

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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We are delighted to have you with us today to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! However, for the sake of preventing the spread of infection, **please keep your children close to you** throughout the service.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church. **Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

Explanation of Symbols:

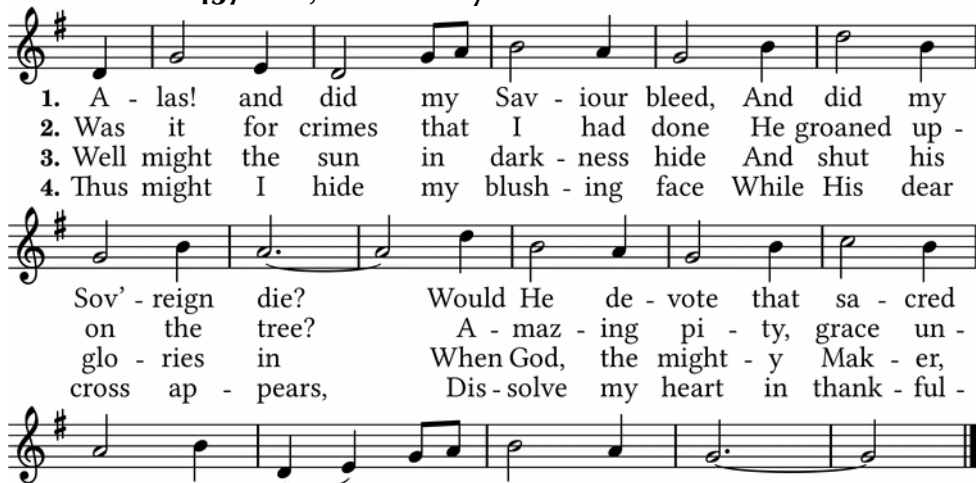
- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- A** Assisting minister(s)
- I** Male/Low Voices
- II** Female/High Voices
- ✙ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

RITE OF PREPARATION

HYMN—LSB 437 Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed



1. A - las! and did my Sav - iour bleed, And did my
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned up -
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And shut his
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While His dear
Sov' - reign die? Would He de - vote that sa - cred
on the tree? A - maz - ing pi - ty, grace un -
glo - ries in When God, the might - y Mak - er,
cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful -
head For such a worm as I?
known, And love be - yond de - gree!
died For his own crea - tures' sin.
ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748). alt.; Music: Hugh Wilson (1764–1824)

INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CATECHISM

P The Fifth Commandment

C You shall not kill.

P What is this?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not physically hurt or harm our neighbour, but help and support him in every bodily need.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:

- 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.**
- P** 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 to 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

INTROIT (*Ps. 43: 3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a*)

- A** Vindicate me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!*
- For you are the God in whom I take refuge.
- I** **Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;***
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- II** **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,***
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- I** **Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil**
within me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

- II** Vindicate me, O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
II from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!*
- For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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 READINGS

FIRST READING—Genesis 22:1–14

After the Reading

- P** This is the word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 43 (*antiphon: v. 5*)

- A** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?*
- Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
- I** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- II** For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?*
- Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

- I** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;^{*}
 let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- II** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,^{*}
 and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- I** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
 within me?^{*}
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

EPISTLE READING—Hebrews 9:11–15

After the Reading

- P** This is the word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a,c*)

- A** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!^{*}
 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
 You delivered me from my enemies;^{*}
 you rescued me from the man of violence.

Stand

TRACT (*Ps. 129:1–4*)

- A** “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”—^{*}
 let Israel now say—
 “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,^{*}
 yet they have not prevailed against me.
 The ploughers ploughed upon my back;^{*}
 they made long their furrows.”
 The LORD is righteous;^{*}
 he has cut the cords of the wicked.

HOLY GOSPEL—John 8: 42–59

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the Reading

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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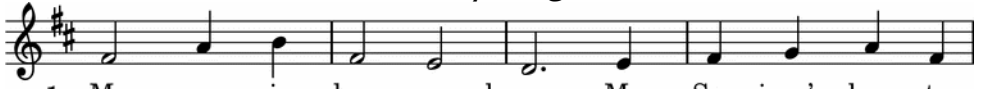
- C** I believe in one ❖ *God*,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

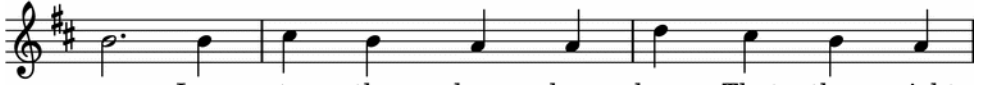
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
❖ *worshipped* and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

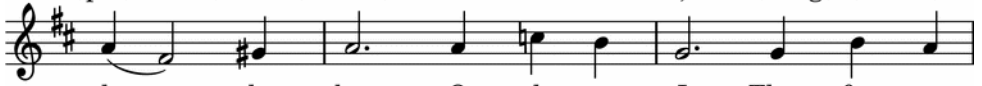
HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - iour'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
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the



love - ly be. O who am I That for my
 Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My Friend in -
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at



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

5. They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet steadfast He
 To suff'ring goes,
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What my I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my Friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman (c. 1624–83); Music: John Ireland (1870–1962)

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

G Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Carol & family

Family of members

Mike (Alzheimer's); Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Rita (cancer); Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia); Philip & Carol (cancer); Bob (health); Phillip (mental health); Hannah (mental health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Pauline (cancer); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); John (health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); Tressey (health); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour); Jonathan (depression); Anne; Richard

ELCE

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Pr. Kriger; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Flor family (bereavement); family of † Wendy Nicolson; Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja (health); Neil (health); Sine Biba (health)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church of Uganda; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church

The World

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); Myanmar

The Litany

- L** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
L O Christ, **C** have mercy.
L O Lord, **C** have mercy.
L O Christ, **C** hear us.
L God the Father in heaven. **C** have mercy.
L God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C** have mercy.
L God the Holy Spirit, **C** have mercy.
L Be gracious to us. **C** Spare us, good Lord.
L Be gracious to us. **C** Help us, good Lord.
L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from
rebellion;
from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water, and from
everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.
L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by
Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy
Spirit, the Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.
L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of
death; and in the day of judgement:
C Help us, good Lord.
L We poor sinners implore You **C** to hear us, O Lord.
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and
ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your
wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to bring into the way of
truth all who have erred and are deceived;
to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful labourers into Your
harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and
help the weak-hearted and the distressed:
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord
and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
to direct and defend the queen and all in authority; to bless and protect our
magistrates and all our people;

to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
 to grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
 to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to protect the unborn, the disabled and all who are vulnerable; and to have mercy on us all;

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C We implore You to hear us.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord

C have mercy. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

G ❖ *Holy, holy holy*

*Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed † is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray:

G 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, for ever and
ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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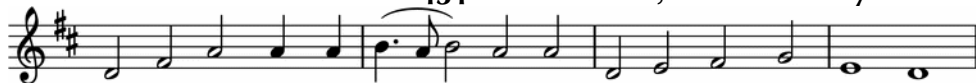
DISTRIBUTION

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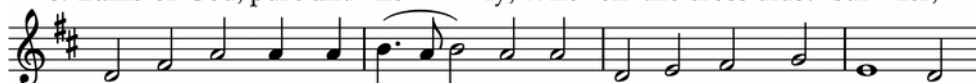
Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

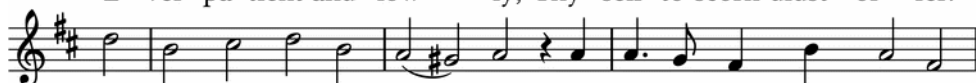
DISTRIBUTION HYMN—LSB 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly. Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3. Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



E - ver pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
E - ver pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
E - ver pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had des - pair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had des - pair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had des - pair reigned o'er us:



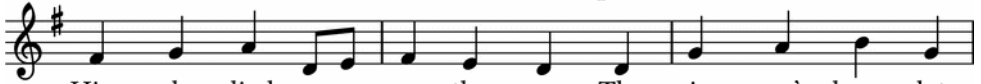
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O, Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O, Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O, Je - sus!

Text & Music: Nicolaus Decius (c. 1485–after 1546); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN—LSB 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died



1. We sing the praise of Him who died, Of
 2. In - scribed up - on the cross we see, In
 3. The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It
 4. It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave, And



Him who died up - on the cross; The sin - ner's hope let
 shin - ing let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
 holds the faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; It takes its ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev' - ry bit - ter cup.
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, 6. To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 The measure and the pledge of love, By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 The sinner's refuge here below, Be praise from all the ransomed race
 The angels' theme in heav'n above. Forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas Kelly (1769–1855), sts. 1–5; Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, st. 6.

Music: German, 15th century, alt.

After the distribution, please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace*
 according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,*
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
 a Light to lighten the Gentiles*
 and the glory of Thy people Israel. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.
C And His mercy endureth forever.

P 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 towards You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy Spirit

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—LSB 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re -
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me
3. Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our
4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celled sin; He sets the



deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
to pro - claim, To spread through all the
sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ours of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–88), alt. Music: Thomas Haweis (1734–1820).

Sit after the candles are extinguished

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Daily	8.30 am	Morning Devotion (online)
Tue	8.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Wed	7 pm	Lenten Vespers (Titchfield Evangelical Church)
Thu	1.15 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7 pm	Divine Service — The Annunciation
Sun	5.45 pm	Divine Service (Titchfield Evangelical Church)

Daily Readings:

Today	Exodus 1:1–22 Mark 14:12–31 <i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration III:54–58</i>
Mon	Ex 2:1–22 Mark 14:32–52 <i>FC SD III:59–67</i>
Tue	Ex 2:23–3:22 Mark 14:53–72 <i>FC SD IV:1–5</i>
Wed	Ex 4:1–18 Mark 15:1–15 <i>FC SD IV:6–13</i>
Thu	Ex 4:19–31 Mark 15:16–32 <i>FC SD IV:14–20</i>
Fri	Ex 5:1–6:1 Mark 15:33–47 <i>FC SD IV:21–32</i>
Sat	Ex 7:1–25 Mark 16:1–20 <i>FC SD IV:33–36</i>
Sun	Ex 8:1–32 (<i>Psalm 118</i>) Hebrews 1:1–14 <i>FC SD IV:37–40</i>