



Third Midweek Service in Lent 7 p.m. March 15, 2023

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Promised Treasures—Light: “Let there be light,” God said (Genesis 1:3). And there was light. Through the promised treasure of His Word, God keeps speaking to us. And because He does, there is light. Light from above! Light never-ending! Light that enlightens our way to life everlasting! Jesus is the “light of the world” (John 8:12), the light no darkness can overcome. By His Word and Spirit, this light breaks through again today, enters our lives, brings us into God’s kingdom of light and enables us to shine brightly for Him.

+ **Order of Worship: Vespers, p. 229** +

Opening Versicles *(Sung: for tune, see page 229 of your hymnal)*

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm

(Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14)

P: The LORD is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C: **My adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: **Though war rise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD that I will seek after:

C: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

P: To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and inquire in his temple.

C: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

P: I believe I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

C: **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD.**

**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.**

Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-14

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel John 8:12-18

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory *(Sung; for tune, see page 231 of your hymnal)*

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies; protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies; protect me from those who rise against me.

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies; protect me from those who rise against me.

Confirmation Essays

Hymn “Light of Light, O Sole Begotten” LSB 914

Sermon

Versicle *(Sung; for tune, see page 231 of your hymnal)*

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense.

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Offering

Kyrie *(Sung; for tune, see page 233 of your hymnal)*

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

Collects *(Sung; for tune, see page 233 of your hymnal)*

P: O Lord, hear my prayer,

C: And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, and no amount of darkness in our world can overcome Your presence shining in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace

P: 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 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.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus *(Sung; for tune, see page 234 of your hymnal)*

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Sung; for tune, see page 234 of your hymnal)*

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.

Hymn “Abide with Me” LSB 878