Vespers for the week of Oculi - Lent 3

*The Lutheran Hymnal*, *p.41*

Hymn *TLH #559 – O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day*

*Stand*

Versicles and Responses *p.41 (no Hallelujah after Gloria Patri)*

The Psalmody *Psalm 86*

*The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.*

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am | poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant | who trusts in You!**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to | You all day long.

**Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I | lift up my soul.**

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who | call upon You.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my | supplications.**

In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You | will answer me.

**Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any | works like Your works.**

All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glo- | rify Your name.

**For You are great, and do wondrous things; You | alone are God.**

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart | to fear Your name.

**I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name | forevermore.**

For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the | depths of Sheol.

**O God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set | You before them.**

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compas- | sion, and gracious,

**Longsuffering and abundant in | mercy and truth.**

Oh, turn to me, and have | mercy on me!

**Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of | Your maidservant.**

Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it | and be ashamed,

**Because You, LORD, have helped me and | comforted me.**

**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,**

**world without end. Amen.**

*Sit*

First Lesson *Romans 10:5-17*

*After each Lesson:*

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



Second Lesson *John 6:47-63*

Hymn *TLH #147 – O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

The Sermon *Biblical Emphases: Means of Grace*

The Offering

*Stand*

Versicle and Response *p.42*

The Canticle *The Nunc Dimittis, p.43-44*

The Prayers  *The Litany (p. 110, spoken)*

*The Lord’s Prayer; The Salutation and Collects, p.44-45*

The Benedicamus & Benediction *p.45*

**The Augsburg Confession**

**Article V: The Preaching Office**

That we may obtain such faith, God has instituted the preaching office; He has given the Gospel and the Sacraments, through which, as through means, He gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, where and when He wishes, in those who hear the Gospel—the Gospel that teaches that, through Christ’s merit, not through our own merit, we have a gracious God, if we believe this.

And the Anabaptists and others are condemned who teach that we obtain the Holy Spirit apart from the spoken Word of the Gospel—through our own preparation, thoughts and works.