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THE LORD WILL PROVIDE



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152 Years of God's Grace

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service with
Holy Communion
9:00am

Bible Class and
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to
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Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Second Wednesday in Lent

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

(In the Name of Jesus)

GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to this worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

TODAY'S OFFERING: Today's offering has been designated toward Missions.

A NOTE ON THIS SERMON SERIES: During this Lenten season, our congregation will gather around the theme "The Lord Will Provide." During the six Wednesdays in Lent, we will meditate on different aspects of the account recorded in Genesis 22, commonly referred to as the *Sacrifice of Isaac*. This event in the life of Abraham is not for the faint of heart—in it, we see faith tested, sorrow and anguish turned to relief and joy, and the one and only sacrifice that atones for sins promised and believed by our father in the faith, Abraham, who listened to the word of God when everything else gave him words to the contrary. In faith, he looked forward—to the God Who would one day love the world by sending His only-begotten Son to the cross—and confessed, "The Lord will provide."

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Hymn 294

[Please stand]

OPENING SENTENCES

pg. 41ff.

P O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Psalm 51:15

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

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

Psalm 70:1

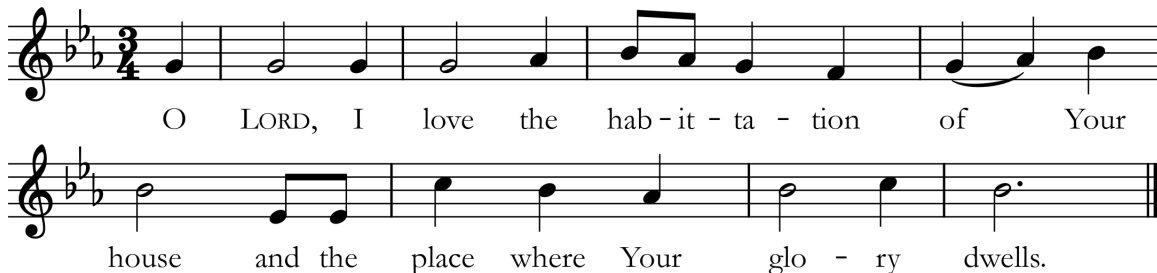
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY - *Psalm 26*

P O LORD, *I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.*

C **Refrain**

Refrain:



O LORD, I love the hab - it - ta - tion of Your
house and the place where Your glo - ry dwells.

Psalm Tone:



*Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.*

**Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.**

For Your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,
and I walk in Your | faithfulness.*

**I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.**

I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,
and I will not sit with the | wicked.*

Refrain

I wash my hands in | innocence
and go around Your altar, | O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all Your | wondrous deeds.*

O LORD, I love the habitation | of Your house
and the place where Your | glory dwells.*

Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,
*in whose hands are evil de- | vices,**
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.

Refrain

But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.*

My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spir - it;
as it was in the be- | gin - ing,*
is now and will be forever. | A - men.

Refrain

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-18


¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went

and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C  Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

HYMN OF RESPONSE - *The Lamb*

LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

EPISTLE READING

James 1:2-3, 12-18

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness...

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love

him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C *♪* **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C *♪* **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

OFFICE HYMN

“Just as I am, without One Plea”

Hymn 388

SERMON

God Tested Abraham

[Please stand]

LITANY

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

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C **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Mark 10:47

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C *♪* **And with thy spirit.**

P O God, since You promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude, You provided a substitute for his son Isaac. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, to lay down His life that we might live as faithful children of Abraham. Grant to all people a living trust in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C *♪* **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE - *Morning*

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P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C *♪* **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE - *Evening*

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P O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C *♪* **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

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P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C *♪* **Thanks be to God.**

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

C *♪* **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

Hymn 428