

# DIVINE SERVICE III

# HYMN OF INVOCATION: 915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

## INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

# Confession and Absolution

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

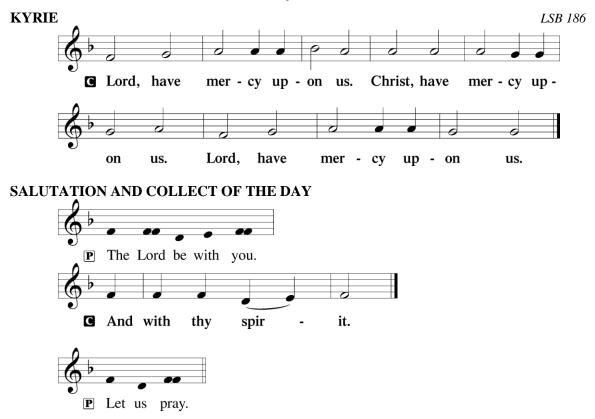
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word



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.



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### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 12:1–6

You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.
"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\* the founder and perfecter | of our faith, Hebrews 12:2

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

## EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

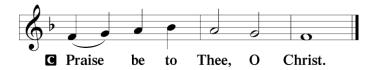
So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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### HYMN OF THE DAY: 571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

### **SERMON** --

#### Stand

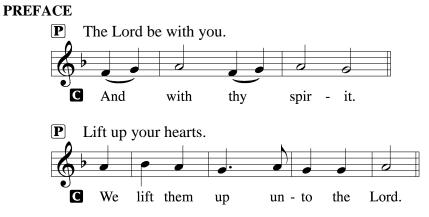
### **OFFERTORY C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, 0 God. and re new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir - it me the joy of Thy sal - va from me. Re - store un - to and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. tion, A - men.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



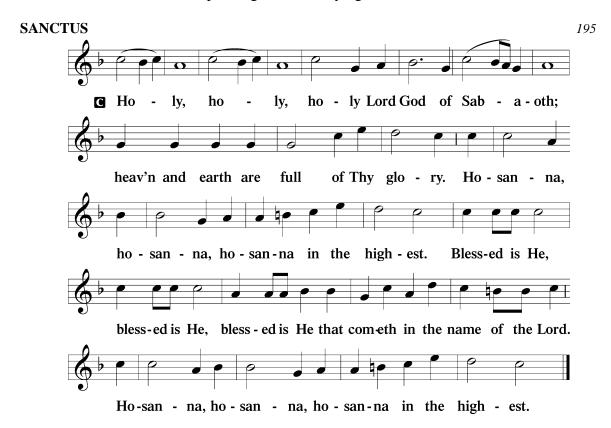


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 It is truly meet, right, and salutary... ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### LORD'S PRAYER

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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### DISTRIBUTION

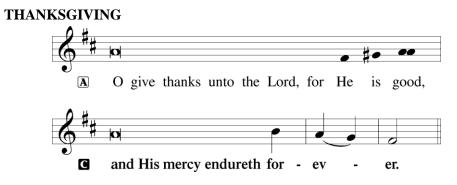
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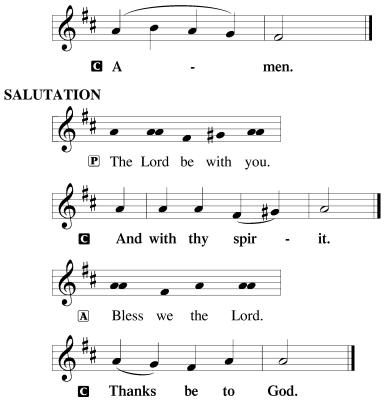




## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

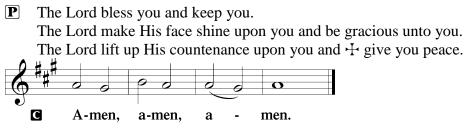
**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





### **BENEDICTION**



## HYMN TO DEPART: 435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

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### Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool Announcements March 30, 2025

The Board of Elders, on behalf of the Call Committee, has called a **Special Meeting of the Voter's Assembly** for today. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update and vote on the next step of the call process.

The LWCC will hold a business meeting today after Concordia's Special Call Committee Meeting.

