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LBW SETTING II

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALM 51: Psalm 51:1-18

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹⁴**I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.**

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

¹⁶**Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

¹⁸**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

OPENING HYMN: *“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LBW 99*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

we confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
we confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —
²a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
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Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no

obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE LBW p. 83 (*Sung*)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,

they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SERMON “My Shepherd, Everyday”

HYMN OF THE DAY “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed “ (LBW 98)

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Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SING “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” LBW 296

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OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN (LBW p. 96)

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 97)

BLESSING (LBW p. 97)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW 456

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LENTEN OFFERING

Baltic: Vacation Bible School

East: Baltic Food Bank

2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday 5:30 Worship @ East 7:00 Worship @ Baltic
Wed Feb 21	5:30 pm Meal Scalloped potatoes/ham with roll 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/ Pastor Randall
Wed Feb 28	5:30 pm Meal Nacho/Taco Bar 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ EN with Pastor Elias Youngquist
Wed Mar 6	5:30pm Meal Pork Sandwich, cheesy potatoes and beans 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic w/ Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
Wed Mar 13	5:30pm Meal Spaghetti, salad, breadstick 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ EN with Pastor Jared Rakness
Wed Mar 20	5:30pm Meal BBQ's, beans, chips and dip 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Baltic with Pastor Laura Philips
Thu Mar 28	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service @ East
Fri Mar 29	6:30 pm Good Friday Service @ Baltic
Sun Mar 31	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ East 9:00 am Easter Sunrise Service @ Baltic