



Dear Christians, One and All,
REJOICE!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

A member congregation of:



Season of Lent – 2018

WELCOME! —————

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

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ABOUT THE SERIES —————

It may seem strange and out of place to encourage Christians to "rejoice" during the somber season of Lent. Haven't we buried the Alleluias? Haven't we muted our Glorias? If this is the case, why such an exuberant hymn that bubbles

joy right here in the shadows of the Savior's suffering? Because joy is found in the sufferings and death of Christ. This good news—this Gospel—gives us joy in life where joy should not exist. This Gospel tells us of "a true David who strove with sin, death and the devil, and overcame them" (LW 35:358). In this Gospel a dying man bequeaths his possessions. These possessions are life in which death is swallowed up, righteousness by which sin is blotted out, and salvation which overcomes everlasting damnation. This Gospel is comfort for a poor man, dead in sin and consigned to hell. And so, Christians "must laugh and be glad over it, if [they] believe it [to be] true" (LW 35:358ff). So, dear Christians, one and all... REJOICE!

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THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

A Service of Evening Prayer

OPENING HYMN

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OPENING SENTENCES ❖ Versicles

M O Lord, open my lips.

Psalm 51:15



C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

M Hasten to save me, O God.

Psalm 70:1



C O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

EVENING PRAYER

M Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU ❖ *Psalm 141*



C Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

PSALM PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer.

Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

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After the Passion History is read:

M This is the Passion of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

PSALM

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Following the Psalm, a time of silence is kept for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

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LESSON

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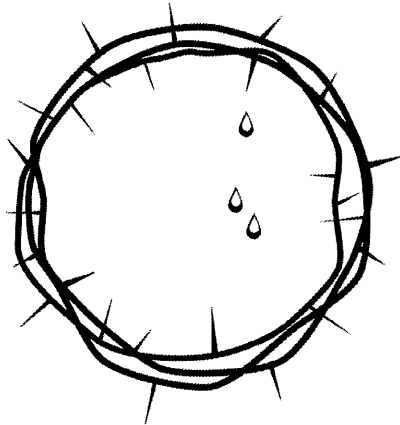
SEASONAL RESPONSE

Isaiah 53:5,6

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C **By his wounds we are healed.**

Be seated.



HYMN ❖ *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joyce, With
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful
 time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -
 Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned
 va - tion. From sin and sor - row set



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing
 de - spair, Left naught but death to be my
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -
 them free; Slay bit - ter death for them that



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.
 they May live with you for - ev - er."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

SERMON

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SONG OF MARY ❖ *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

Please stand.



C My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa-vor



on his low - ly ser-vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions

will call me bless - ed. The Al - might-y has done great

things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on

those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the

proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y

from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.

He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich

he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the

help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his

prom-ise of mer - cy, the prom-ise made to our fa - thers,

to A - bra-ham, and to his chil - dren for-ev - er. A - men.

Be seated.

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY ❖ *Kyrie, Eleison*

Please stand.

[M] In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[M] For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Christ:

[C] Christ, have mer - cy.

[M] For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[M] For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C Lord, hear our prayer.

M For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C Lord, hear our prayer.

M For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C Thanks be to God.

M In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER ❖ *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver ❖ us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON ❖ *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32



C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

2 Corinthians 13:14

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



C A - men.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

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