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March 30, 2025 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

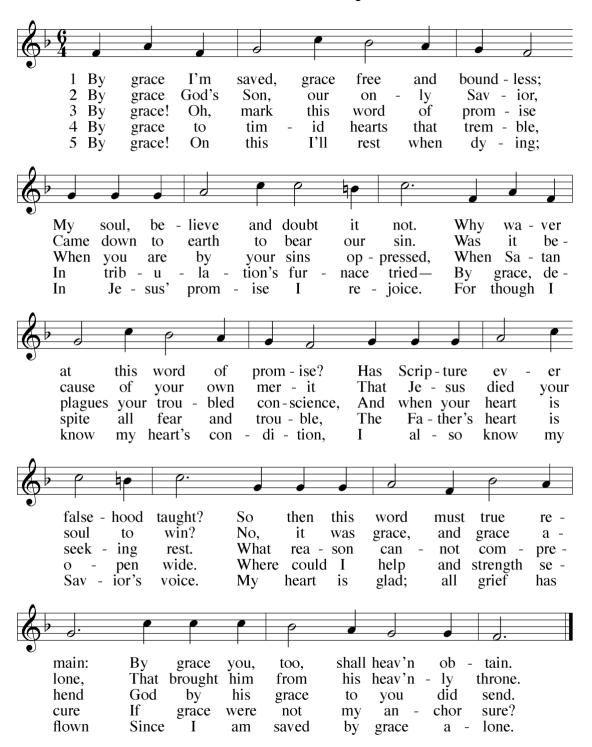
**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

# THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

**OPENING HYMN: #384** "By Grace I'm Saved" Text: Christian L. Scheidt (1709-1761): Tune: Cornelius H. Dretzel (1697-1775)

#### 384

# By Grace I'm Saved



Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709-61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

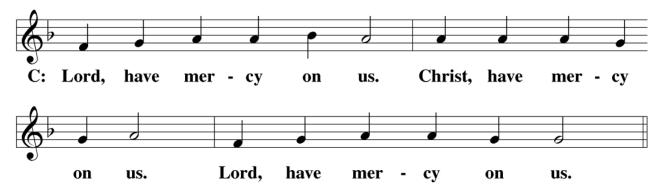


#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED** 

#### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6

12 You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

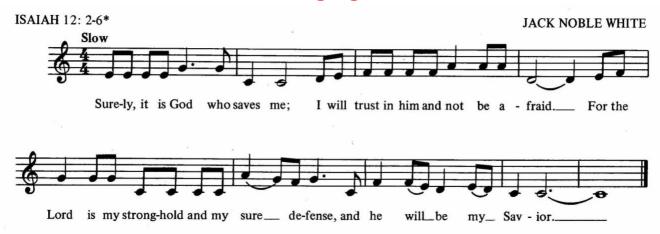
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

- "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
- <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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Choir: 1st refrain and verses Congregation: 2nd and all other refrains



**Refrain:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

#### Repeat (aka 2<sup>nd</sup> Refrain)

- **1.**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name. *Refrain*
- **2.**Make his deeds known among the peoples; See that they remember that his Name is exalted Sing the Paises of the lord, for he has done great things, known in all the world. **Refrain**
- **3.**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain 2x*

#### **SECOND LESSON:** Romans 8:1-10

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own

Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit, <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir) John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### **STAND**

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is

coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was

fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."



#### **NICENE CREED**

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

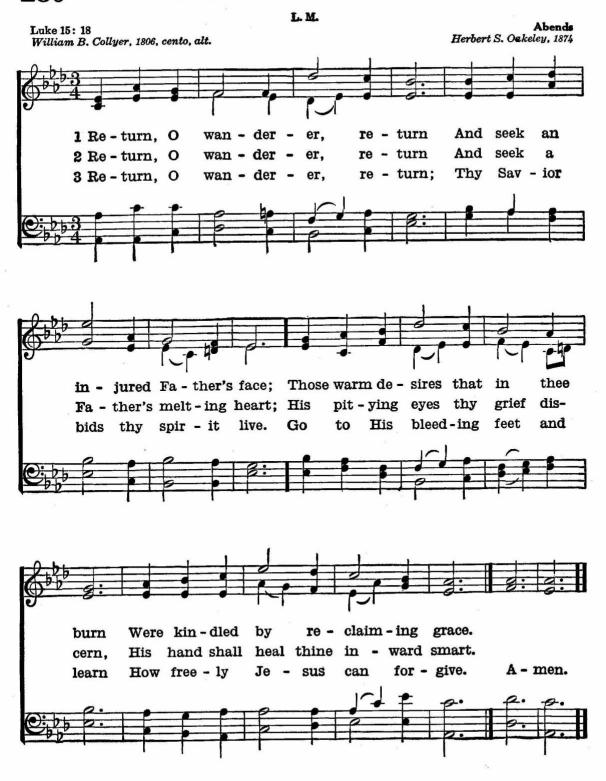
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

GOSPEL RESPONSE: #TLH 280 "Return, O Wanderer, Return" Choir: verses: 1, 3; Congregation: verses: 2, 4

#### Return, O Wanderer, Return



4 Return, O wanderer, return
And wipe away the falling tear;
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn";
'Tis Mercy's voice invites thee near.

### HYMN OF THE DAY: #304 "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

Text: Erdmann Neumeister (1671-1756)



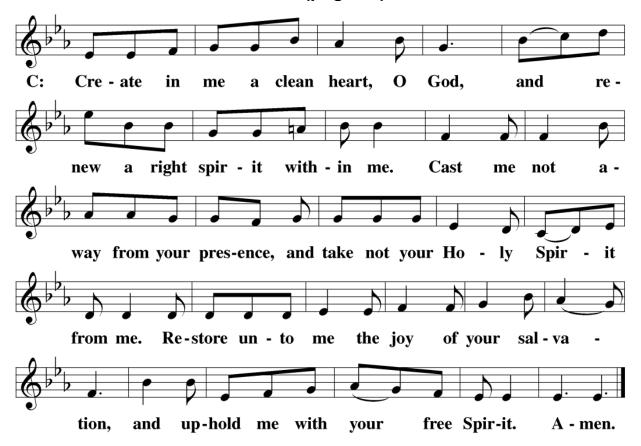
- 6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
  Were as scarlet my transgression,
  It shall be as white as snow
  By your blood and bitter passion,
  For these words I do believe—
  Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive.
  Even I have been forgiven.
  And when I this earth must leave,
  I shall find an open heaven.
  Dying, still to him I cleave—
  Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: Meinen Jesum Lass ich nicht (78 78 77) Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

## **SERMON**

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH-LENTEN SEASON (p. 125)

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**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is

wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

# C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

# C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

# C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.* 

**M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

#### **BE SEATED**

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

**NOTE:** Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

#### STAND



#### THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

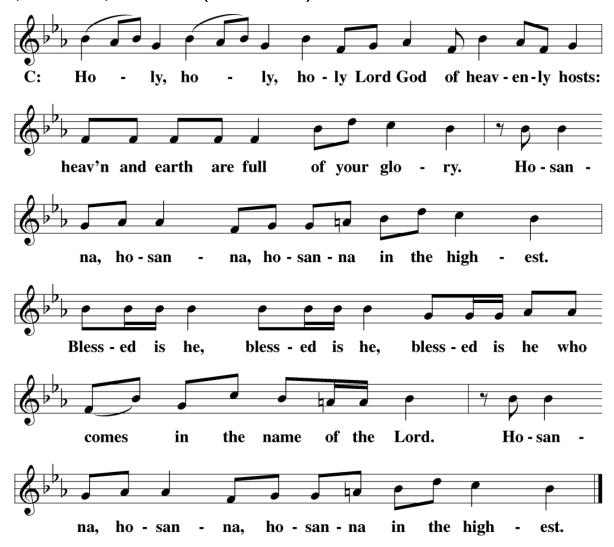


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his

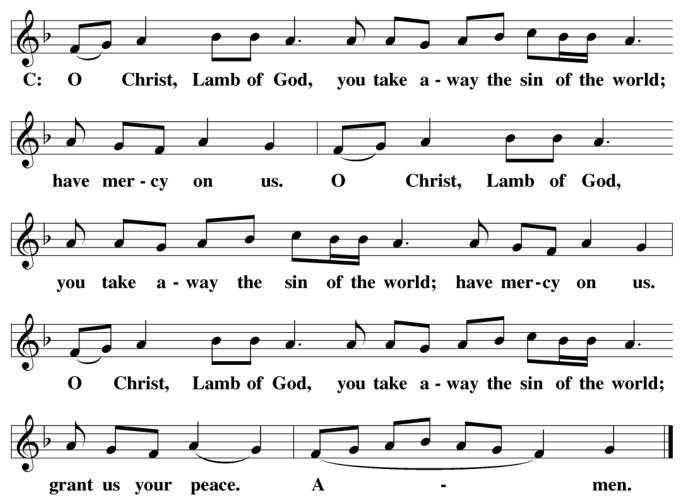
disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



