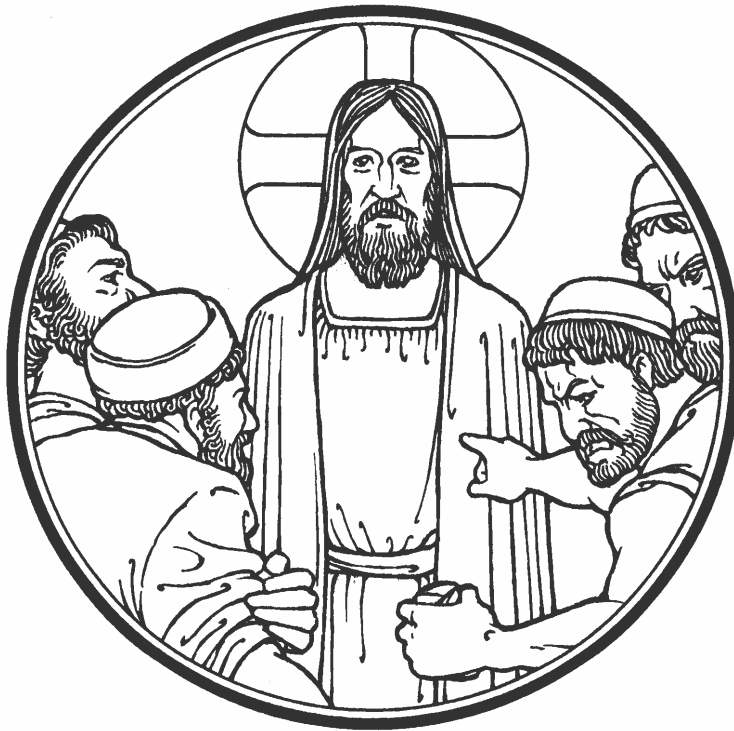


THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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MARCH 26, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

Soli Deo Gloria

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer.

Announcement of the Day

The bell is tolled to announce the beginning of the Service. We stand for the Procession.

Procession

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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PREPARATORY RITE

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

- P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a



Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!

Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

The Presiding Minister chants the Collect of the Day.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–19

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy

or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Assistant Minister chants the Gradual

Gradual

Psalms 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

[You] delivered me from my | enemies;*

you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand as the Presiding Minister chants the Tract.

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth” —*

let Israel | now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*

yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*

they made long their | furrows.”

The LORD is | righteous;*

he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

We stand for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
 △ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
 Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"
 All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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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, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through 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

Baptized and repentant sinners who share our faith and confess that Christ's body and blood are truly present and administered under the forms of bread and wine are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized or who are uncertain of their Confession of faith may come to the altar for a blessing. Cross arms over chest to indicate the desire for a blessing.

Offering

When the offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Offertory Prayer

A 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

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

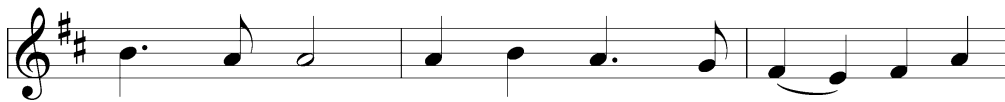
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Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



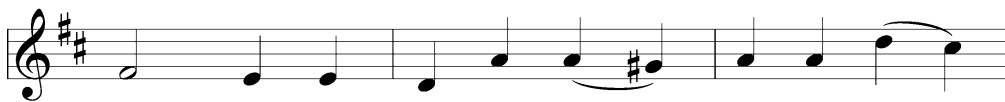
G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



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

Verba Domini

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

G 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.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

Distribution Hymn

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners
poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Distribution Hymn

Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;
Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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Additional Hymns

LBW 197, 226

When all communicants have returned to their pews and the altar has been cared for, we stand for the Post-Communion Collect.

Post-Communion Collect

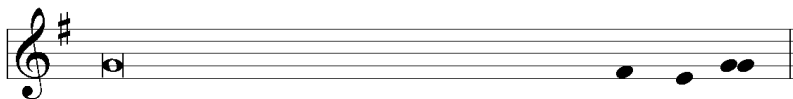
A Let us pray.

The Assistant Minister prays the Collect.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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.

Hymn to Depart

Christ Sits at God's Right Hand



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!
△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who in - ter - cedes,



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?
Our great High Priest en - throned a - bove Who knows our needs;



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured
And to the Fa - ther sing Our songs of thank - ful praise,



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.
Who with the Spir - it reigns in love For end - less days.

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Dismissal

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Arlene Hamman, Chris Heird, Steve Lowe, Adam Porter, Michael Reidy, Stephanie Andre, Kim, the Tim Middleton family, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for an increase in parish membership, for those who suffer from violence or natural disaster.

From the Chair of the Anniversary Committee

- *There is a sign up sheet for BBQ chicken for April 15 on the table in the educational wing. The sale is for the benefit of the 175th Anniversary. \$5/half and can be picked up at H. L. Borden Lumber Company in Strasburg, or Tractor Supply in Woodstock, or delivered to church on Sunday.*
- **WE WILL NEED HELP** on April 15 at 7am in Edinburg to wrap the chicken and take to both sites. Also needed are plastic grocery bags for people to carry their wrapped chicken.
- *Pull out your favorite recipes! We're building a cookbook in conjunction with the 175th anniversary celebration. Recipes may be submitted to Tammy Leathers by April 2. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and proceeds will be used toward the anniversary celebration.*

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71

Sunday 3/19: \$2,410.00

This Week

Monday – 10am ZOOM Bible Study: Acts 18, Adult Catechism at 7pm.

Tuesday – Prayer Services at the Greenfield facilities, 10 and 11am.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession at 10am,
Midweek Holy Communion at 1:30pm, and Soup Supper and
Evening Prayer, at 6 and 7pm.

Looking Ahead

- We will be ordering flowers from Valley Florist again this year. For those who wish to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, please see below.

Lilly Blooms are \$4.00

Potted Lilies are \$12.00

Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths are \$14.00 per potted plant

There is a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School area. Last year's list will be available and if you would like your order to remain the same as last year's, mark your initials beside your name. Checks should be made out to Lebanon Lutheran Church, in the memo line write *Easter flowers*.

Please speak with Dorothy or Missy if you have any questions. Deadline is Sunday, March 26. We will be ordering our usual 100 blooms for decorating the resurrection cross. Members may also bring their own flowers for decoration.

- *Neighborhood Watch Meeting* has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm. A Narcotics Officer will give the presentation.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday Service with Palm Procession and Passion
Reading – 11am**

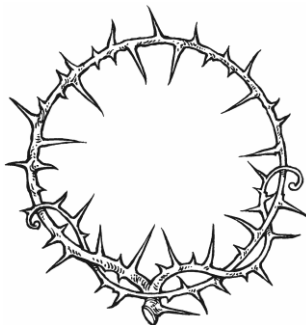
Holy Wednesday – Regular Wednesday Schedule of Services

**Maundy Thursday – Divine Service of the Institution of the
Sacrament of the Altar – 7pm**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – starting with new fire at 7pm

**Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday) – Sunrise
Service at 6:30am**





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