

# Welcome

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### March 11th

**ALTAR GUILD:** Josie Largacha  
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### Serving Next Week, March 18th

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#### Church Council:

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling Works Congregation



## ORDER OF MASS

*and*

*St. Mark's Messenger*

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

## March 11, 2018

## 10:00 A.M.

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## “ST. MARK’S MESSENGER”

**TO ALL OUR VISITORS, FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS:** Welcome to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, a multicultural, all-inclusive ecumenical ministry to the community. You are encouraged to join us for refreshments following worship. Please sign our guest book located at the church’s front entrance. Restrooms are located on the other side of the east gate as you exit the sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming part of this loving church family, please speak to Pastor today. St. Mark’s is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes all believers to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (Communion is administered by intinction. After the Pastor administers the bread, the congregant dips the bread in the wine.) Visit us at [www.stmarkslutheranandalgables.org](http://www.stmarkslutheranandalgables.org) and thank you for being with us today!

**INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH:** Please consider inviting a family member, a friend, or a neighbor to church with you next Sunday. Share the Good News!

### MINISTRIES

#### **St. Mark’s Lutheran Church Is Now Officially A Reconciling Works Congregation** **St. Mark’s just received this official notification in the mail this past week...**

Dear Partners in Ministry at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Congratulations on adopting an Affirmation of Welcome statement for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Reconciling Works is proud to have your community as a partner in this Holy ministry where all people are welcomed, included and celebrated. Reconciling Works prays the journey of adopting this affirmation of welcome will strengthen and enrich the faith lives within your community. Reconciling Works will add your community to the roster of Reconciling in Christ (RIC) settings. With your community’s addition, the RIC roster now exceeds 800 communities! Look for your community on the map here: [www.ReconcilingWorks.org/RIC](http://www.ReconcilingWorks.org/RIC).

### MUSIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thank you to the members of our Music Leadership Team who met this past Tuesday. The team is in the process of making final plans for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

#### **MIDWEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON TUESDAY, March 13th**

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Lenten Bible Study this past Tuesday. Please make plans to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Midweek Lenten Bible Study scheduled for this Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend! Refreshments and coffee will be served.

#### **NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY – MARCH 20th, 7:00 PM**

Thank you to all our Church Council members who attended our Church Council meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th. The Church Council committee portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM prior to the administrative meeting that will begin at 7:30 PM.

#### **NEW CHILDREN’S SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS OF AGE**

We are so pleased to offer children ages 3 to 5 years-old Sunday Church School each Sunday. Mrs. Barbara will gather the children at the back of the church at the conclusion of the reading of the Holy Gospel, go to the adjoining building for Sunday School, then return at the conclusion of the sermon. Mrs. Barbara Roskind, thank you for your willingness to serve and offer our children this wonderful opportunity.

#### **HOLY WEEK – MARCH 25th-30th**

St. Mark’s will be holding special worship events during Holy Week - Palm & Passion Sunday (Sunday, March 25th, 10:00 AM), Maundy Thursday Mass with Stripping of the Altar (Thursday, March 29th, 7:30 PM), and Good Friday Tenebrae - Service of the Lights (Friday, March 30th, 7:30 PM). Please plan to attend these inspiring days of celebration and worship during Holy Week this year. Invite a friend to come to worship with you.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please mark your calendars now and plan to be in attendance for all the special events happening at St. Mark’s this Easter 2018. A delicious Easter Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM. The Easter Festival Celebration Mass will begin at 10:30 AM. And, a very special Easter Egg Hunt for all our children and a wonderful Fellowship Hour will be held immediately following worship at 12:00 noon. Please plan to bring friends, family, and neighbors to St. Mark’s for this year’s wonderful Easter Celebration events.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A:** Let us Pray:

**C:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

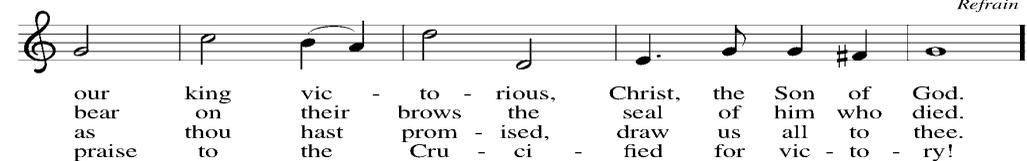
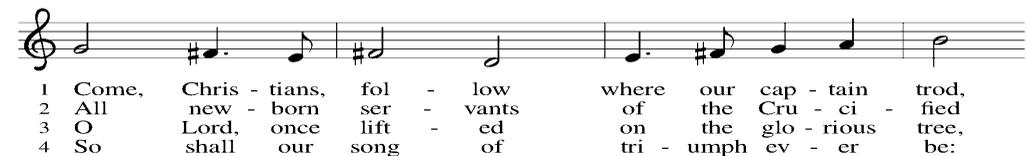
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor .... ✝ ..... And give you peace. **C:** Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

