

Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 10 and 11, 2018

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

THE OPENING HYMN

LSB 837

“Lift High the Cross”

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

C: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say this — those He redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

P: Those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

C: **Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men,**

P: For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

from Psalm 107

THE CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against You; some of my sin I know – the thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver me and bring me to everlasting life.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: ...

C: **Amen**

THE KYRIE (Spoken)

P: Lord, have mercy on us;

**C: Christ, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.**

THE HYMN OF THE PASSION

Tune: Hamburg

*The cross! It takes our guilt away; it holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.*

*To Christ, who won for sinners grace by bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race forever and forevermore.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and by Your grace 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

THE 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 serpent and set it on a pole. And if a

serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHORAL ANTHEM (10:45 a.m.)

Junior Choir

“Lord, We Are Your People”

Lord, we are Your people, led by Your love, fed by Your grace.

Lord, we are Your people. Lead us today,

teach us we pray, help us to follow Your ways.

Help us to know which way to go, help us obey Your commands.

When others turn away, give us the strength to stay faithful and true,
following You to the end.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

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 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

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*Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (Sung)

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“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 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.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (Sung)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

THE SERMON

John 3:14-21

“Love That Is Enough”
Pastor Countryman

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Visitors and members are asked to please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the center aisle. The ushers will pick up the cards after the offerings have been brought forward.

THE PRAYER HYMN

LSB 543

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you . . .

C: ***Amen, Amen, Amen*** (Sung)

THE CLOSING HYMN

LSB 544, st. 1, 2, 7

“O Love, How Deep”

*O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake!*

*He sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, and to this world Himself He came.*

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE