

The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons



MIDWEEK *Lenten Service*

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025
7:00PM**

**West Portal Lutheran Church
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SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

- P** Now is the time of God's favor;
C now is the day of salvation.
- P** Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C that the light of Your face may shine on us.
- P** May Your justice shine like the sun;
C and may the poor be lifted up.

PHOS HILARON

- P** Joyous light of glory:
C of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, 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-
ciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures,
glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

- C** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.
- C** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
P Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
P But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.
- C** 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.
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

- P** Let us pray.
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord,
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified
minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the
whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

HYMN *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **LSB 533**

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
 Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
 Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
 O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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READING

1 Peter 5:6–11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

READING**Luke 9:37-43; 11:14-23**

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

SERMON "The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons"*Stand*

CANTICLE

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord;
 My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
 He keeps me in His kind regard,
 And I am blest for time to come.
- 2 For He alone who shows such might
 Has done amazing things to me.
 His mercy flows; His name like light
 Remains in time perpetually.
- 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great.
 He scatters those of proud intent
 And casts them down from high estate,
 Then gives the low His nourishment.
- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own;
 The wealthy leave with empty hands.
 He gives His help to Israel;
 His gracious promise always stands.

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TITHES AND OFFERING

Stand

LITANY

- 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 [synodical and district presidents], 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 [president], 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 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.**

COLLECT OF 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 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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting 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

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the \div Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559

1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally!

- 2 Your great love for this has striven
That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally.
Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call,
To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word.
There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith
That we fear not hell nor death.
- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide.
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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SERVING YOU TODAY

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WELCOME! A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Binz or Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

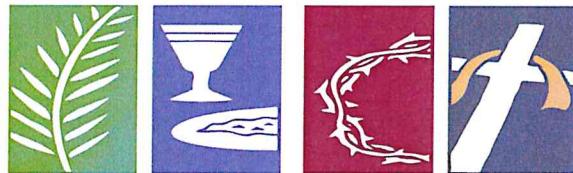
LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOLDERS are available on the Narthex table. Please feel free to take one. This year's offerings will be used for the ministries of Christ's Kingdom here at West Portal.

HELP YOURSELF TO Lenten Devotional Booklets that are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Midweek Services continue on Wednesdays

This year's Lenten emphasis is to look at our lives in view of God's amazing grace toward us through the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. Our six Midweek Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 8:30AM and 7:00PM.

We invite you to join us at each of the following Wednesday services at 7PM as we continue with the Lenten theme: "The Hand of the Lord".



Lenten Midweek 3, March 26 7PM

"The Hand of the Lord Who
Heals the Sick"

Lenten Midweek 5, April 9 7PM

"The Hand of the Lord Who
Holds All Things"

Lenten Midweek 4, April 2 7PM

"The Hand of the Lord Who
Raises the Dead"

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Saturday, 5:00PM
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Sunday, 9:00AM

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