

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

553 Ashmoor Avenue

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Office # (270) 843-9595

Fax # (270) 843-7466

www.holytrinity-lc.org

The Sermons are archived on our website.
Check it out if you want to revisit the message.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Transformation Station & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God bless and guide us through the meaningful days of Lent.

TO OUR VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us tonight.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please be sure to provide us with your address and phone number so that we might extend a special welcome.

A NURSERY is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten. Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.
NOTE: There is also a “nursing/cry room” just before the hallway to the nursery.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me.”
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY: The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex. Please use these as needed during worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE
MARCH 17, 2021**

*Lord, Your cross proclaims eternal forgiveness and love.
We cannot thank You enough.*

PLEASE REMEMBER: **Silence/Turn Off your cell phone** as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC



EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Stand



L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

[John 8:12]



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

[John 1:5]

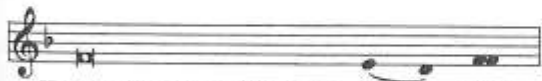


L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.

Luke 24:29



L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

1 Corinthians 4:5



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

[2 Corinthians 4:6]

PHOS HILARON ~ Hymn of Light



1 Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



2 of the im-mor-tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

1 Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.
(411)
2 A - men.

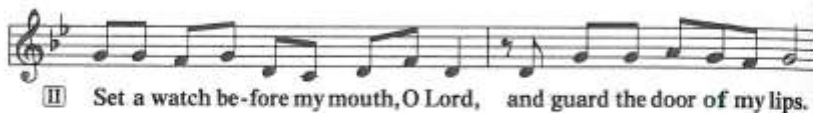
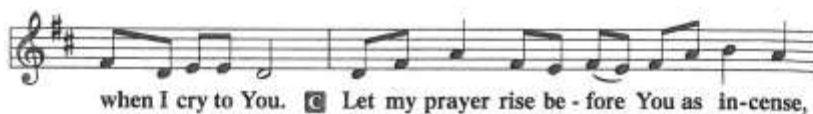
The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics aligned under the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,". The second staff continues: "who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of". The third staff: "fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;". The fourth staff: "may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;". The fifth staff: "for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion". The sixth staff: "and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it." followed by "(411)". The seventh staff begins with a double bar line and the lyrics: "2 A - men.".

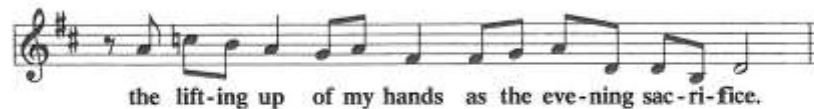
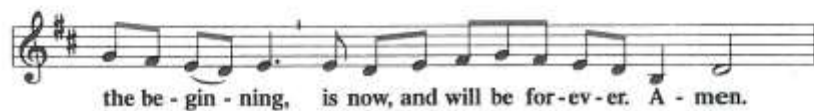
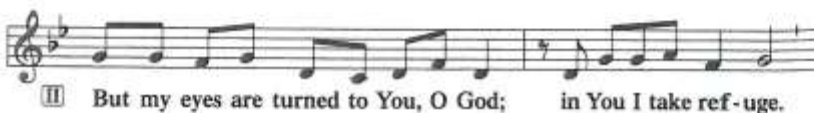
Sit

PSALMODY

PSALM 141

Psalm 141:1-4, 8





Liturgist: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;
People: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Liturgist: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
People: You covered all their sin.

Liturgist: You withdrew all Your wrath;
People: You turned from Your hot anger.

Liturgist: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
People: and put away Your indignation toward us!

Liturgist: Will You be angry with us forever?
People: Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

Liturgist: Will You not revive us again,
People: that Your people may rejoice in You?

Liturgist: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
People: and grant us Your salvation.

Liturgist: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak
 peace to His people, to His saints;
People: but let them not turn back to folly.

Liturgist: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
People: that glory may dwell in our land.

Liturgist: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Liturgist: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.

(CONTINUED)

Liturgist: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
People: **and our land will yield its increase.**

Liturgist: Righteousness will go before Him
People: **and make His footsteps a way.**

THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

L.S.B. #423

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"
Girolamo Savonarola

**1. Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.**

**2. Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

(CONTINUED)

**3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE FIRST READING

Romans 13:1–10

Reader: The First Reading is from the 13th chapter of Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

(CONTINUED)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

John 19:9-22

Reader: The Second Reading according to St. John,
the 19th chapter.