**Sign Ups** to bring food for the **Lenten meals** are on the bulletin board by the bathroom. All are welcome to come and eat at our Wednesday night meals.

**Easter Candy** may be dropped off in the collection bins in the Noah Room. Eggs will be stuffed on Sunday April 13th during the Sunday School hour so please have all candy donations turned in by that time.

**The Refuge**, the food pantry we support in Greenwood, is in frequent need of the following items: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper meals, canned or dried beans, rice-a-roni, small bags of rice, canned fruit, and disinfectant wipes.

To continue the tradition of collecting items for Personal Care Kits for **Lutheran World Relief** during Lent, select a tag from the bulletin board and place your donation in the bins near the office door. Thank you for showing your love to our neighbors around the world!

Church Work Day-April 12, 9 am-noon. Come and help us get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter.

Portals of Prayer for April-June 2025 now available.

Please keep the family and friends of the following recently deceased in your prayers: **Judith Bowman** - mother of Vicki Wilson, passed away Monday 3/17/25 **Barb Poulos** - former member, passed away Monday 3/17/25

Date	Day	Worship Service / Event	Time	Message Title	Scripture
Apr 2	Wed	Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 pm	"Getting Out!"	Isaiah 48:17-22
Apr 9	Wed	Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 pm	"One Little Word Can Fell Him"	Isaiah 49:1-6
Apr 13	Sun	Palm Sunday Service	9:30 am		
Apr 17	Thurs	Maundy Thursday	6:30 pm	"He Prepares a Table"	Isaiah 49:7-13
Apr 18	Fri	Good Friday Service	6:30 pm	"All"	lsaiah 52:13- 53:12
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am	"We Are Going Home"	Isaiah 55:6-13
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Breakfast	8:45 am		
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Divine Service	10:00 am	"We Are Going Home"	Isaiah 55:6-13

# Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for March 23, 2025

	Worship: Sunday	9:30a - 86	Total - 86
Operating Budget Offering <b>\$2,620.00</b>	YTD Unified Budget Offerings <b>\$59,813.22</b>	2025 Operating YTD needed for budget <b>\$75,405.00</b> (\$6,855.00 weekly)	2025 Annual Budget <b>\$356,450.00</b>

Birthdays:		Wedding Anniversaries: Years	
Judd, Helen 3/31			
Lanning, Jim	4/1		
Masters, Edie	4/3		
Smith, Craig	4/3		
Bierman, Joel	4/4		
Foster, Marcia	4/4		
Economou, Dick	4/5		
Brooks, Gary	4/6		

# THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA

Mar 30	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Special Congregational Meeting (LWCC Business Meeting after) Sunday School Women's Bible Study
Mar 31	Monday		
Apr 1	Tuesday		
Apr 2	Wed.	5:15p 6:30p	Lenten Meal Midweek Lenten Service
Apr 3	Thurs.		
Apr 4	Friday		
Apr 5	Saturday		
Apr 6	Sunday	9:30a 10:45a 6:00p	Divine Worship Sunday School Women's Bible Study

# Prayers & Intercessions (Matthew 8:17)

#### Concordia Members Surgery/Testing/Recovery

- Linda Snyder
- Fred Foster
- Lorna Warren
- Betty Economou
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale

### Friends of Concordia

- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Virginia Day 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Rick Zoellner 12/30/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Family members and Konny Hanneman; Sandy Risner 11/13/22, Hazel, Levi, Joshua & Savannah Bragdon 11/13/22, Marianne & Charles Huckleberry 12/21/21 Sylvia, Steve & Nicole Perrish 12/21/21
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

### **Battling Cancer / MS**

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

### **Homebound Concordia Members**

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State St Ball Brothers 123, Franklin IN 46131
- Pat Barnes, 8601 Shelby St, Apt 236, Indianapolis, IN 46227

### Rehab

 Konnie Hanneman, Greenwood Meadows 1200 N State Road 135, Greenwood IN 46142

### Military Servicemen & women

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)

Note: Please provide updates to office for additions and removals to the "Prayers & Intercession" listing.

**Emergencies:** For pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer at 620-886-0911. Leave a message if he doesn't answer.

