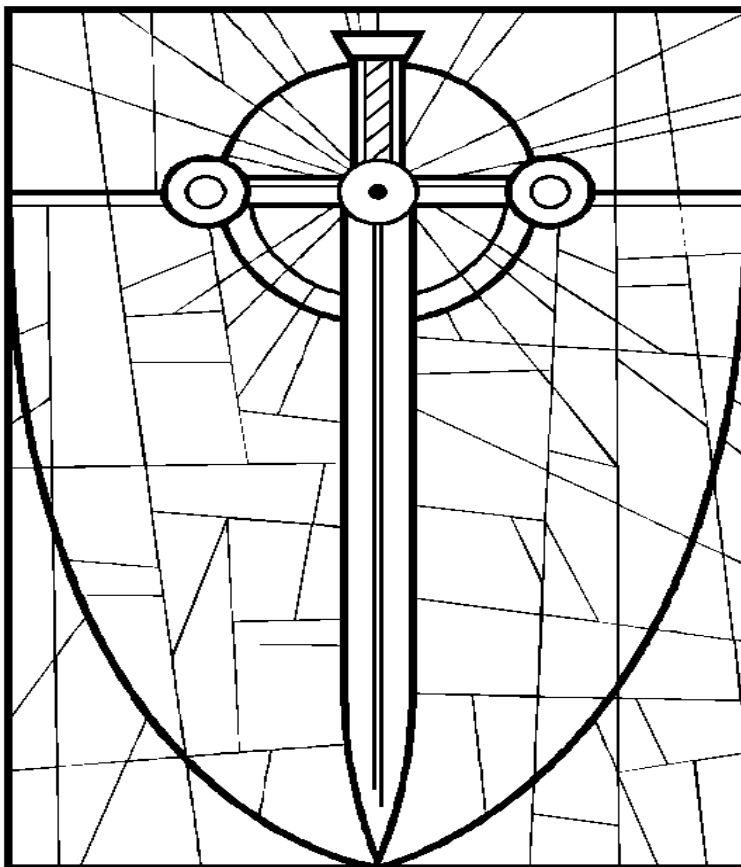


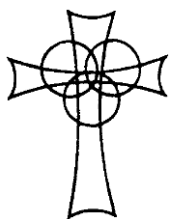
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Be strong in the Lord and in



on the full armor of God....

Ephesians 6:10-11a



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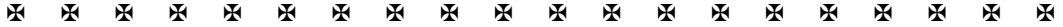


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✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

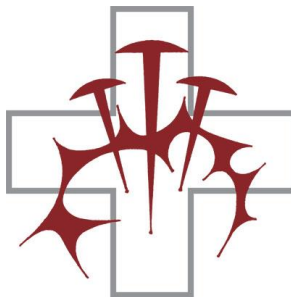


*A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:*

*Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Your holy Name; cleanse my heart of any worthless, evil, or distracting thoughts; enlighten my understanding; give me wisdom and love necessary to pray with attention, reverence, and devotion. Father, let my prayer be heard in Your presence, for it is offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*



The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 560

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

*Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928*

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The Opening Versicles and *Gloria Patri*:

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** 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.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

✠ The Psalmody ✠

The Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 141:1-4b, 8; antiphon: verse 2*

- P** *Ant.* Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!  
<sup>1</sup>O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!  
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**
- P** <sup>3</sup>Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;  
keep watch over the door of my lips!
- C** <sup>4</sup>**Do not let my heart incline to any evil,  
to busy myself with wicked deeds  
in company with men who work iniquity.**
- P** <sup>8</sup>But my eyes are toward you, O GOD, my Lord;  
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!
- 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.**
- P** *Ant.* Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

*Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word*

- P** Let us pray.  
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that with purified minds we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify Your Name forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**



The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 663

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The First Reading

*Micah 6:6-8*

**P** A reading from Micah, chapter 6.

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

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

The Second Reading

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

**P** A reading from Ephesians, chapter 6.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Third Reading

*Mark 15:21-32*

- P** A reading from Mark, chapter 15.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsory for Lent:

- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**

The Sermon

Guided to the Cross  
Guided to Perseverance  
Text: Ephesians 6:18

✠ The Canticle ✠

*The Congregation rises.*

The Canticle at Vespers: *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46b-55; antiphon: 2 Corinthians 6:2c*

- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** behold, now is the day of salvation.
- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
**C** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
**C** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
**C** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
**C** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- P** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.  
**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.
- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** behold, now is the day of salvation.

✠ The Prayers ✠

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.
- P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.



The 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.

The Salutation and Collects:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*The Collect for the Fifth Week in Lent:*

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The Collect for the Lenten Season:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Other Prayers and Intercessions may be offered.*

*The Collect of Intercession:*

- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and be present with all, for Your love's sake.
- C** **Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace:*

- P** 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.**

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** 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.**



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 890

“O Blessed Light, O Trinity”

1 O bless - ed Light, O Trin - i - ty, O ev - er -  
 2 To You our morn - ing song of praise, To You our  
 △ 3 All glo - ry be to God a - bove And to the  
 last - ing U - ni - ty: As now the fi - ery  
 eve - ning prayer we raise; We praise Your light in  
 Son, the Prince of love, And to the Spir - it,  
 sun de - parts, Send forth Your light in - to our hearts.  
 ev - 'ry age, The glo - ry of our pil - grim - age.  
 One in Three! We praise You, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

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