

# Oculi

The Third Sunday in Lent  
The Sunday of the Demoniac  
March 15, 2020



*“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”*

**Guests**—Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the Record of Fellowship pad located in the center aisle of your pew, and join us in the social hall for coffee and donuts after the service!

# The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

## **Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper**

Lent is a season of penitential reflection, to consider our sin and its wages. All the more, however, it is a time to contemplate the saving work of Christ's sacrifice on the cross in our place which won our forgiveness. Intending to amend our sinful lives, we receive with thankfulness the forgiveness He has promised to give in the Lord's Supper with His true body and blood. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, guests desiring to commune today are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

## The Preparation

### **Organ Prelude**

### **Word of Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn 861     *Christ Be My Leader*

### **† Confession and Absolution**

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for self-examination*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.



† Kyrie



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

† Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: We implore You, almighty God, to look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**





which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

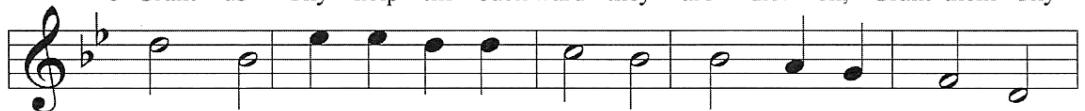
**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

† **Nicene Creed** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

**Hymn of the Day** TLH 258 *Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation*



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Thine ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Thy  
 3 Lord, Thou canst help when earth - ly ar - mor fail - eth; Lord, Thou canst  
 4 Peace in our hearts, our e - vil thoughts as - suag - ing; Peace in Thy  
 5 Grant us Thy help till back - ward they are driv - en; Grant them Thy



night and Hope of ev - 'ry na - tion, Hear and re - ceive Thy  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their darts en -  
 save when dead - ly sin as - sail - eth; Lord, o'er Thy Church nor  
 Church where broth - ers are en - gag - ing; Peace when the world its  
 truth that they may be for - giv - en; Grant peace on earth or,



Church - 's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 ven - omed they are hurl - ing, Thou canst pre - serve us.  
 death nor hell pre - vail - eth; Grant us Thy peace, Lord:  
 bus - y war is wag - ing. Calm Thy foes' rag - ing.  
 af - ter we have striv - en, Peace in Thy heav - en.

**Sermon**

**Offering**—*Please note your attendance with us in the Record of Fellowship pad*

## † Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## † Prayer of the Church

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion:* ... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

### † Preface and Sanctus

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

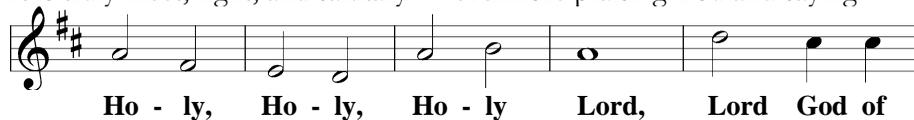
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

† The Lord's Prayer

† The Words of Christ's Testament

† Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.  
 Amen.

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
 1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus! *Repeat*  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus! *Repeat*  
 3 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;  
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

### Distribution Hymns

- 521 *Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken*  
533 *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal*  
423 *Jesus Refuge of the Weary*

### † Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**Amen.**

*The remainder of the service follows on page 199 in the hymnal*

**Hymn 594** *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

### Organ Postlude

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communed</u>
<b>Service on 3/8</b>	84	66
<b>Service on 3/11</b>	47	n/a

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# TODAY'S NOTICES

A door offering for our sister church's seminary in Siberia will be collected after each Sunday service in Lent. Information on the "Save the Seminary" project is available in the narthex.

Pastor Gerike will be in Kearney tomorrow and Tuesday at the District Pastors' Conference.

We recently received an AED. One member has already been trained in its use. We would like 3 or 4 more members to be familiar with the device and have CPR certification. The course is a single 3-hour session. If interested, please speak to Glen Rademacher.

There will be a special Voters' Assembly after worship on Sunday, March 29, 2020, to review, discuss, and approve our revised Constitution and Bylaws for submission to the Nebraska District. Copies of the revised Constitution and Bylaws are available in the narthex. This is the only item on the agenda. It is the responsibility of each voting member of this congregation to be engaged in this process. Please plan to attend.

—Richard Ogden, President of the Congregation

Prayer Requests: *Our homebound members*: Doris Johnson, Ken & Joanne Jones, Susan Lutz, Raymond Stevens, Louise Sullivan; *Our missionaries*: David & Valerie Federwitz & family, Rev. Daniel, Kathy, & Ana Conrad, Rev. Steven Braun; *All others in need*: Paul Luedeman, Stephen Grobeck, Don Bruckner, Barb Grage, Maxine Ashton, Jim Jorgensen, Joanne Dobrusky, Tom Popek, Juliana Cloeter, Ken Albers, Jonas Sarka, Ruta Baessler, Terry Maher, Aaron Georgeson, Buffy Linke, Jason and Emily Niemeier, Clifford Doll, Marleen Muenster, June Friedmeyer, Dick Chappell, Tom Fiala, Evan Kerr

## **This Week's Calendar**

Today (3/15) OCULI—THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Board of Finance & Stewardship meeting after church

Board of Trustees meeting after church

Catechism class 3:30 pm

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Wed (3/18) Light Supper 5:30 pm

Vespers 6:30 pm

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Next Sunday (3/22) LAETARE—THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Catechism class 3:30 pm

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## **Our Service Schedule throughout the year:**

Holy Communion is offered on 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, on every Sunday in the Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter seasons, and on holy days as announced. During Advent and Lent, midweek services are held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper:** We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

**Adult Christian Education** is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

**Sunday School** for children ages 3-12 is from September through May. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

**Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor by appointment

**The Sick and Homebound** are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament of the Altar. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

**Officiant** – The Reverend Andrew S. Gerike

**Organist** – Rosalie Soodsma

**Altar Care** – Paula Rasmuss & Diane Krebs

**Elder** –

**Acolyte** – Dominic Spittler

**Ushers** –

**Counters** –