Thursday, March 19, 2026

Thursday of Laetare

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 2025–2026 Church Year • Purple

APPOINTED READINGS

LESSON
2 Kings 4:25-38a

GOSPEL
John 5:17-29

INTROIT

Laetetur cor — Psalm 105

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord, and be strengthened: seek his face evermore. Psalm. Give glory to the Lord, and call upon his name; declare his deeds among the gentiles.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are chastised by the fasts we have undertaken, may rejoice with holy devotion; that our earthly affections being weakened, we may more easily apprehend heavenly things. Through our Lord, &c.

Introit and collect: Husenbeth, The Missal for the Use of the Laity (London, 1853) — Thursday, Fourth Week, public domain (historic Western propers; not from Lutheran service books). Readings per The Lutheran Missal, “Lenten Lections” (2020).