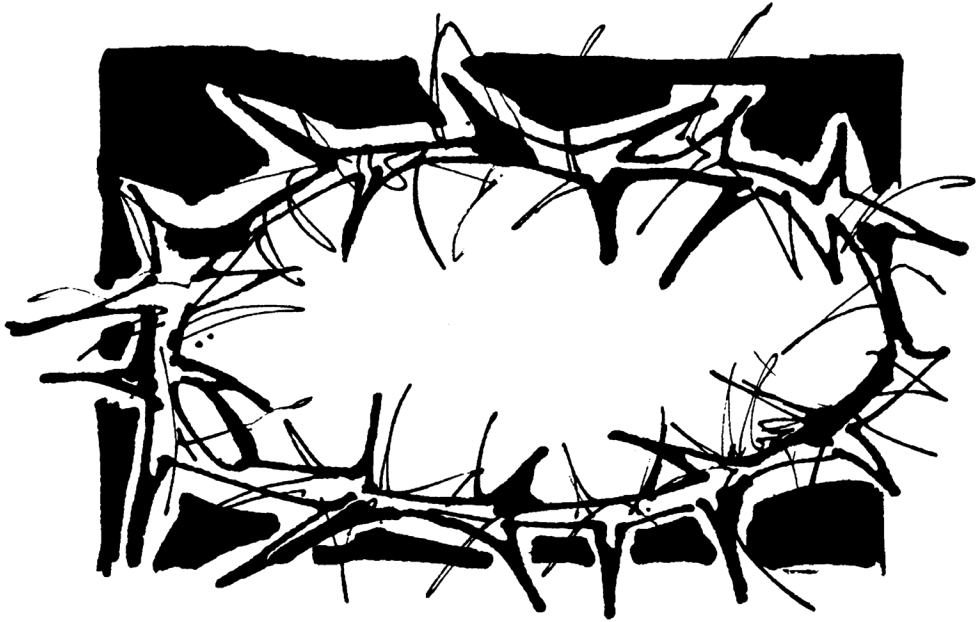


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening  
April 2, 2025

# Lent Midweek Vespers

## April 2, 2025

### Glory be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

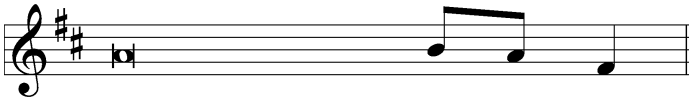
5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

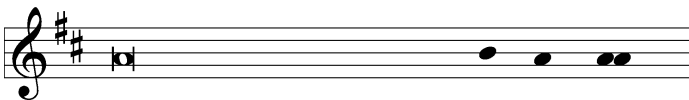
### Lent Versicles



**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.





**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
 Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

**Sit**

**Reading**

*Genesis 15: 1-6*

The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died, <sup>2</sup>and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. <sup>3</sup>But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup>He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. <sup>5</sup>And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. <sup>6</sup>“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. <sup>7</sup>Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting. <sup>8</sup>And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel. <sup>9</sup>And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering, <sup>10</sup>but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

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

- <sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**
- <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**
- <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah***
- <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
**and I did not cover my iniquity;**  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
**and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah***
- <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 deliverance. *Selah***
- <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**
- <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**
- 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.**

## Reading

*Leviticus 16:11-22*

“Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. <sup>12</sup> And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil <sup>13</sup> and put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. <sup>14</sup> And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

<sup>15</sup> “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. <sup>16</sup> Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. <sup>17</sup> No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. <sup>19</sup> And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

<sup>20</sup> “And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. <sup>21</sup> And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. <sup>22</sup> The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Luther’s Small Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar, Part 1

### What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

### Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Reading

*Leviticus 16: 23-34*

"Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and shall take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place and shall leave them there. <sup>24</sup> And he shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garments and come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people. <sup>25</sup> And the fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. <sup>26</sup> And he who lets the goat go to Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. <sup>27</sup> And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire. <sup>28</sup> And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

<sup>29</sup> "And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. <sup>30</sup> For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins. <sup>31</sup> It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. <sup>32</sup> And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. <sup>33</sup> He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. <sup>34</sup> And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." And Aaron did as the Lord commanded Moses.

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

# Responsory

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8

*Verse* *To Refrain*

**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.

*Refrain*

**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

# My Song is Love Unknown

LSB 430

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and

me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these

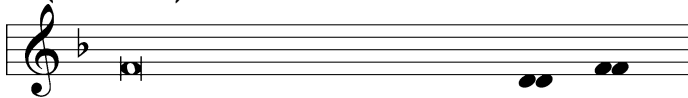
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

# Sermon

## Stand

### Antiphon (Common)

*Psalm 141:2*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



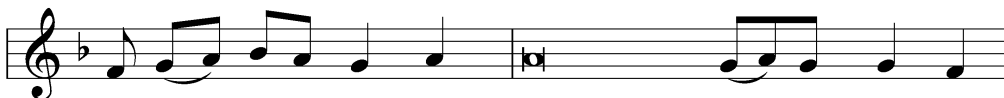
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

### Magnificat

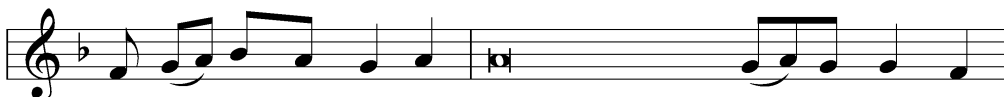
*Luke 1:46-55*



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



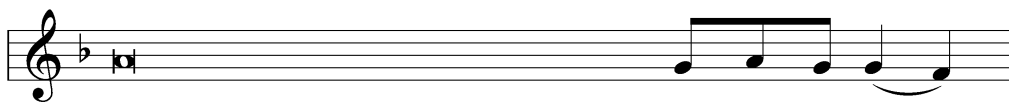
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



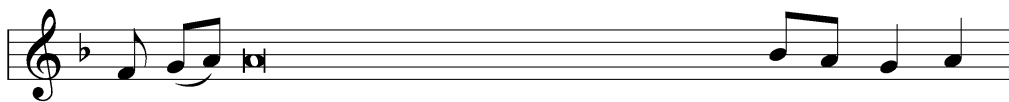
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



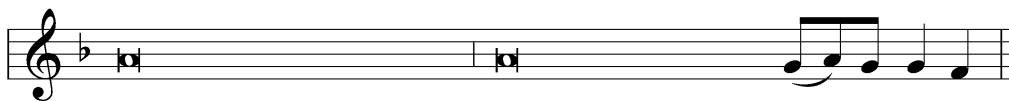
**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

## 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.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects

### 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** A - men.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

## My Song is Love Unknown

LSB 430



5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might

7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they

have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er

vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes

gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home

Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



That He His foes From thence might free.  
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.  
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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## LENTEN SERVICES

Lent Midweek Services Wednesdays -- 11 am and 7 pm

Theme: The Crucifixion of Jesus in the Old Testament

Midweek 5, April 9 – Isaiah 52-53



### Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper