

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

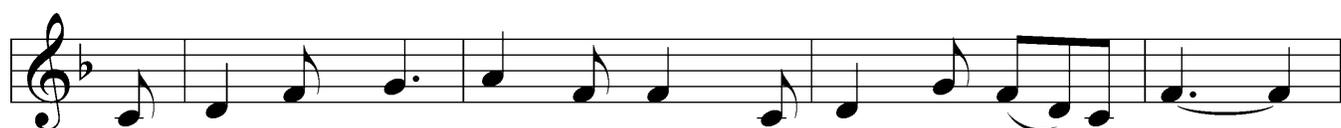
Hymn of Invocation

When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand **Kyrie**

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C *♪ Lord, have mercy.*

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C *♪ Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *♪ And also with you.*

P Let us pray.

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 *♪ Amen.*

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia and Verse 

LSB 157

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

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit Hymn

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

- 1 *Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.*
- 2 *Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;*

*Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.*

- 3 *Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.*

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Sermon

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

- C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part.

We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and the holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve to Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine, and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send laborers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. In mercy, bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect and defend Your Church in all tribulation and danger. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children may grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue and thus bring forth wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow.

Accept, we implore You, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service.

Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's Table this day that they may receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing.

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power, and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei ♪

LSB 163

C *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Sit **Distribution Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

1 *The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

2 *Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.*

3 *Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,*

*Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.*

4 *Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.*

5 *Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.*

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Stand 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 *♪ Amen.*

Benediction

LSB 166

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 *♪ Amen.*

Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

LSB 721

Refrain **Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

**2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

**3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

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Continuing Prayer Concerns

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Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury	Andrew Grab	Dustin Newton	Emily Lindenberg
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Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar
Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

- for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.
- for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, March 5	Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22; Mark 6:1-13
Monday, March 6	Genesis 18:1-15; Mark 6:14-34
Tuesday, March 7	Genesis 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday, March 8	Genesis 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23
Thursday, March 9	Genesis 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37
Friday, March 10	Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67; Mark 8:1-21
Saturday, March 11	Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. in School Gymnasium
Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in Cafeteria (No Bible Study March 5 & 12)
Kids Praise & Worship @ 9:50 a.m. in Pre-K Classroom
School Chapel @ 8:25 a.m. on Wednesdays in Gymnasium
Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Public School Confirmation Class--@7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Practice—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursday @ 6:03 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Handicapped Accessible Service—March 9, 10 a.m.—School Gymnasium

2022 Giving Statements

The 2022 Giving Statements are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192.

Blanket Making

Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.

@the Little House

Help is Needed!!!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

Chicken Dinner

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

@ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

Adults: \$12; Children: \$6

Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls

The Youth Group is taking orders for coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls. The coffee cake flavors that are available are Cherry, Peach, Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned. This year we have two kinds of cinnamon rolls, Original and Jelly Roll. The Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls will be in 9 inch tins and the price is now \$7 per item.

To place an order, call a youth group member, the church office at 965-3192 or Rhonda Wilson at 559-0964. Deadline to place orders is March 19th and the orders will be available on April 7th between 3:30-5:00 p.m. Pick up will be a drive thru by St. Mark's School office. We are thankful for your continued support.

Lock In @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

March 17, 9:00 p.m.—6:00 a.m.

Food & Drink will be provided.

Everyone is welcome!

Fun Activities

Show up at 9, doors will lock at 9:30.

We hope to see you for a night of fun with the Youth Group!

Any questions call Cole Diercks (618) 615-5790.

Lent / Easter Worship Schedule

March 8th, Lent Midweek 3

6:30 p.m. @ St. Paul's, Wine Hill

Soup Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.—Donations for St. Paul's Education Fund

March 15th, Lent Midweek 4

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

March 22nd, Lent Midweek 5

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

March 29th, Lent Midweek 6

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

April 6th, Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 7th, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 8th, Easter Vigil

6:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 9th, Easter

6:15 a.m. @ Steeleville City Park (in case of weather St. Mark's School Gymnasium)

9:00 a.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

*All weekend services will be at St. Mark's School Gymnasium
until the remodeling is completed at the church.*

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bob Polansky, from Camp Wartburg, will be leading our chapel service on Wednesday, March 8. Everyone is invited to attend.

The end of the 3rd quarter is this Friday, March 10. Report cards will be going home next week Wednesday, March 15.

St. Mark's Co-op Sports

March 6-10 – V-ball OVC Tournament @ St. John, Lutheran, Chester

Tues., Mar 7 – V-ball @ St. Ann's/Oakdale @ St. Ann's 5:30 pm

Sat., Mar 11 – V-ball @ St. Mary's Catholic "C" team tournament

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF



We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.