

Service Folder

First Day of Lent

March 5, 2025

Abbreviated order of service:

- Opening Hymn
- Examination and Absolution
- Salutation & Collect (Service Booklet, p.2)
- Epistle
- Gradual & Tract (below)

P Be merciful to me, O God, be mer- | ciful to __ me!

For my | soul __ trusts __ in You;

He shall send from heav- | en and save __ me;

He reproaches the one who would | swal- -low __ me up.

C **O Lord, do not deal with us accord- | ing to our __ sins,
Nor punish us according to our | in- -i- -quities.**

P O Lord, do not remember former iniqui- | ties against __ us!

Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been
| brought __ ve- -ry low.

C **Help us, O God of | our salva- -tion,
For the glo- | ry __ of __ Your name.**

- Gospel
- Nicene Creed (Service Booklet, p.3)
- Sermon
- Litany (inside this Service Folder)
- Preface & Communion Liturgy (Service Booklet, p.4)
- Distribution
- Thanksgiving, Benedicamus, & Benediction (Service Booklet, p.5)

The Litany *(in place of the General Prayer)*

The congregation responds after each line.

O Lord:
O Christ:
O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

Lord God, Father in heaven:
Lord God, Son of God, Redeemer of the world:
Lord God, Holy Spirit:

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us:
Be gracious unto us:

**Spare us, good Lord.
Help us, good Lord.**

From every sin:
From every error:
From every evil:
From the cunning and snares of the devil:
From sudden and evil death:
From pestilence and famine:
From war and bloodshed:
From rebellion and contention:
From lightning and tempest:
And from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation:
By Your holy nativity:
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation:
By Your agony and bloody sweat:
By Your cross and Passion:
By Your death and burial:
By Your holy resurrection and ascension:
And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation:
In all time of our prosperity:
In the hour of our death:
And at the last judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You:

To hear us, O Lord God,

And to rule and govern Your holy Christian
Church:
To preserve all pastors and ministers of the
Church in sound doctrine and in holy living:

Hear us, good Lord.

To curb all schisms and causes of offense:
To restore the erring and those who are deceived:
To trample Satan under our feet:
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest:
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and power:
To raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand:
To encourage and help those who are timid and distressed:
To give peace and concord to all rulers:
To prosper our nation in all righteous endeavors:
To direct and defend our president and all in authority:
To bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

Hear us, good Lord.

To regard and deliver the afflicted and those who are in danger:
To grant safe delivery to pregnant women and to preserve their children in health:
To strengthen and protect the little children and those who are sick:
To set the captives free:
To defend and provide for all widows and orphans:
To have mercy upon all men:
To forgive and convert our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers:
To give and preserve the fruits of the earth:
And graciously to hear our prayers:

Hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

Hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Grant us Your peace.

O Christ:

Hear us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN *TLH #287 - That Man a Godly Life Might Live (st. 1-6)*
HYMN *(after the Creed)* *TLH #287 - That Man a Godly Life Might Live (st. 7-12)*
DISTRIBUTION HYMN *TLH #331 - Yea as I Live Jehovah Saith*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: *Romans 13:8-10* **Gospel:** *Mark 12:28-34*

Service note: Each of the six Wednesdays in Lent will focus on one of the six chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism.

March 5The Ten Commandments
March 12 The Creed
March 19 The Lord’s Prayer
March 26 The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
April 2 The Ministry of the Keys & Confession
April 9 The Sacrament of the Altar

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1st You shall have no other gods.**
- 2nd You shall not misuse the name of your God.**
- 3rd You shall sanctify the day of rest.**
- 4th You shall honor your father and your mother.**
- 5th You shall not murder.**
- 6th You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7th You shall not steal.**
- 8th You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- 9th You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- 10th You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, manservant, maidservant, animals, or anything that is his.**

Conclusion: He says: “I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, who visits the sin of the fathers upon their children who hate Me, to the third and fourth generation; but to those who love Me and keep My commandments, I do good for a thousand generations.”