

# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

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## Reminiscere: The Second Sunday in Lent *Holding God to His Word*

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (St. Matt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and responded in faith: “*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.*” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*” (St. Matt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened, “*For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness*” (v.7).

## Readings for Next Sunday: Oculi: The Third Sunday in Lent

Prophecy of the Day:	Exodus 8:16-24
Epistle of the Day:	Ephesians 5:1-9
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Luke 11:14-28

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*Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine*  
“Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies”

[*Reminiscere: The Second Sunday in Lent*]  
“The Canaanite Woman Sunday”

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional  
Hymn "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" #615

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

### [Spoken] The Service of the Word Introit

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

Let not my enemies exult over me.

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgression;

**according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;

**therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

For Your name's sake, O LORD,

**pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

(Ps. 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22)

*Gloria Patri, Kyrie* p. 186

*Gloria in Excelsis* [omitted during Lent]

Salutation p. 189

**Collect for Reminiscere:** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Genesis 32:22-32**  
*[Jacob Wrestles with God]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

## Catechism Review:

Second Chief Part: The Apostles' Creed **Booklet**

Epistle of the Day **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7**  
*[A Life Pleasing to God]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever!**  
Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
**or declare all His praise?**

Blessed are they who observe justice,  
**who do righteousness at all times!**  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
**help me when You save them.**

(Ps. 106:1-4)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 15:21-28**

*[The Faith of the Canaanite Woman]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190

**Nicene Creed** p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of  
the Day **"God Loved the World So That He Gave"** #571  
*[rise stanza 6]*

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

*[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]*

[Chanted] **The Service of the Sacrament** p. 194

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** #449

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction** p. 199

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"What God Ordains is Always Good"** #760