

the FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 11, 2018

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Divine Service
Setting Four

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

ORDER of WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Kay Kaepf

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

INVOCATION (*Please stand*)

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE *of the* WORD

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(please be seated)*

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and

EPISTLE

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not

APOSTLES' CREED

(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)

Numbers 21:4–9

said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Ephesians 2:1–10

raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

John 3:14–21

believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

(9:00am) - **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (*please be seated*)

During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

SERMON

OFFERING "Offering"

Praise Team

Verse: **Magnificent, holy Father, I stand in awe of all I see.**

Of all the things You have created And still You choose to think of me.

And who am I that You should suffer Your very life to set me free?

The only thing that I can give You Is the life You gave to me.

Chorus: **This is my offering dear Lord. This is my offering to You, God.**

And I will give You my life For it's all I have to give

Because You gave Your life for me.

Bridge: **I stand before You at this altar. So many have given You more.**

I may not have much I can offer, Yet what I have is truly Yours.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please stand*)

After each petition of the prayer:

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude...

P O Lord, God of heaven and earth, merciful and gracious, holy and loving, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our once-for-all sacrifice for sin. Remember not our sins, but forgive, renew and strengthen us to fight the good fight of the faith. Protect us from the assaults and temptations of the devil, the world and even our own sinful flesh. Grant us repentance and faith, holy lives to match godly intentions, and perseverance until You return or call us home, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE *of the* **SACRAMENT**

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS *(You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)*

“Remembrance (The Communion Song)”

1. **Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery,
Say, “Take this bread, take this wine?”
Now the simple made divine for any to receive.**

Chorus **By Your mercy we come to Your table. By Your grace You are making us faithful.
Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.**

2. **See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome every trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.**

Bridge **Dying, You destroyed our death. Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Ending **Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion. *(song continues on next page)***

We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.

“This Is Amazing Grace”

- 1 **Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings**
- 2 **Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings**
- 3 **Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory**
- 4 **Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

Chorus **(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've
done for me**

Bridge (4x)

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave**

“God So Loved The World That He Gave”

LSB 571

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

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SERVING *in the* LORD'S HOUSE

Pastor	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	Secretary	Renee Taden
Administrative Assist.	Laura Oswood	Organist	Kay Kaepf
Preschool Teachers	Lisa Dove Courtney Eaton	Praise Team	Lisa Dove Karin Kennedy
Preschool Helper	Michele Broughman	Sound	Paul Dove
Banners	Cheryl Downs	Altar Guild	Barb Vainner

	<u>Today - March 11</u>	<u>Wednesday - March 14</u>	<u>Next Week - March 18</u>
Acolyte	Chayse Moore	-	Tyler Scherer
Assistant	Ron Patch	-	Rick Taden
Reader	Kelsey Burroughs	Barb Vainner	Lisa Dove
Ushers	Chris Donbrock Aaron Garn Loren Green Carl Hunker	- - - -	Merle Donbrock Kevin Luckert Jason Moore Jimmy Powell
Greeters	Dan & Tammy Johnson	-	Norma Meyer & Bonnie Polzin
Cookies	Amey Scherer	Supper @ 5:30pm	LWML: Renee Taden
Counters	Osborn & Pascoe	Taden & Dayton	Osborn & Dayton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Victor H; Ed James; Marialyce; MaryJane; Reese; Lori Hunker Ruhlig; Alan Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Anne; Rosemary Bartley; Don Bliven; Debbie Jenner; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Bill Tunison; Vienna; Marnie Wood; Carol Yearling.

Shut-ins: Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole Loomis; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 3/4-\$3,483 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Memorial for Carol Heckman-\$100; Total-\$3,593. Lent 2/28-\$160; Youth (supper)-\$73; Total-\$233.

Worshippers— Sunday 3/4: 9am-90; 11:30am-13. Sunday School: Adults-35; kids-17. Wednesday Worship 2/28: 6:30pm-44.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God... ~ Mark & Toni Dalchow