

**Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

**Offering Hymn No. 186**

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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 to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**Prayers of the Church**

*L: Merciful God,*

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Benediction**

*L: God, the giver of love, Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.*

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn No. 613**

**“The Holy Water”**

**Dismissal**

*L: Go in Peace. Serve in love.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC**

**March 18 & 19, 2023**

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**Welcome to Worship**



**3rd Sunday in Lent – March 18 & 19, 2023**

*Welcome! We are happy that you chose to worship with us today.*

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

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

*L: Most merciful God,*

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

*L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to 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.**

Opening Hymn No. 592

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Greeting

L: 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

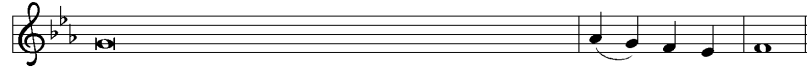
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



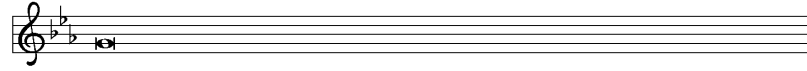
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



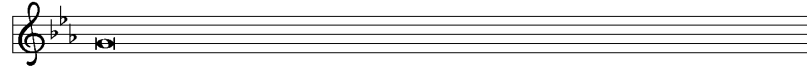
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



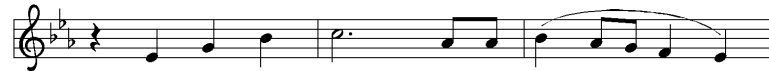
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



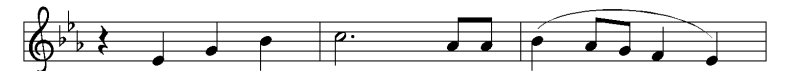
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13 – Pages 226-223

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23 – See Insert

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14 – Pages 951-952

Lenten Verse

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 9:1-41 – Page 871-872

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 606

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Remmers

Hymn No. 608

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Apostles' Creed

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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 to the dead. 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.