# SHADOWS OF THE CROSS



Lent Midweek 4 March 15, 2023 7:00 PM

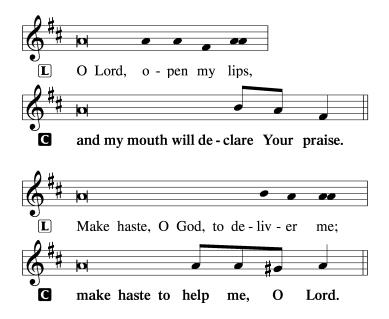


As we gather, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship, and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

#### Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

#### **Opening Versicles (Lent)**





#### Psalmody

Psalm 107:9–16

- **P** For he satisfies the longing soul,
- **C** and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- **P** Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
- **C** prisoners in affliction and in irons,
- $\mathbf{P}$  for they had rebelled against the words of God,
- **C** and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- **P** So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
- **C** they fell down, with none to help.
- **P** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
- **C** and he delivered them from their distress.
- **ℙ** He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
- **C** and burst their bonds apart.
- **P** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
- **C** for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- **P** For he shatters the doors of bronze
- **C** and cuts in two the bars of iron.

Sit





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#### Reading

A reading from Numbers, chapter 21.

<sup>1</sup>When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. <sup>2</sup>And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction." <sup>3</sup>And the LORD obeyed the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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



#### Sermon

#### Offering

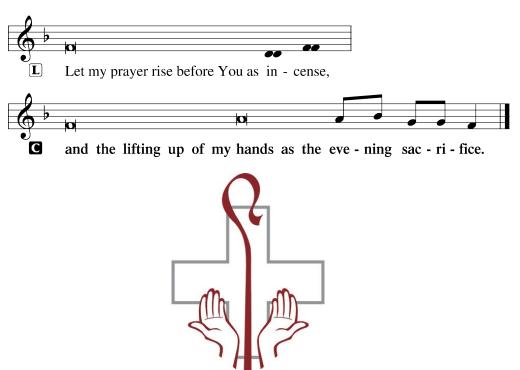
If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving through Vanco at **bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS** for a one-time or recurring gift. You may also download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS. Direct links and additional information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

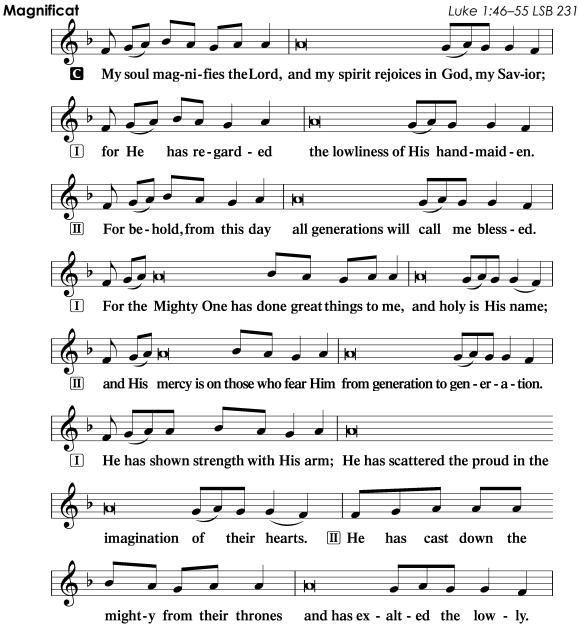


For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).

Stand

### Canticle





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#### Prayer

At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

**P** ...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

 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.

#### Collects



#### Collect of the Day

- ▶ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.



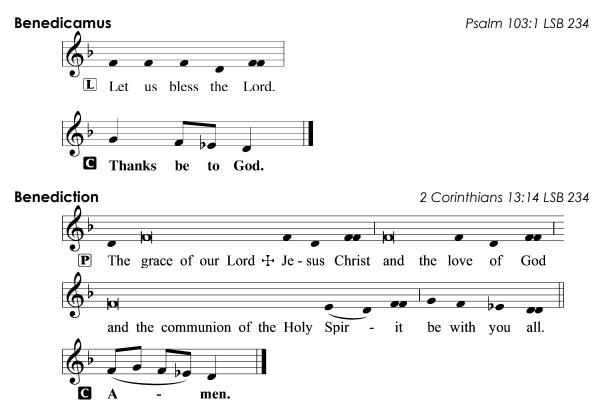
#### **Collect for Peace**

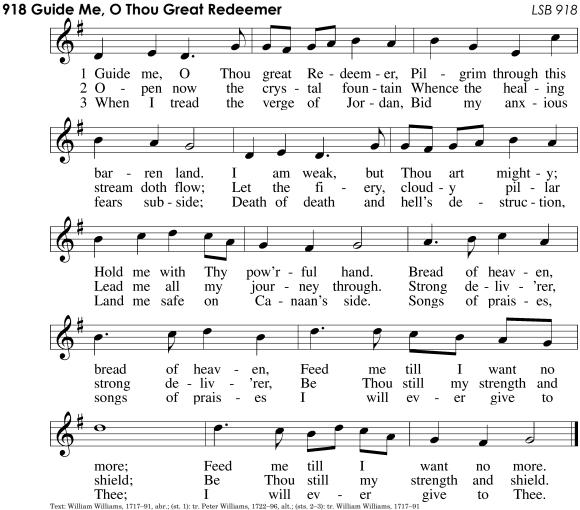
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would 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 evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.





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## Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a meal at 6 pm.

Gluten-free options will be available each week. A free will offering will support Christ Youth or LWML.

<u>Feb. 22</u>

**Pulled Pork** 

<u>Mar. 1</u> Baked Potatoes

<u>Mar. 8</u>

**Tacos** 

<u>Mar. 15</u>

Soup/Sandwiches

<u>Mar. 22</u> Lasagna

<u>Mar. 29</u> Sloppy Joes