



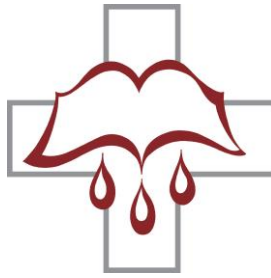
# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND VESPERS OF LENT

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+ March 8, 2023 +

## *If Your Enemy Is Hungry*



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,  
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available  
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

### **WELCOME:**

“What is hell? I maintain that it is the suffering of being unable to love.”

– Dostoevsky

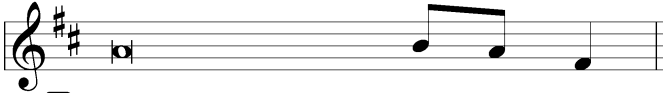
# VESPERS

*Congregants enter in silence for meditation and reflection.*

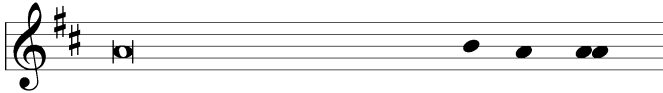
*Please stand*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALM

Psalm 32:1-7



I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
From where does my | help come?

**My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.**

He will not let your | foot be moved;\*  
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

**The sun shall not strike | you by day,\*  
nor the | moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\*  
he will | keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

OFFICE HYMN

O Christ, You Walked the Road

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## FIRST READING

*Proverbs 25:1-22*

These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied.

It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.  
As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;  
take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen  
do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,  
lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.  
A word fitly spoken  
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.  
Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold  
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.  
Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest  
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;  
he refreshes the soul of his masters.  
Like clouds and wind without rain  
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.  
With patience a ruler may be persuaded,  
and a soft tongue will break a bone.  
If you have found honey, eat only enough for you,  
lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.  
Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,  
lest he have his fill of you and hate you.  
A man who bears false witness against his neighbor

is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.  
Trusting in a treacherous man in time of trouble  
is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.  
Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart  
is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day,  
and like vinegar on soda.  
If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,  
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,  
for you will heap burning coals on his head,  
and the Lord will reward you.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Luke 6:27-36*

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

# RESPONSORY



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

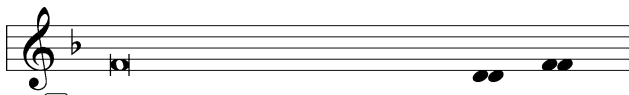
*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Those Who Hate You*

*Please stand*

## MAGNIFICAT



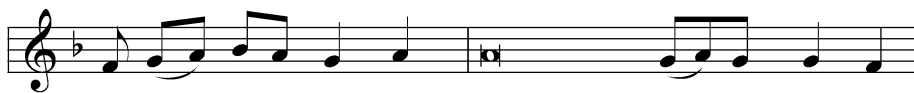
**I** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.

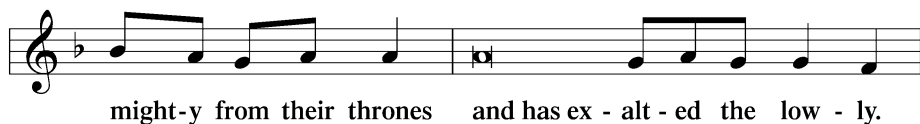


**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the

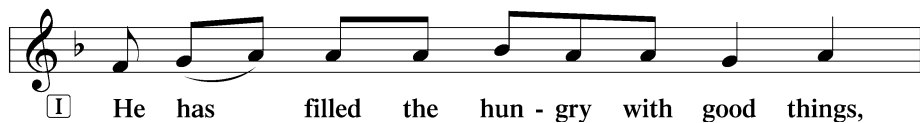


imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the

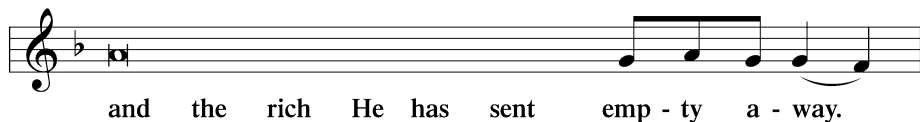




might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



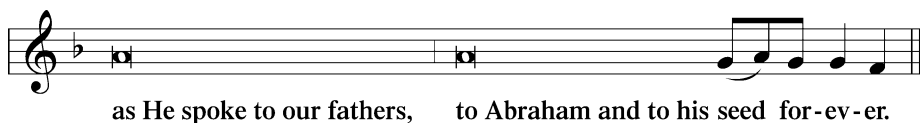
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



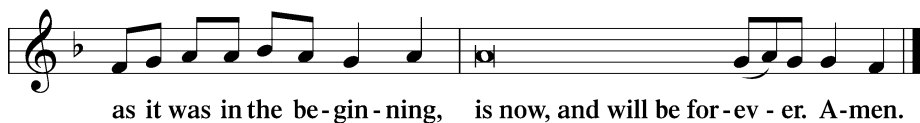
II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



III Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

## KYRIE



III Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## COLLECTS

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

**L** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

*Psalm 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

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