



## Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

*Growing Together in Faith*

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*The sanctuary is silent before worship for meditation and confession.  
The service begins when the minister enters.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

### **Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you**  
**in our thoughts,**  
**in our words,**  
**in our deeds,**  
**and in all that we have not done.**

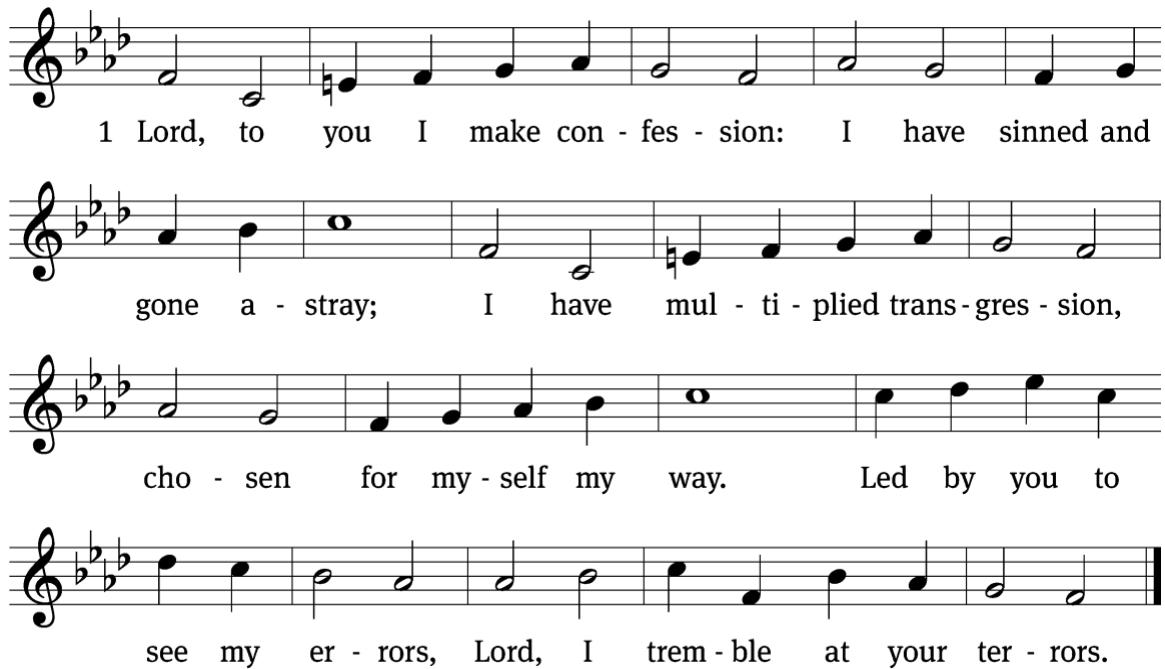
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Deliver and restore us,  
that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

**Hymn: 653 Lord, to You I Make Confession** CW 653 st. 1



1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - ges - sion,  
cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to  
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

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**Absolution**

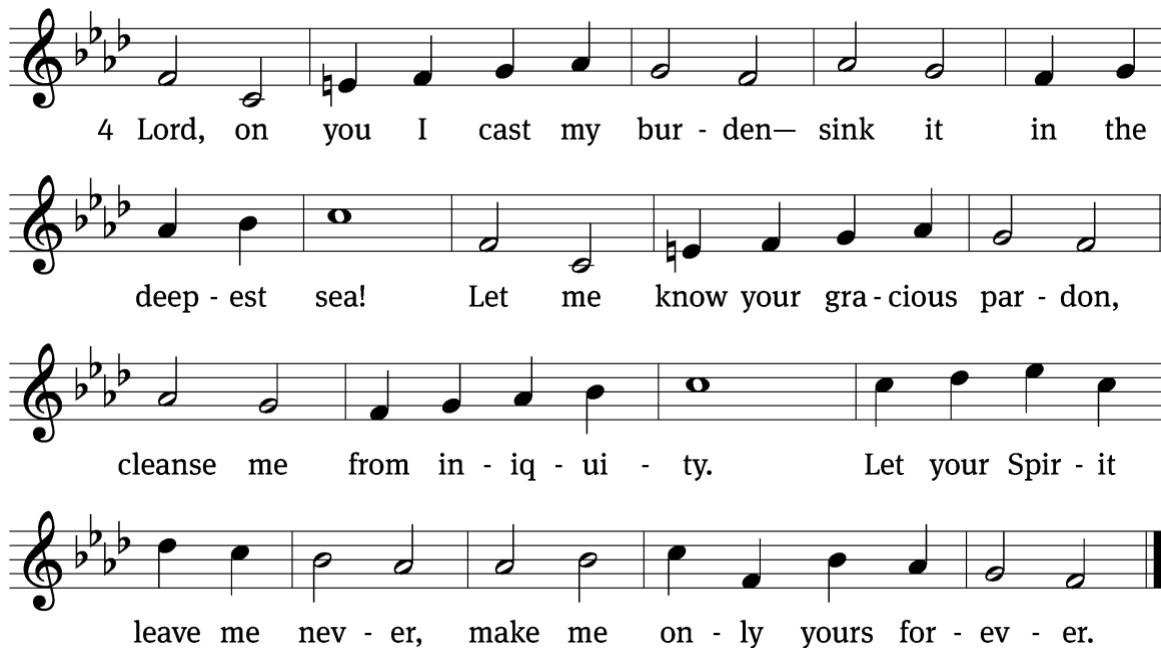
Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hymn: 653 Lord, to You I Make Confession** CW 653 st. 4



