

**Saved By Grace**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**Lent 4**  
***Theme: Jesus, Bread of Life***  
**March 15, 2026**

Matins, p. 109

1. A Hymn #17, "Awake and Sing the Song" (stand at the last verse)

**2. The Confession of Sin**

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**3. The Versicles,**

O Lord open my lips.

♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**

Make haste O God, to deliver me.

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

**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: forever-more. A-men. Alleluia!**

**4. The Invitatory / Venite**

O come, let us worship the Lord. ♪ **For He is our Maker.**

♪ ‘Oh come, let us sing to ‘the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of ‘our salvation. ‘Let us come before His presence with thanks-‘giving; and make a joyful ‘noise to Him with psalms. ‘For the LORD is the gre-‘at God, And the great ‘King above all gods. ‘In His hand are the deep places of ‘the earth; the strength of the hills is ‘His also. ‘The sea is His, for He ‘made it; And His hands ‘form-ed the dry land. ‘Oh come, let us worship and b-‘ow down; Let us kneel before the ‘LORD our Maker. ‘For He is ‘our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the ‘sheep of His hand. ‘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: for-‘evermore. Amen.

#### **6: The Psalmody: Psalm 125**

♪ Those who trust in the LORD are `like Mount Zion,/ Which cannot be moved, but a`bides forever.

**As the mountains surround `Jerusalem,/ So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth `and forever.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On the land allotted `to the righteous,/ Lest the righteous reach out their hands to `iniquity.

**Do good, O LORD, to `those who are good,/ And to those who are up`right in their hearts.**

As for such as turn aside to `their crooked ways,/ The LORD shall lead them away With the workers of `iniquity.

**Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.**

#### **7. The Lection, p. 112**

##### **Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:1-15**

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have

heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:21-31

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, *You* who do not bear! Break forth and shout, *You* who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."

Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is now*. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to

those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

**8. A Hymn: #263, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"**

**9. Sermon Text and Theme:** Exodus 16:1-15, "Jesus Refreshes Us with His Lifegiving Bread"

**10. An Offering:** As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #445:1,2

**♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give**

**11. The Canticle; #46, "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"**

**12/13. The Suffrages/Lord's Prayer, p. 140**

**14. The Collect, p. 118 (at bottom of the page)**

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

**15. The Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

**16. The Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ♪ **Amen.**

**17. A Hymn, #262, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**