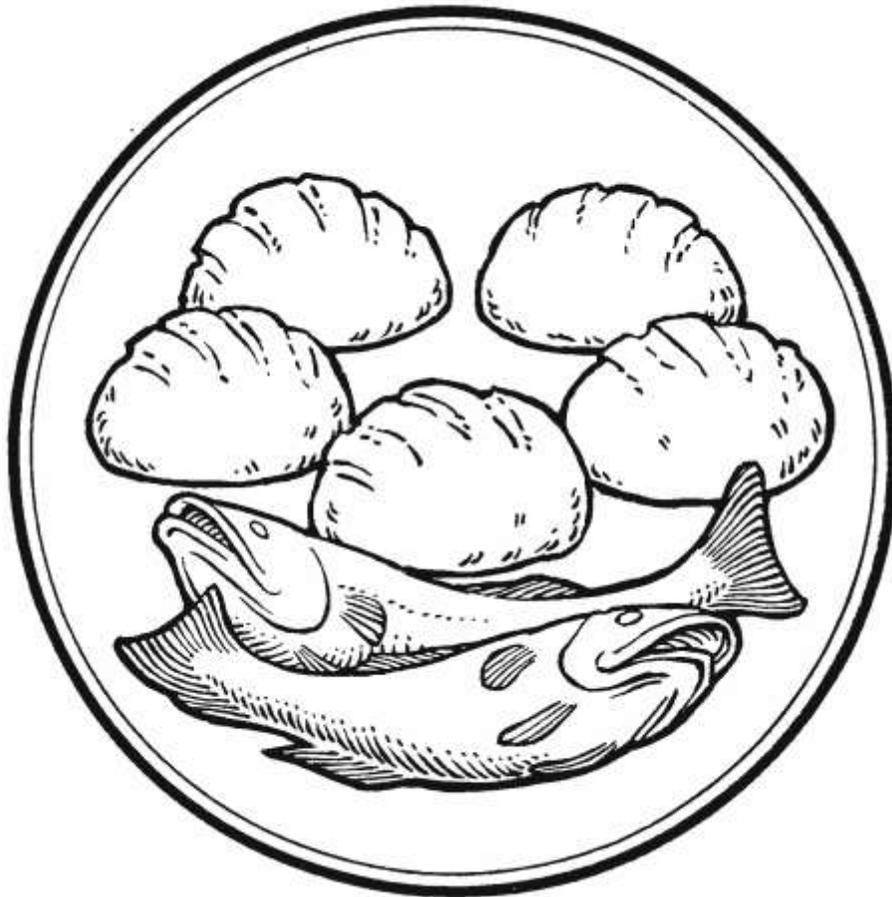


**DIVINE SERVICE FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

March 14, 2021

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

Apostolic Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him— what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 132:8–18; antiphon: v. 13

⁸Arise, O LORD, and go to your | resting place,*
you and the ark | of your might.

⁹Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,*
and let your saints | shout for joy.

¹⁰For the sake of your servant | David,*
do not turn away the face of your a- | nointed one.

¹¹The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will | not turn back:*

“One of the sons of your body
I will set | on your throne.

¹²If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,*

their sons also forever

shall sit | on your throne.”

¹³For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*

he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

¹⁴“This is my resting place for- | ever;*

here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

¹⁵I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;*

I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

¹⁶Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,*

and her saints will | shout for joy.

¹⁷There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;*

I have prepared a lamp for my a- | nointed.

¹⁸His enemies I will | clothe with shame,*

but on him his | crown will shine.”

Epistle

Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

C Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

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Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken by the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, and confess that the true body and blood of Christ are given under the forms of bread and wine, are welcome to commune at the altar. Those who are not yet Baptized, or who are unsure of their Confession, may come forward for a blessing: approach the steps with arms crossed over chest.

Preparation of the Altar

The congregation may use this time for prayer and self-examination. After the altar has been prepared we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory



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.

Offertory Prayer

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Sit

Agnus Dei

□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

The congregation comes forward to receive the Lord's body and blood at the credence table before the steps.