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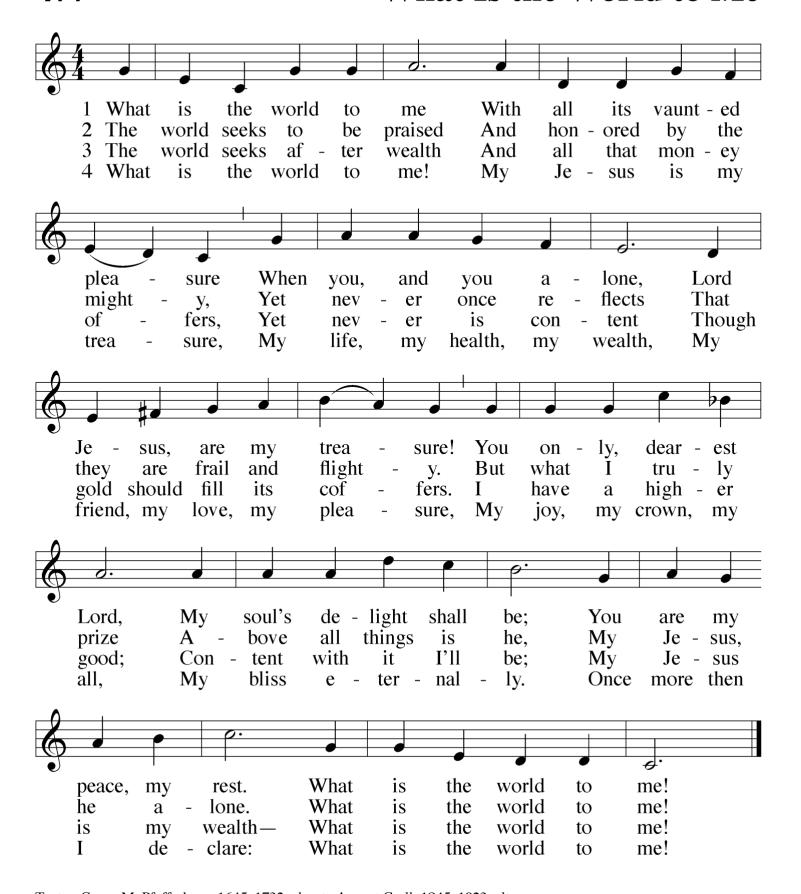
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#### 477

# What Is the World to Me



Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

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# Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

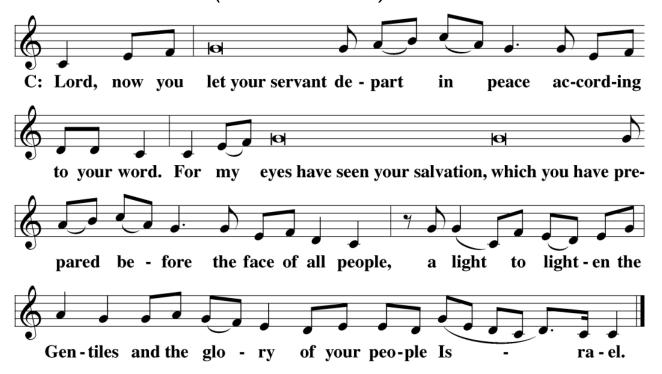


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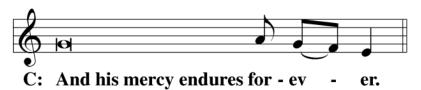
Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901.

# **THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

# **SONG OF SIMEON** (Nunc Dimittis)



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**M:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant: Mark Castellese Keys/Soloist: Julie Webber; Choir: Senior Choir

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Tuesday - 7:00 PM All Boards except Elders Meetings

- 8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday - 9:30 Online Bible Class

- 6:00 PM Lenten Meal

- 7:00 PM Lenten Service

Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving Apr 3: Altar: no communion; Ushers #1

**Serving Apr 6:** Altar Guild – Thea Bude; Ushers: #2

**Lenten Services and Meals –** All are welcome to our Wednesday Lenten vespers of repentance and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Preservice meals begin at 6:00 PM in the church basement. See sheet in narthex to volunteer and signup to provide.

**Signup sheets for flowers** to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are in narthex. The deadline for submission to church secretary is **April 6.** 

# 2025 Evening Lenten and Holy Week Services: "Reflections on Repentance"

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Officiant
April 2	Psalm 51:8-9	'Removing Our Guilt'	Pastor Schroeder
April 9	Psalm 51:7	'Relying on God's Grace'	Pastor Schaefer

April 17	Psalm 51:10-13	'Renewed Through the Gospel'	Pastor Schaefer
April 18	Psalm 51:14-17	'Restored by His Sacrifice'	Pastor Schaefer
April 19	None	None	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 E	Luke 24:1-2	"The Resurrection of Our Lord"	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 L	Psalm 51:18-19	'Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope'	Pastor Schaefer

E = Early; L = Late

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