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Communion Statement:

In our congregation we follow the historic Lutheran practice of closed communion. This is nothing new, nor a novel innovation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Rather, for many centuries, this was the universal practice of all of Christendom, and to this day, is still practiced by the majority of the Christian Church.

We observe closed communion because the Lord's Supper is a public profession of our unity of faith. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and the wine for forgiveness of our sins. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

We observe closed communion to protect people in body and soul from taking the Lord's Supper to their judgment and harm. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Our practice is prompted by our love, care, and concern for all people. If you are not a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please do not commune today.

However, please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastors Moline or Goodroad about the joys of Holy Communion. They will offer you instruction about our Lutheran faith and this sacrament of the Lord's Supper, so you will be ready to stand with us and partake of this wonderful meal. **If you are not yet prepared to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will give you a baptismal blessing.**

Third Sunday in Lent

Oculi

March 23, 2025

Introit (Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16)



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be | gracious to me,*
for I am lonely | and afflicted.*

To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not | be put to shame;*
let not my enemies | exult over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged,*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and for- | give all my sins*

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I
take | refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.**

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for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
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for I am lonely | and afflicted.*

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (Ps. 9:19, 3)

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail,*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!
When my ene- | mies turn back,*
they stumble and perish before | your presence.

Tract (Psalm 123:1-3a)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!*
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy | upon us.*
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have | mercy upon us.

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Kyrie*LSB 186

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Gradual—*See Propers*

EpistleEphesians 5:1-9

Tract*—*See Propers*

Gospel*Luke 11:14-28

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Benedicamus*LSB 202

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Closing HymnLSB 777

*Please Stand

Hymns for today—

OPENING HYMN

LSB 743Jesus, Priceless
Treasure

SERMON HYMN

LSB 659Lord of Our Life

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 450O Sacred Head,
Now Wounded

LSB 420 ... Christ, the Life of
All the Living

LSB 541 “Away from Us!”
the Demon Cried

LSB 434 Lamb of God,
Pure and Holy

LSB 430 My Song Is Love
Unknown

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 777 Grant Peace, We
Pray in Mercy, Lord

Old Testament: Exodus 8:16-24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idola-

ter), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14–28

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’” ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” ²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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