Distribution

The following hymns are sung during the Distribution of Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

LBW 98

Communion Hymn

LBW 203

Blessing

Post-Communion Collect

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 in 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 A - men.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sending Hymn

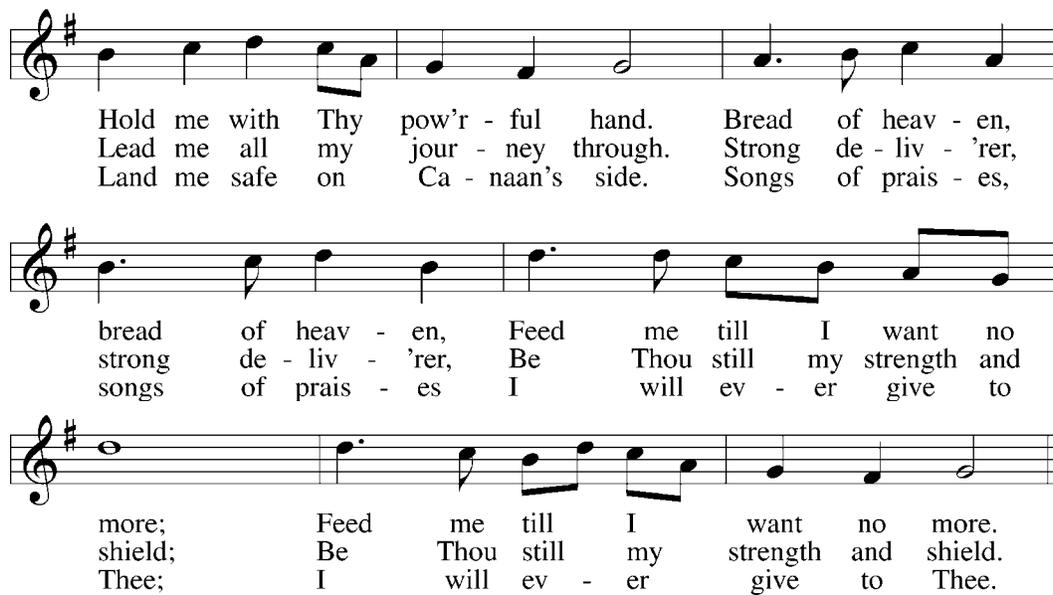
Guide Me, O Thou, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
 bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
 more; shield; Thee; Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

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Dismissal

The congregation may depart in the peace of the Lord, or remain for silent prayer.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Nadine Buckle, Bessie and Annie Clem, Debbie Gochenour, Kelliann Harris, Howard McDonald, Lola McDonald, Andrea Oxsen, Ernie Pingley, and all caregivers.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Meetings this week:

Monday 7pm – Revelation Study

Thursday 10am – A History of Heresy

Thursday 7pm - CREDO

Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

We welcome Carolyn Frye into our church fellowship today.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY at 1pm to review yearly booklet, and to vote on Pastor Chris becoming full-time and his salary.

Weekly Communion Service Wednesdays at 11am.

Pastor Chris will be available on Wednesdays, 2-4pm for Individual Communion. Please call for an appointment.

Wednesdays during Lent: Soup and Sandwich Dinner beginning at 6pm. Soup will be provided; bring your own sandwich and a beverage. **Vespers beginning** at 7pm.

Today is the deadline to order Easter Lilies: Order forms for Lily blooms and 6-inch potted plants are on the table in the fellowship hall. Blooms are \$3 and plants are \$11. Please make checks payable to Lebanon Lutheran Church (mark for Lilies) and give to Missy Hockman.

Easter Services: April 2 – Good Friday Service, 6pm
April 4 – Easter Sunrise, 6:30am

A special offering for Family Promise will be received in March, June, September, and December. These are the months that the church would typically host the group.

The Outreach Committee is collecting the following items for the Shenandoah Pregnancy Center: Size 5 diapers, baby wipes, hooded baby towels, baby nail clippers, small soft bibs, quart-size zipper baggies, baby & children's toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Looking Ahead:

- Church Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 9am
- Pastor on vacation, April 5-11
- Church Council will meet on Thursday, April 15. (Change from 2nd Thursday)
- Szymon & Shenandoah University students will present 4 concerts in April. Dates to be announced.
- Pastor at Conference, May 4-6
- Lebanon Lutheran Church host Southern District Meeting, Saturday, May 22

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