⁹ He [Pilate] entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

(CONTINUED)

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PRAYERS

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

L.S.B. Page 251

Liturgist: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Liturgist: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #439

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

Johann Herrmann & Johann Cruger

- 1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**
- 3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.**
- 4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

“Human vs. Heavenly Authority”

Text: John 19:9-22

THE BLESSING/BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

(Amen response is sung by all.)



THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #437

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Isaac Watts & Hugh Wilson

- 1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?**

- 2. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!**

- 5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.**

THE POSTLUDE

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from the Lutheran Service Book
©2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. License #000014332.

+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Andrew Toopes

toopes57@gmail.com

Phone #870-672-2117

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Press

press@csp.edu

Phone #651-788-6940

Director of School Ministry: Mr. Bill Hiskey

bhiskey@htlc-bg.org

Phone #270-843-1001

Director of Christian Education:

Mr. Jonah Kaufmann

jkaufmann@htlc-bg.org

Phone #270-843-9595

Deacon: Mike Bryant

lutheransound@gmail.com

Phone #270-791-5495

Co-Choir Directors: Beth Markel
Amy Wieting

beth@themarkelfamily.com

awieting@ix.netcom.com

Organists: Judy Owens
and Beth Markel

judyowens264@yahoo.com

Minister of Int'l Outreach: Nelson Feliciano

impactodegraciabg@gmail.com

Phone #270-791-9432

HTLS Preschool Director: Gretchen Bugsch

gbugsch@htlc-bg.org

Phone #270-843-1001

Secretaries: Dionne Milam (church)
Jennifer Whittamore (school)

dmilam@htlc-bg.org

school.admin@htlc-bg.org

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our worship service tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

- **Children** – bring your baskets and hunt for eggs!
- **Candy Donations** - We could use candy (individually wrapped) and assistance with stuffing the eggs. There will be a box in the Narthex for donations in April or you may drop off candy in the Transformation Station room. Please make your donation by Sunday, March 28. Contact Jonah Kaufmann if you have questions.

EASTER WORSHIP: Currently we are at 60% capacity for our worship services and Easter is quite a special time in the life of the church. We expect that quite a few people may decide to “come back to worship” on this Sunday so we are going to operate on a “reservation basis” for Easter Sunday. Our morning schedule has Sunrise Service at 6:30, Worship at 8:00, Transformation Station/Bible Classes at 9:15, and Worship at 10:30.

We ask that you contact the church office via e-mail or phone and let us know which service(s) you plan to attend and the number of people attending. This will be on a first come/first attend basis (Some families like to attend Sunrise & a regular service – we want to allow that if possible). If we start getting close on attendance we will offer another service at 9:15 instead of the Adult Bible Class (we will still have Transformation Station & Youth Class).

So when you contact us, please let us know if you are “willing” to attend a different service (indicate which one) if we decide one service is too full.

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

You are invited to attend worship services of Holy Trinity's Smiths Grove site every **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Smiths Grove (427 College St, corner of 5th). Bible class is being held **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**

Our prayer is that this new worship site will enable the Word to have impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.

YOUTH EVENTS

1. **High School Ablaze** meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come join us as we dive into the Word!
2. **Food & Friends** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (before the Lenten services)
3. **Junior Confirmation Class** – We don't meet during Lent but youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Lenten & Holy Week services.

PLEASE NOTE: Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 expire at the end of March.



All events are at our Bowling Green site unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 20

Bible Study

at Smiths Grove

4:00 p.m.

Worship at Smiths Grove

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21

Worship - C

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

TS & BC

9:15 a.m.

(CONTINUED)

Wednesday, March 24

Lenten Service

at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Bible Study

at Smiths Grove

4:00 p.m.

Worship – C

at Smiths Grove

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday Worship

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

TS & BC

9:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

Service – C

6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m.

Smiths Grove Bible Study

4:00 p.m.

Smiths Grove Worship

“Easter Vigil”

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

TS & BC

9:15 a.m.

Easter Services – C

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.