4 Lord, on you I cast my bur-den— sink it in the  
deep-est seal! Let me know your gra-cious par-don,  
cleanse me from in-iq- ui- ty. Let your Spir-it  
leave me nev-er, make me on- ly yours for- ev- er.

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## Prayer of the Day

Lord, we dare not come into your holy presence with our own righteousness. But because your Son lived the perfect life in our place—because his walk was blameless and he always did what was righteous—we will never be shaken. Make our walk be blameless too, so that our lives are a sacrifice of thanksgiving to him for all he has accomplished for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*1 Timothy 6:6–10*

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

## Hymn: 701 Order My Life, Lord, as You Will

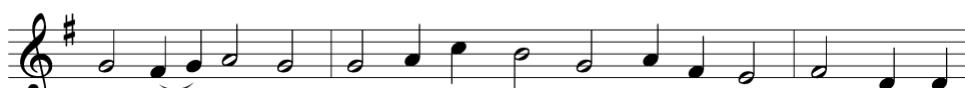
*CW 701 sts. 1–2*



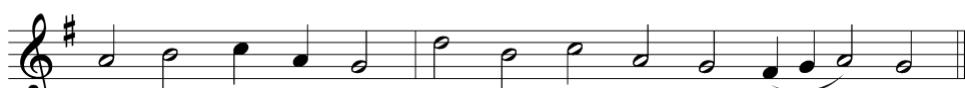
1 Or - der my life, Lord, as you will; you are the one I  
2 In - still in me in - teg - ri - ty, faith - ful-ness, love, and



cher - ish. As you have prom - ised, now ful - fill - Lord, do not  
hon - or. Lead me in paths of pu - ri - ty - Lord, do not



let me per - ish. Kept by your grace, O let me be pa - tient in  
let me wan - der. Help me to clear - ly rec - og - nize false - hood with



all ad - ver - si - ty, for you will sure - ly bless me.  
all its sub -tle lies; your Word of truth will bless me.

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

<sup>3</sup>So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

<sup>5</sup>But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

<sup>6</sup>On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. <sup>9</sup>He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

<sup>18</sup>But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” <sup>19</sup>(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup>Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. <sup>21</sup>But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

<sup>22</sup>For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

<sup>23</sup>But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided to grant their demand. <sup>25</sup>He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

## Hymn of the Day: 397 My Song Is Love Unknown

CW 397 sts. 1–4



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## Sermon Reading

*Psalm 51:7*

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

## Song of Simeon

*Nunc Dimittis*

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part  
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen  
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry  
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - - ry of your peo - - ple Is - - ra - el.

## Evening Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**listen to my cry.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
**hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

In righteousness I shall see you;  
**when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Jesus gave his disciples of all times a very special prayer, which we call the Lord's Prayer. Every part of this prayer is worthy of our study. This Lenten season, we will review those parts.

*The Sixth Petition:*

**Lead us not into temptation.**

What does this mean?

**God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.**

*The Seventh Petition:*

**But deliver us from evil.**

What does this mean?

**In conclusion, we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.**

Let us pray to our Father as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: 784 Now the Light Has Gone Away

*CW 784*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.  
3 Let my near and dear ones be safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; you once died that I might live.  
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.  
Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.  
O bring me and all I love to your hap - py home a - bove.  
All your pre - cious gifts are free - oh, how good you are to me!  
Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Tune: Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen, Kaiserswerth, 1842

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## Offering

*Your offerings to our Lord may be placed in the basket at the door on your way out of worship.*

## THANK YOU

We thank those who provided us with a delicious meal tonight!

