

**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: God in your mercy,*  
**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 our tender parent, God the crucified one, bless you now and forever.*  
**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn No. 733** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Dismissal**

*L: Go in Peace. Care for others as God cares for you.*  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC**  
**March 29 & 30, 2025**

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**Welcome to Worship**



**4th Sunday in Lent – March 29 & 30, 2025**

**United We Live God's Will**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.*

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

*L: Compassionate One,*

**C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**  
**Amen.**

*L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 661

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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

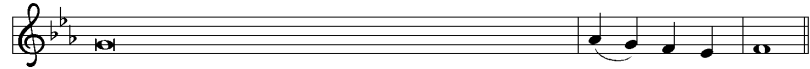
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



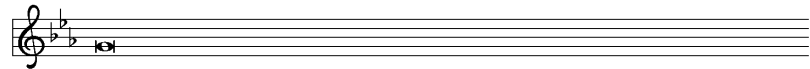
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



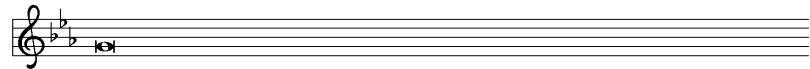
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



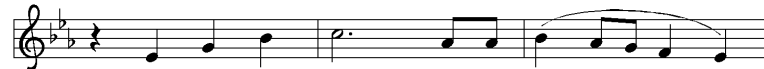
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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

Joshua 5:9-12 – Page 171

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Page 940

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 Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 – Pages 850-851

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 779

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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.