

Evening Prayer
The Fourth Week In Lent
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
5:30 p.m.



The Suffrages, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, page 140

1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #436 “Father Most Holy” (Tune: Christe Sanctorum, ELH #76)

1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit all-kindly, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning.

2 Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,
Hope of all living.

3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
Lo, all things serve Thee through Thy whole creation.
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise Thee
Heart's adoration.

4 To the almighty triune God be glory:
Highest and greatest, help Thou our endeavor;
We, too, would praise Thee, giving honor worthy,
Now and forever.

3. Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

4. The Kyrie

Pastor Kyrie eleison
Congregation Lord, have mercy upon us.
Pastor Christe eleison.

Congregation Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor Kyrie eleison.

Congregation Lord, have mercy upon us.

5. Luther's Evening Prayer

Congregation In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

6. The Creed (Spoken by all)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

7. The Suffrages:

Pastor Lord, be merciful to me;

Congregation Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Pastor Return, O Lord! How long?

Congregation And have compassion on Your servants.

Pastor Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Congregation Just as we hope in You.

Pastor Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,

Congregation And let Your saints shout for joy.

Pastor O Lord, save our rulers,

Congregation Let them hear us when we call.

Pastor Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

Congregation Shepherd them also, and lift them up forever.

Pastor Remember Your congregation,

Congregation Which You have purchased of old.

Pastor Peace be within your walls,

Congregation Prosperity within your palaces.

Pastor Let us pray for those of the faith who are not present with us:

Congregation Save Your servants who trust in You.

Pastor Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives:

Congregation Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles.

Pastor Send them help from the sanctuary,

Congregation And strengthen them out of Zion.

Pastor Hear my prayer, O Lord,

Congregation And let my cry come before you.

8. Psalm 138 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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, forevermore. Amen.

9. The Scripture Lessons

Hosea 5:15-6:3

^{5:15} I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. ^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

Romans 8:1-10

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Matthew 20:17-28

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.” ²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

10. Hymn #435 "All Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills--
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made,
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right--
To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank Him, thank our God, with me--
To God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band--
To God all praise and glory!

5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

6 Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well--
To God all praise and glory!

11. Sermon "To Serve, Not To Be Served" Matthew 20:25-28

12. The Suffrages, Concluded:

Pastor Restore us, O God of hosts;

Congregation Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

Pastor Arise for our help, O Christ,

Congregation And redeem us for Your Mercy's sake

Pastor O Lord, incline Your ear to me;
Congregation Answer me speedily when I call.

13. The Lord's Prayer (*Spoken by all*)

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

14. The Words of Institution (*p.79*)

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

15. The Distribution of The Lord's Supper

16. Collect

Pastor Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever, Amen.

17. The Benediction

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation Amen.

18. Hymn #307 "I Know Thee Savior" (Tune: Magdalen, ELH #197)

1 I know Thee Savior! God Thou art, Jesus, the feeble sinner's Friend;
Lord, do not now from me depart, But stay, and love me to the end.
Thy mercies never shall remove; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

2 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, By grace Thou livest in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, Pure universal love Thou art.
To me, to all, Thy mercies move, Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

Announcements

Midweek Lenten Services- We have a midweek Lenten service each week at 6:30 p.m. We also have supper each week before the service at 5:15 pm.

Lenten Theme – The Suffering Savior In Scripture - *The road to Easter begins in Eden*

Wednesdays 6:30pm with Supper starting at 5:15 pm.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 “From the Heart”

Wednesday Feb 25 - “The First Promise of a Wounded Savior” –Genesis 3:4-15

Wednesday Mar 4 – “A Substitute on the Mountain” – Genesis 22:1-14

Wednesday Mar 11 - “The Blood That Saves” Exodus 12:1-13

Wednesday March 18 – “Psalms of the Suffering Righteous One” – Psalm 22

Wed March 25 - “The Servant Who Suffers For Us” - Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Time & Talent Survey – If you haven’t taken the Time & Talent Survey yet, we will have an electronic version (tablet) circulating during fellowship time for the next few Sundays. Please plan to take a few minutes to fill it out. Thanks!

Fiesta Night - Save the Date – Fiesta Night is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd. It is always a night of food, fellowship and fun! It also serves as a fundraiser for the Heritage Youth Group to help with travel expenses for the summer LYA trip.

Women’s Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth for more information.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, but this will switch to 7:30 during Lent. New members are always welcome!

Cleaning Schedule – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Budget Update – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of February. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$215,006	\$222,069	(\$7,063)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$18,546	21,411	(\$2,865)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Member Giving	\$293,269	\$243,480	\$49,789	\$392,117



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Fiesta Night!

AT HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 22 • 5-7 PM

GAMES • FOOD • PRIZES!

All proceeds benefit Heritage Youth for the upcoming LYA Trip!