

Welcome and Sharing of God's Peace

+ Mid-Week Lenten Worship +



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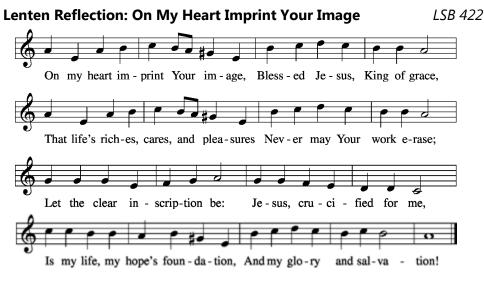
Confessing and Forgiving of Sins (from Service of Compline, LSB 254)

The Forgiving of the Congregation by the Pastor:

- I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- **L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- Amen.

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Lenten Litany

- L God created us to be dependent and needy beings. We enter life helpless with no choice but to rely on others to provide for all of our needs—and through those others, God provides our needs.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- L Even as adults, our dependence and neediness continues. We must eat and drink every day. We need shelter and clothing, and we need a community and a purpose, and all of these needs God provides.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- L Though God faithfully keeps his promise to provide, our daily needs have a way of distracting us and mastering us. Material things grow large and demand our attention, and we lose perspective.

- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- L Indeed, there is more to life than the pursuit of bread, and tonight we pause to reorder our thinking and our lives. Tonight, we rejoice that God gives daily bread and his life-giving Word.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

(Sit)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-8

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



TAKE AND EAT.

Epistle Reading

¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Holy Gospel Reading

Inhn 6:48-58

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

(Tune: Aurelia, "The Church's One Foundation")

- O living Bread from heaven, how well You feed your guest! The gifts that You have given, have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me, to this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me the treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given what earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And You have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown, And all my soul and spirit bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear. And when You call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter, through Your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

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Message: "Broken Bread"

Pastor Mike Fieberkorn

Offering

(Stand)

Prayers: The Litany

LSB 288-289

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.

Prayer of the Day

- Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- C Amen.

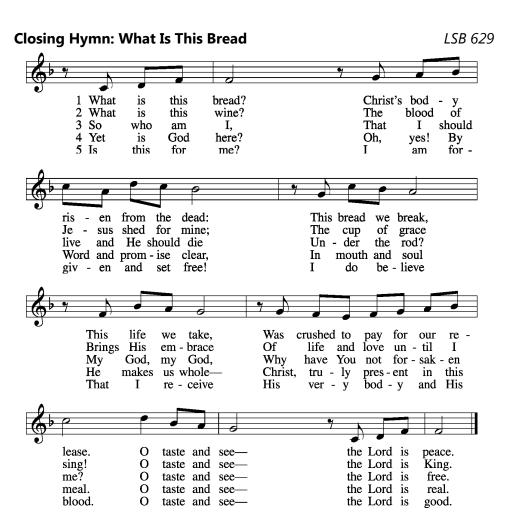
Luther's Evening Prayer (spoken together)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sending Blessing

- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- P The grace of our Lord → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.





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