

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Divine Service, Setting Four
March 27, 2022

Regarding the Lord's Supper – *Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

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1 Today Your mercy calls us
 To wash away our sin.
 However great our trespass,
 Whatever we have been,
 However long from mercy
 Our hearts have turned away,
 Your precious blood can wash us

And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father's welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv'n,
 A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
 His Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessed angels gather
 Around the heav'nly gates.
 No question will be asked us
 How often we have come;
 Although we oft have wandered,
 It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
 What should we do without You
 When heart and eye run o'er?
 When all things seem against us,
 To drive us to despair,
 We know one gate is open,
 One ear will hear our prayer.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in

remembrance of their baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 203

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

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.**

INTROIT

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C** **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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.

C 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. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable:

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against

heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave
 His only Son the lost to save,
 That all who would in Him believe
 Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
 Who was made flesh and suffered death;
 All then who trust in Him alone
 Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die;
 His Son with saving grace is nigh;
 His Spirit in the Word declares
 How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
 Forgives all sins which you have done;
 And, justified by Jesus' blood,
 Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,

Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERING

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PREFACE

LSB 208

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

LSB 208

**☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the
Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☐ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

**☐ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Sit

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JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING

LSB 421

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
 In Your holy wounds I find,
 Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
 Pains of body and of mind.
 Should some evil thought within
 Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning
 Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard,
 Let me then be on my guard,

Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices
 With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
 Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
 And to master each temptation,
 Calm in prayer and meditation.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
 By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
 Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
 For Your all-atoning passion
 Has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
 Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
 Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
 When I die be my protection,
 Light and life and resurrection.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LSB 425

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

LSB 609

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,

Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.

Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**☐ O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

LSB 435

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;

Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
 Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
 From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
 Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
 Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;
 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
 Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Easter Lillies – If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please consider donating an Easter Lily. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to sign up. The lilies are \$8 each and are yours to keep after the Easter Sunday services.

Congregational Meeting TODAY – All members are invited and asked to please stay after this morning's worship service for our regular spring congregational meeting. This is your church. Help us with the discussions and decisions of the regular business of the church.

We Need YOUR Help! – We keep our church clean because we volunteer our time to care for the Lord's House. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you can help with the simple, regular cleaning.

Lenten Worship Services – Join us for our Wednesday services at 7pm, with the theme of **"This Is Love"**, from 1 John 4. "What Jesus did, He did in our place; what evil He suffered was endured for our good; what love is found in us, we confess, comes only from Him." (LCMS website)

Lenten Suppers – A Simple Supper is provided on Wednesdays, beginning at 6pm for those coming to our Midweek Lenten services. All are welcome. Please see the sign-up sheet on the back resource table.

Memory Verse Challenge this Week: Zephaniah 3:17 – The You're your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent:

Isaiah 43:16-21 – God is making a way for His chosen people.

Philippians 3:8-14 – I press on toward the goal.

Lk 20:9-20 – The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Prayer List – Christine; Dave; Brad; Jim and Noah; Donald; Jim; Mike; Loretta; Lois; Peggy; Lois; Christine; Judy; Lisa; Dave; Barbara; Isabel; Roma; Ruth; Mireya; Cathy; Marjorie; Daliza; Barbara.

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Serving Today (3/27):

Elder – Charlie T.
Ushers – Tom G. and Tony C.
Organist – Shelley R.
Greeter – Schicke
Acolyte – Katie S.
Altar Guild – Shelley R.
Camera – Angela F.
Tellers – Ted C. and Melissa S.

Serving Next Week (4/3):

Elder – Dave B.
Ushers – Jerry H. and Clair S.
Organ – Stan S.
Greeter – Schneider
Acolyte – Michael B.
Altar Guild – Angela F.
Camera – Beth B.
Tellers – Jim L. and Kathy Y.

Upcoming Calendar

3-27-22	9am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
		NO YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
3-29-22	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study: Revelation 8
3-30-22	6pm	Lenten Simple Supper
	7pm	Lenten Midweek Service
4-3-22	9am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	Youth Confirmation Class
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
4-4-22	7pm	Elders meeting
4-5-22	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study: John 18
4-6-22	6pm	Lenten Simple Supper
4-7-22	7pm	Lenten Midweek Service

"This Is Love"
 Midweek Lenten Services
 Based upon 1 John 4

March 9 7pm 1 John 4:1-6

March 16 7pm 1 John 4:7-10

March 23 7pm 1 John 4:11-16

March 30 7pm 1 John 4:17-21

April 6 7pm 1 John 5:1-5

April 10 10am Palm Sunday

April 14 7pm Maundy Thursday

April 15 7pm Good Friday

April 17 7am Easter Sunrise Divine Service

8am Easter Breakfast

9am Children's Activities

10am Easter Divine Service