ELW# 660

#### Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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**ORISON** (*Sung by the Choir*) “Jesus Remember Me”

**TAIZÉ CHANT**

(*Please observe a moment of silent prayer and meditation.*)

### SENDING

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord! **C:** Thanks be to God.

The congregation will observe a moment of silent prayer and meditation at the close of worship each Sunday during Lent while the choir sings the Orison at the back of the church. Also, there will be no postlude following the singing of the Orison.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

POST COMMUNION HYMN

“In His Time” - Words and Music by: Diane Ball

Verse 1:

In His time...In His time;  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day  
As You're teaching me Your way,  
That You do just what You say in Your time.

Verse 2:

In Your time...In Your Time;  
You make all things beautiful in Your time.  
Lord, my life to You I bring;  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

*(After the Eucharistic meal has ended and everyone has returned to their seats, please stand.)*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS

(Please mark your calendars today!)

March 13, 7:00 PM  
March 25, 10:00 AM  
March 29, 7:30 PM  
March 30, 7:30 PM  
March 31, 10:30 AM

Midweek Lenten Bible Studies  
Palm & Passion Sunday  
Maundy Thursday Mass  
Good Friday Tenebrae  
Decorate the Church, Color Easter Eggs & Setup for Easter Breakfast  
Congregational Easter Breakfast  
Easter Festival Mass  
Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour

April 1, 9:00 AM  
April 1, 10:30 AM  
April 1, 12:00 PM

NEW CONCEPT – BECOME PART OF MINISTRY WITHOUT ATTENDING A MEETING

Please review and identify any one of the list of individual ministries in the areas of Christian Education, Evangelism, Property, and Leadership in which you are interested in serving. Please let Pr. Guss, Administrative Assistant Josie, or any Church Council member know of your interest to serve. Join the team and become a valuable member of a ministry “*doing God’s work, with our hands.*”

WORSHIP MINISTRIES (6) – altar guild, lectors/worship assistants, ushers/greeters, vestry, Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES (4) – Children Sunday Church School, Adult Bible Study, First Communion & Confirmation Ministry, Youth Ministry

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES (11 ministries) – Prayer Ministry, Visitation Ministry, Counseling Ministry, Care Network, Fellowship Ministry, Community Outreach, Transportation Ministry, Media Ministry, E.L.C.A. Hunger Fund Ministry, Discretionary Fund Ministry

LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES (4): Finance Bookkeeping Committee, Property Work Team, Music Leadership Team, Church Council

*(Please see [stmarkslutherancoralgables.org](http://stmarkslutherancoralgables.org) for more information on each ministry.)*

School/Church Springtime Worship Celebration Planned for April 8th

Plans are under way to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter worship celebration with our partner International Children’s School for Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Plan to be present for this joyous day as we open our doors to the community and our neighboring school to celebrate worship, fellowship, and hold a Springtime egg hunt for our children.

NEWS FROM OUR ADMINISTATIVE ASSISTANT

BUNNY BRIGADE

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church, color Easter Eggs and help setup for Easter Sunday on **Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 a.m.** We are also looking for volunteers to clean up after our Easter Sunday Mass on April 1st.

An Easter sign up sheet has been placed on our board for donations for our Easter Breakfast and goodies that can be put in the Easter Eggs for the children.

EASTER LILLIES SIGN UP SHEET can be found on the cork board. Cost: \$8.00 ea.

**Please sign up so you can be listed in the Easter Sunday, April 1st bulletin. Deadline to sign up is March 25th.**

**COMING TO CHURCH IS IMPORTANT!**

As we work together to expand our programs of ministries, all members and friends of the parish are requested to regularly attend weekly worship. As we work together to expand our programs of ministries, all members and friends of the parish are requested to regularly attend weekly worship.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT OFFERING A RIDE TO YOUR FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO WORSHIP?**

Here is an ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL IDEA! Have you considered offering a ride to your neighbor, friend, or family member to come to church? What a great way to help a friend and grow our church. Think about it!



