



Lent

RETURN TO THE LORD,
your God,
FOR HE IS
gracious and
MERCIFUL.

JOEL 2:13

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LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

The Hands of Christ

WE WELCOME YOU!



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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February 25, 2026

AS WE GATHER

During this 2026 Lenten Season, our theme will be: **The Body of Christ**. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal, a marvelous opportunity to meditate on our Savior's passion – His suffering and death, so that we might more deeply appreciate His sacrifice that saved us and grow spiritually into a deeper relationship with Christ our Lord.

Feet, hands, mouth, ears, eyes, heart, blood – the body of Christ crucified for our redemption. Christ crucified and resurrected in body and soul is the focal point of our worship and the source of all our spiritual and physical blessings. Without the passion of the Lamb of God, His willingness to sacrifice his own body on the tree of the cross, we would have no share in God's kingdom of grace, the Church, and no spiritual life today and no eternal life in heaven. But thanks be to God, Jesus willingly surrendered His body on the cross to purchase our forgiveness and our place in God's everlasting kingdom.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *PAGE 435*

“COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN”

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;

Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

PSALM *Portions of Psalm 32 (NIV)*

P *Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*

C **whose sins are covered.**

P *Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him*

C **and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

C **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

P *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.*

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

P *Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;*

C **surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

P *You are my hiding place;*

C **You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

P *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;*

C **I will counsel you and watch over you.**

P *Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.*

C **Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.**

P *Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;*

C **sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

P **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord Jesus Christ, you willingly carried your cross in obedience to your Father's will, and thereby accomplished our forgiveness and salvation. Fill us with your love so that we may daily take up our cross and follow you.

C **Amen.**

PASSION NARRATIVE – Jesus' Agony of Soul in Gethsemane, Part 1

HYMN *PAGE 430*

"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,

Who at my need
His life did spend!

PASSION NARRATIVE –PART 2

- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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THE MESSAGE – The Hands of Christ – John 8:1-11

Preacher: Rev. John A. Flamme

OFFERING (DROPPED IN PLATE AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY)

OFFERING HYMN *PAGE 547*

“THE LAMB”

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

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PRAYERS

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry for mercy.**

P In the day of trouble I will call You,

C **for You will answer me.**

P Create in me a pure heart, O God.

C **and renew a steadfast spirit in me.**

P Do not cast me away from Your presence

C **or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Because Your loving kindness is better than life.

C **my lips shall praise You.**

P We pray for the sick, for those who are enduring grief or pain in body or spirit. Grant divine healing and health to the hospitalized, to those recovering at home and to our shut-ins, along with the awareness of your divine presence. May your Spirit-given peace and blessings in Word and Sacrament continue to unite, strengthen and empower this body of Christ. May we grow in grace and devotion to you, throughout our Lenten Journey, so that your plan of salvation may be witnessed to the world. We bring all of these prayers before your throne of grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE 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.

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 (sung) **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *PAGE 878*

“ABIDE WITH ME”

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

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SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE

2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

March, 4, 2026, Midweek 3 The Mouth of Christ – Luke 4:14-22a Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 11, 2026, Midweek 4 The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5 The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6 The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion) The Blood of Christ – Luke 22:7-20	7:00 p.m.
April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae The Bod of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30	7:00 P.M.
April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12	7:00 P.M.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter SonRise Worship – 7:30 a.m.• Easter Breakfast (8:00 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)• Easter Worship Service – 10:15 A.M.	

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME