

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

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OPENING HYMN

“By Grace I’m Saved”

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+ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 203

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,.

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gather 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.

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

+ INTROIT +

Psalm 27:3-5 antiphon: Ps.27:1

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Cong: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

Cong.: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

Cong.: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple,

Pastor: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

Cong.: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Cong.: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever. Amen.

+ **KYRIE** +

LSB 204

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

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 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^[a] serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the word of God.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE**Ephesians 2:1-10**

2 And 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^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴But^[c] 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 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.

This is the Word of God.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL+**John 3:14-21**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

Cong.: 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.^[a]¹⁶“For God so loved the world,^[b] 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 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 works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 207

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.

Cong.: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

CREATE IN ME

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and up-hold me
with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (spoken)

LSB 209

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen

+THE BENEDICTION+
Cong.: Amen.

LSB 212

THE CLOSING HYMN *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”* p. 918

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Cong.: Thanks be to God.



Rev. Patrick Pooch
Organist: Lilly Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Trudy Hitsman 3rd
Toni McCarty 4th
Betty Piepenbrink 5th
Teena Ross 8th

Happy Anniversary

None

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT
FAITH:**

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

12:30 pm Adult Catechism

Tuesday, March 5th

Elder Meeting 9:15 am

Wednesday, March 6th

Bible Study 3:30 pm

Divine Service 5:00 pm

Lenten Meal 6:00 pm

Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 7th

Hand Bell Practice 6:00 pm

Friday, March 8th

Movie Night 6:00 pm

Pizza 5:30 pm

Looking Ahead

LWML March 14th

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Good Friday, March 29th

Easter Sunday March 31st