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The Third Sunday in Lent ~ Oculi
✠ THE SUNDAY OF THE DUMB DEMONIAK ✠
March 23, 2025

JESUS OVERCOMES THE STRONG MAN

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!

****Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.***

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28);

If this is ***not*** your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal

LENTEN RUBRICS

During the forty days of Lent, God's baptized children cleanse their hearts through the disciplines of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with solemn joy for the Paschal Feast (Easter). During this preparation we restrain our joy liturgically by omitting the Greater Gloria ("Glory to God in the Highest...") and the "alleluias". Chanting also subsides.

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

ENTRANCE HYMN ~ *Jesus Has Come And Brings Pleasure Eternal*

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△ *Please stand and face the cross as it enters.*

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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.

Matthew 28:19

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[Hebrews 10:22]

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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 ✠

INTROIT

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



Ch. My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.

C Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Ch. To you, | O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul.

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

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

C Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Ch. Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

C 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 forever. | Amen.

**You may bow your head at this point
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

Ch. My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.

C Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your Spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 8:16-24

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 9:19, 3



C When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before Your | presence.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:1-9

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C Thanks be to God.

Stand

TRACT

Ps. 123:1-3a



Ch. To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

C 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 up- | on us.

Ch. Have mercy upon us, | O Lord,*
have mercy up- | on us.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eleventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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;

**You may genuflect
in reverence of the incarnation*

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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Lord Of Our Life and God Of Our Salvation*

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SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY ~ *Create in Me a Clean Heart O Lord*

Psalm 51:10-12

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated by a common time signature (C) and a square symbol. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a square symbol and the lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O 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
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

*The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.
The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.
Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with your Spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

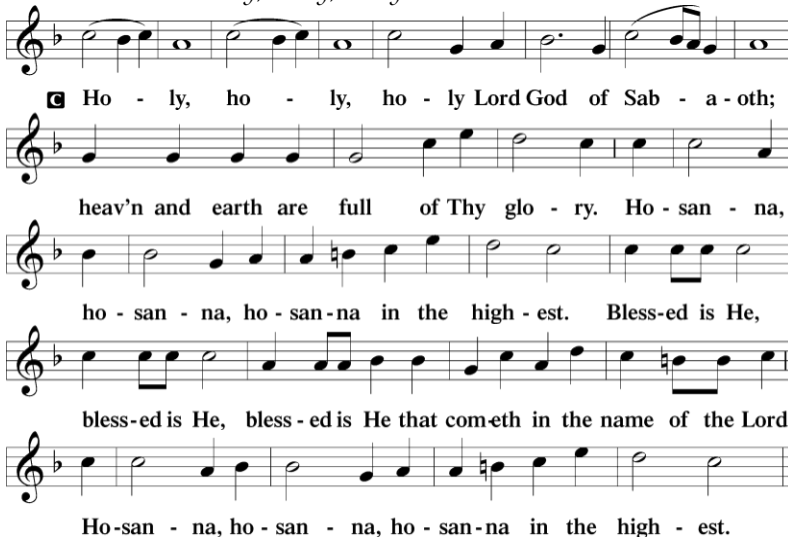
Psalms 136

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

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."

John 20:19

C Amen.

John 1:29

Sit

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be

healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

"As Surely As I Live," God Said	614
I Bind Unto Myself Today	604
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	743
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding	345

Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.
Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endures forever.
- 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 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.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C and with thy Spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen. Amen. Amen.

△ *Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.*

CLOSING HYMN ~ O Blessed Light, O Trinity

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TRINITY MIDWEEK LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Divine Service ~ Wednesdays, 11:00 am

Light Supper ~ Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30pm

Private Absolution ~ Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Vespers ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

3/12 ~ Midweek II

3/19 ~ Midweek III

3/26 ~ Midweek IV

4/2 ~ Midweek V

4/9 ~ Midweek VI

Holy Week Services:

(No meals during Holy Week)

4/14 ~ Holy Monday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. John

4/15 ~ Holy Tuesday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. Mark

4/16 ~ Holy Wednesday, 7pm

The Passion According to St. Luke

4/17 ~ Maundy Thursday, 7pm

4/18 ~ Good Friday Chief Service, 12pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm

4/19 ~ Easter Vigil, 8pm

4/20 ~ Easter Sunday, 9am

Easter Sunday Feast, 11:00am

*“On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That Life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and
salvation!” (LSB 422)*