

BACK TO BASICS

*Midweek Lenten
Services Around
the Catechism*

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The Lord's Prayer



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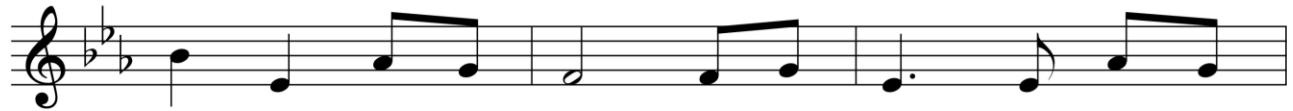
Lent has traditionally been a time of repentance and renewal. In our Lenten observance on these Wednesday evenings, we will concentrate on five great themes of Luther's Small Catechism for our lessons and sermons. Our service order will be centered around the Ten Commandments as our guide and light to a life in loving response to the Gospel of our Lord.

Hymn of Light

All



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new.
free and make us whole.
on to end - less day.

Prayer

A *Come and let us walk in the light of the Lord! God will teach us of faithful ways,*

C **We will walk in the paths of the Lord!**

A *Show your servants your works, O Lord;*

C **And their children your glory.**

A *Let your merciful kindness be upon us,*

C **As we put our trust in you.**

A *Not to us, O Lord, not to us,*

C **But to your name be the praise.**

A *Lord, hear our prayer,*

C **And let our cry come to you.**

Exhortation

P *Friends in Christ, we are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love --the discipline of Lent -- help us to wage our spiritual warfare. Let us therefore turn to the Word of God this night. For the Word of God contains the Law and the Gospel and is the light before our eyes. The Gospel is God's gracious promise to us as his beloved children. It shows us all that He has done for us, in Israel and in Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and for newness of life. Christ makes us his own and heirs of his kingdom. The Law, on the other hand, represents what God expects of us in the response of our lives as we live in loving service to his will.*

C **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart. The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to our eyes.**

The Decalogue

A *God spoke these words, and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods,*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

P *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

A *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

P *Honor your father and mother.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

A *You shall not kill.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

P *You shall not commit adultery.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

A *You shall not steal.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

P *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

A *You shall not covet.*

C **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.**

The Law of Love

- P** *Jesus summarized the Decalogue into two great commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."*
- C** **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart. The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to our eyes. Amen.**

Lesson

James 5:13-18

- A** *A reading from James. ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.*

A *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-13

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixth chapter.*

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

¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation

The Rev. Bill Gohl

Please stand, as you are able.

Sermon Hymn

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Malotte

Our Fa- ther, which art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be

Thy name. Thy king- dom come, Thy will be

done on earth as it is in heav- en.

Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our debts as

we for- give our debt- ors. And lead us not in- to temp- ta- ion, but de-

liv- er us from e- vil, for Thine is the King- dom and the

Pow- er and the Glo- ry, for- ev- er. A - men.

During the hymn, the offerings will be presented and the Table prepared.

A *Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *Merciful God,*

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P *We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

C **Amen.**

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

P *Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts and into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper. All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, in the church, forever and ever.

C Amen.

P *Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.

P *The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

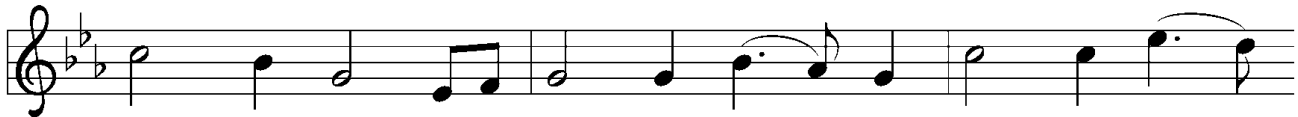
Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine.

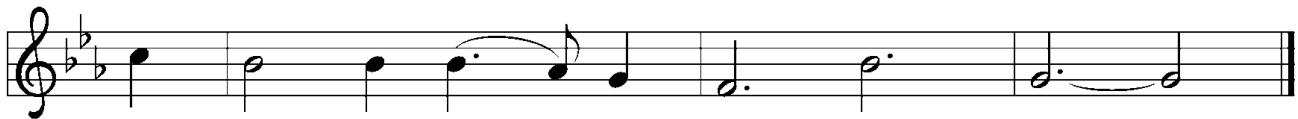
(Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen us and keep us together in grace.*

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.*

C **Amen.**

P *Our almighty and merciful God: Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us now and forever*

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

No. 745



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
 And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
 a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
 to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
 we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

A *Let us bless the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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SERVING THIS EVENING

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| Assisting Minister | Daneene Lucas |
| Communion Assistant | Joan Serio |
| Ushers | Doyle McCracken |
| Livestream | Joel Raedeke |