

Grace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE
WORLD

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM

SHALL
NOT
PERISH
BUT
HAVE
ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN
3:16

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✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Processional Hymn

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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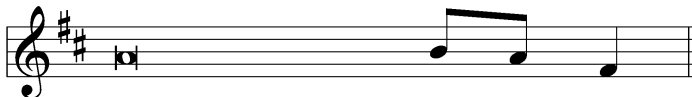
Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Lent Versicles

LSB 219

- L** O Lord, open my lips,



- C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



- C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Antiphon (Lent)

L The Lord has redeemed His people.

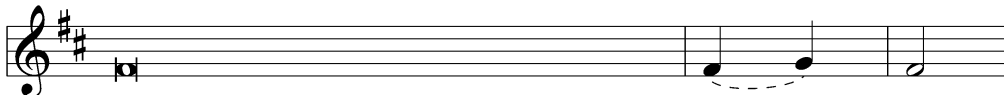


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

✠ Psalmody ✠

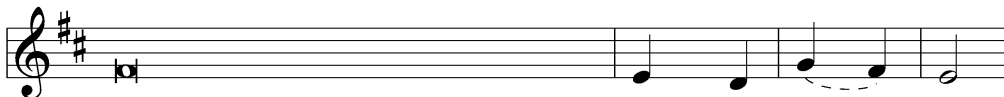
Venite

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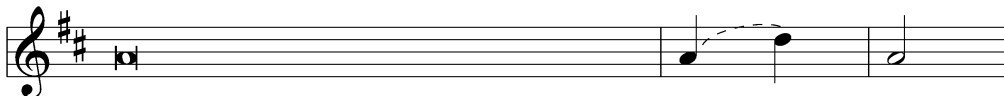
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

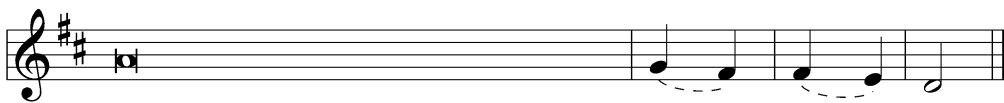


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Lent)

L The Lord has redeemed His people.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Introit

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

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

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

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

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

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.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up-| on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be-| ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

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

Collect

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.

Old Testament

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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 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.

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

Hymn

sts. 1-3, 6



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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Sermon

Lent is All About Jesus

John 3:16

Love Us, Jesus

Rev. Timothy P. Halboth

Congregational Response

588 Jesus Loves Me

sts. 1, ref, 2



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Offering (9:15 am)

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 228

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
5 A - bide with Your pro - tec - tion A - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, A - mong us with Your love;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Lest world and Sa - tan fell us And o - ver - come at length.
Grant stead - fast - ness and help us To reach our home a - bove.

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WELCOME! Jesus put His genuine love into action for us all by dying on the cross for our sins. His unconditional love for us is genuine. Lent is all about Jesus and this morning through the most famous love letter in all of history we can be comforted as we say "Love Us, Jesus." And ... He does and He always will!



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| Monday | 9:30 am | Quilting - Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 6:15 pm | First Year Catechism Class - East End |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Council – Memorial Hall |
| Wednesday | 5:15 pm | Fellowship Supper - Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 pm | Fourth Mid-Week Lenten Worship The St. John Passion A Friend on the Cross John 19:16b-27 |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| | Thursday | 7:00 pm |

Next Sunday - March 17, 2024 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Lent Is All About Jesus: Serve Us, Jesus" based on Mark 10:35-45. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Wednesday - March 20, 2024 - Fifth and Final Mid-Week Lenten Worship Vicar Solomon will preach on the theme: "The St. John Passion: The Battle is Finished" based on John 19:28-42. Fellowship Dinner at 5:15 pm. Menu: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots and Applesauce.

This afternoon at 5:00 pm Pastor Halboth will preach at a special Vespers service to be conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandotte. Pastor Halboth's Great-great Grandfather, The Rev. Markus Halboth, was pastor of this congregation from 1867-1869. Lutheran Churches from the Downriver are all invited to attend.



Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE:** **The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



Please meet Miss Bonnie in the Narthex after the Choir anthem and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



Please join **NEXT Sunday, March 17** in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 o'clock service for an afternoon of board games and fellowship. We will have board games for people of all ages and experience levels, as well as cards available for Euchre and other classic games.



On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, women from all across the Metro Detroit Area will gather at **The Mirage 16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township** to honor women chosen by their groups or churches as "Lutheran Woman of the Year." This year our Women's Ministries will honor Joan Calleja, and we congratulate her for her volunteer work among us!



We will once again participate in March Madness! This has always been a lot of fun and a wonderful way for us to raise funds. Once all of the brackets are decided you will be able to fill out a bracket through CBS Sports. Signup sheets will be at the Information Center and also information on how to join will be available as soon as possible. The deadline for sign up will be Wednesday, March 19. Please see Ben Pollatz for more information. The cost once again will be \$10.00 per bracket.



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: April 7, 21, and All Sundays in May. THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.**



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



The deadline to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Direct your dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/ or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes. We appreciate any funds you designate. Thank you!



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!



Copies of the March Lutheran Witness are available on the tract table today. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Join us for our annual Wednesday Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall.
Serving will begin at 5:15 pm



March 13 - Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and applesauce.



March 20 - Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots and applesauce.





“The St. John Passion”

March 13, 2024 - Midweek Four

“A Friend on the Cross”

John 19:16b-27

March 20, 2024 - Midweek Five

“The Battle is Finished”

John 19:28-42

All Wednesday Services will be held at 6:30 pm.



Sunday Worship Hours at 9:15 am and 11:00 am

“Lent Is All About Jesus”



March 17, 2024

Holy Communion

Serve Us, Jesus

Mark 10:35-45

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



Palm Sunday - March 24

Worship at 9:15 am and 11:00 am

Whose Glory?

John 12:20-24

Holy Communion

Vicar Spangler



Maundy Thursday-March 28

Worship at 7:30 pm

The Blood of the Covenant

Mark 14:12-26

Holy Communion

Vicar Spangler



Good Friday - March 29

1:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

7:30 pm- Office of Tenebrae with Holy Communion

Life After Good Friday

Mark 15:33-34

Pastor Halboth



Easter Sunday - March 31

9:15 am and 11:00 am

A New Reality

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor Halboth

We will enjoy special music by our Music Ministry!