



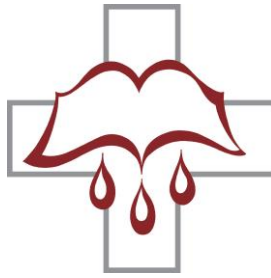
# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD VESPERS OF LENT

# Second Vespers of Lent

+ March 15, 2023 +

*Blessed*



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:**

“It is not enough that we desire righteousness, unless we also suffer hunger for it, by which expression we may understand that we are never righteous enough, but always hunger after works of righteousness.”

– St. Jerome, *Quoted by Thomas Aquinas*

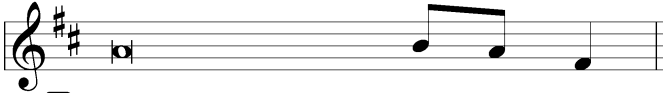
# VESPERS

*Congregants enter in silence for meditation and reflection.*

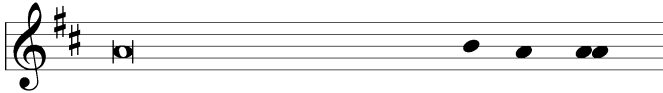
*Please stand*



**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 95:1-9



Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\***  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a | great God,\*  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

**In his hand are the depths | of the earth;\***  
**the heights of the mountains are his | also.**

The sea is his, for he | made it,\*  
and his hands formed the | dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\***  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!**

For he | is our God,\*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**Today, if you | hear his voice,\***  
**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the |**  
**wilderness,**

when your fathers put me | to the test\*  
and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.

**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

Christ the Life of All the Living

#420, St. 1-4

## FIRST READING

*Psalm 14*

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is none who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?

There they are in great terror,  
for God is with the generation of the righteous.

You would shame the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is his refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**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.

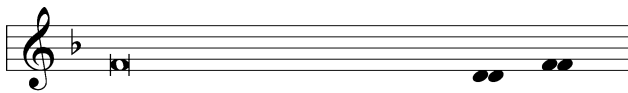
*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

*What Kind of Love*

*Please stand*

**MAGNIFICAT**



**L** 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



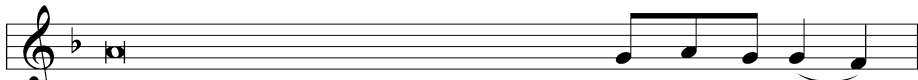
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



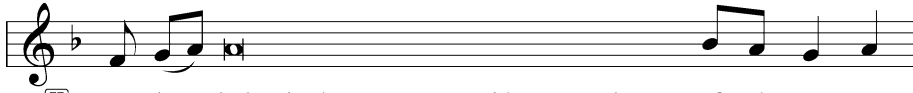
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



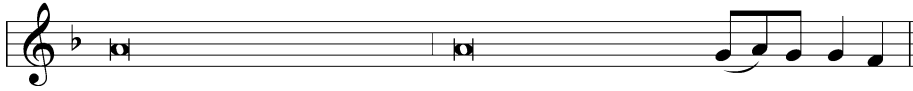
**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



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.



**C** 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



**C** 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, 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** 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.



**C** 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.

**C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Life of All the Living

#420, St. 5-7

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