**TO MARCH 1st - 31st CELEBRANTS**

**03/03** Miriam Calzadilla, **3/06** Kenneth Grafe, **03/06** Kevin Robertson  
**03/08** Jacob Perry, **03/09** Lloyd Bieber, **03/12** Abel Perry  
**03/25** Ericka Robertson, **03/29** Brigitte Martinez

If we missed listing your birthday, forgive us. Please call the church office and update your information at 305/444-0425



**AT ST. MARK'S**

**SUNDAY 03/11: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**9:15 a.m.:** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:00 a.m.:** Family Worship Mass and Children's Time  
**11:00 a.m.:** Fellowship and Refreshments

**TUESDAY 03/13:**

**7:00 p.m.:** Lenten Bible Study

**SUNDAY 03/18: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**9:15 a.m.:** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:00 a.m.:** Family Worship Mass and Children's Time  
**11:00 a.m.:** Fellowship and Refreshments

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Lamb of God  
Agnus Dei**

A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.

A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.

A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; grant . . us . . . peace.

Music: Plainsong, Mass XVIII

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

*(Please be seated.)*

**EUCCHARISTIC MEAL:**

*(Congregation invited to kneel during Communion by Intinction.)*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus, took bread, and gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**P:** Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

### Acclamation *Great Thanksgiving*



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**P:** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

### Amen *Great Thanksgiving*



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## ORDER OF MASS

**Mass Intention: To the Glory of God!**

### *Introduction*

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

## PRELUDE & PEALING OF THE ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL CARILLON

## WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** In the Name of the ✙ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, our God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(A time for personal confession and prayer)*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: You asked for my hands, my mouth, and my eyes to serve. I've given only a small part of my life to you. Forgive me, renew me, and send me into the world with a changed heart, O God, that I might live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the ✙ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE** *(Please greet your fellow worshippers with a sign of peace.)*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# GATHERING HYMN

(Please stand.)

ELW # 666

## What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Lets us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
 and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
 that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
 we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## OFFERING

**Offertory Anthem: "God So Loved the World"** from *The Crucifixion*

Music by: Sir John Stainer (1840 - 1901)

Text: John 3: 16 - 17

## OFFERING HYMN (*Please stand.*)

ELW #184

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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 your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** Receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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.

## Kyrie

Leader Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Plainsong

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

**C:** And also with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

## FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

**A:** A reading from Numbers, the 21st chapter.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** Let us confess the words of our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection **+** of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## FAMILY PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, and for all people according to their needs. *(Congregation may be seated.)*

*(After each prayer petition is offered:)*

**P:** Lord, in your mercy.

**C:** Hear our prayers.

**A: We Pray for:** Jennifer Rego, Heloise Woods, Callista Kulugammanna, Johanna Johnson, Steven Taylor, Josefina Kaye, Josefina Cortina, Sharon Arbus, The Pacheco Family, Petra Lichtenberger, Stephanie Delgado, Irene Hahn, Helmuth Wagner, Hans Winzer, Renardo Hardy, Steven Arbus, Frank Arduini, David Calzadilla, Cindy Crebbin, Dottie Bobbitt, Kevin Padron, Janine Weideman, Adriaan Visser, Betty Lindquist, Jacob Mestre, Diane Maupin, Robyn Moore, The Jacob Family, Michelle Sanchez, Ricardo Guerrero, Kyle La Mann, Jasmine Cena Miguez, Julia Rego, Alicia Corrales, Lois Gee, Walt Stone, Anne Mace

**P:** Lord, in your mercy.

**C:** Hear our prayers.

**P:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand.)

ELW# 323

(Pass your prayer requests to the center aisle during the hymn of the day.)

God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

PSALM (ELW): 107:1-3, 17-22

The refrain is sung once by the cantor, then by the congregation at the beginning and ending of the psalm.



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PSALM TONE



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- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**
- <sup>3</sup>gathering them in | from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.
- <sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**
- <sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- | ner of food  
and drew near | to death's door.
- <sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD  
and you delivered them from | their distress.**
- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. **R**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

**A:** A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

*(Please stand.)*

### Lenten Acclamation



*The proper verse may be sung by a leader. Then the acclamation is repeated.*

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### Gospel Acclamation

God so loved the world that he gave his | only Son,\* so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have e- | ternal life.

## GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel According to John, the 3rd chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated.)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: A Toolbox for God.

### HOMILY: *We Are God's Work Of Art.*