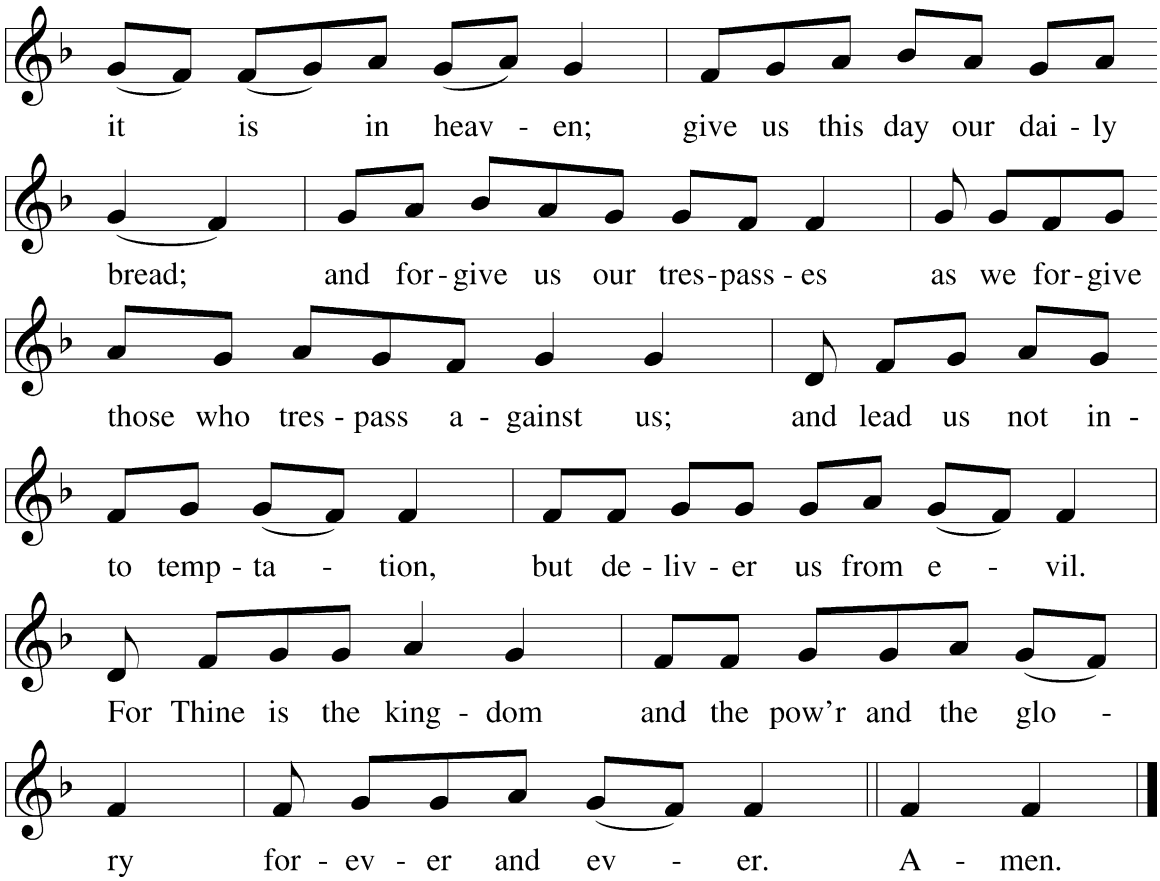
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

✠ Prayers ✠

L	Lord, have mercy;	**C**	**Lord, have mercy.**
L	Christ, have mercy;	**C**	**Christ, have mercy.**
L	Lord, have mercy.	**C**	**Lord, have mercy.**

C





L O Lord, hear my prayer.

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

Collect — Lent 2

L 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.

Other intercessions as needed may be included here.

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.**

Luther's Evening Prayer

C **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. Amen**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

C Amen.

Sit

699 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Acknowledgments

Vespers from Lutheran Service Book. Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Magnificat: Text: Luke 1:46–55; adapt. Stephanie K. Frey, 1952. Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.

✠ 2026 Lent & Holy Week Schedule ✠

Midweek Lenten Services

February 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th

Morning Prayer – 10:30 a.m. *(Use Door N2 or W2)*

Vespers – 6:30 p.m. †

Palm Sunday – Weekend of March 28th & 29th

Saturday: Divine Service – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Palm Sunday Procession & Divine Service – 9:30 a.m. †

Wednesday of Holy Week – April 1st

Morning Prayer – Day School Chapel – 10:30 a.m. *(Use Door N2 or W2)*

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

Divine Service – 10:30 a.m. *(Use Door N2 or W2)*

Divine Service & Stripping of the Altar – 6:30 p.m. †

Good Friday – April 3rd

Good Friday Service – 6:30 p.m. †

Holy Saturday – April 4th

Holy Saturday Vespers – 4:00 p.m.

Easter Day – April 5th

Easter Day Divine Service – 9:30 a.m. †

† - denotes livestreamed services