

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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**CHURCH DURING TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC** therefore many of you may be watching online. Blessings to you knowing Christ comes near in His Word. The Lord be with you and may God bless healthcare workers, those who are sick, and our government leaders during these days of uncertainty and care for one another.

## Opening Hymn: 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (1-2)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.

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## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

□ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19*

☩ **Amen.**

□ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 Jn 1:8-9*

☩ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

□ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

☩ **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- 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. **¶ Amen.**

*John 20:19-23*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Our Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis are Omitted during Lent to set apart the season. The chanting of the Introit or Psalmody begins the Service of the Word.*

### Psalmody for Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Psalm 142*



With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;\*  
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.

**I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;\***  
**I tell my trouble be- | fore him.**

When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!\*

In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

**Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice | of me;\***  
**no refuge remains to me; no one cares | for my soul.**

I cry to you, | O LORD;\*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."

**Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!\***  
**Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!**

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!\*

The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me.

**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.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- The Lord be with you. **¶ And also with you.**
  
- 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 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.**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into  
light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

They are turned back and utterly put to  
shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
  
Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
He sees many things, but does not observe  
them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
The LORD was pleased, for his  
righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- ¶ Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

- ¶ **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

- This is the Word of the Lord. ¶ **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

*Psalm 36:9*

- With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

## Holy Gospel

*John 9:1–41*

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

### ¶ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s



eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son

and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into

this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

□ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

∟ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Nicene Creed



*The creed expresses and confesses the Biblical truth of God and the sacred unity of our faith with the ancient church.*

∟ **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.**

## Hymn of the Day: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



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  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



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  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



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.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est 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.

λ 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 +

### Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Offering (for Mission and Ministry) and Instrumental Offertory





## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** ~ 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136 (spoken during Lent)

- The Lord be with you.
- II And with thy spirit.**
- Lift up your hearts.
- II We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- II It is meet and right so to do.**
- It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (p. 161, may be modified according to the season via the Altar Book)

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...one God, now and forever.
- II Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** ~ Matthew 6:9-13

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- II 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**

*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

□



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." 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 ~ The Peace of the Lord**

*John 20:19*

**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God, music on p. 163**

*John 1:29*

II (sung) **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

*Visitors and guests, our church requires baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation in our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper. Please see Preparation for the Lord's Supper on the back page of this bulletin for more details.*

**Distribution Hymn: 456 Were You There (1, 4)**

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
  
- 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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**Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord** -- *Omitted during Lent due to the alleluias which have been "packed away" until Easter.*

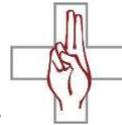
**Post-Communion Collect**

□ Let us pray. [ *pastor or attendant prays 1 of 3 collects, p. 166* ] ... now and forever.



**Benediction** (*sung, p. 166*) Numbers 6:24-25

☐ 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.



**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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## Preparation for the Lord's Supper at Praise:

One of the things we hold near and dear is the body and blood of Jesus. Please take a moment to read, understand, and prepare for Jesus' Supper:

1. Have you been confirmed in the LCMS? In other words, have you been taught and do you share our public confession and witness of all that the Scriptures teach (as summarized and explained in Luther's Small Catechism)? We offer confirmation classes for adults and youth before taking the Lord's Supper here. Please see Pastor Roberts or one of the Elders for further details.
2. Prepare with God's help. Have you been baptized? If so, feel free to touch the baptismal water and make the sign of the holy cross on your forehead and/or heart in remembrance of your baptism as you come forward to commune. If not, please see our Pastor or one of our Elders about being baptized and do not yet commune.
3. Do all things by prayer. See prayers "Before communing" and "Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament" in the front inside cover of our hymnal.
4. Do you need to apologize to anyone for something you did? Or are you withholding forgiveness for the wrong reasons? Jesus teaches us to "first go and reconcile" (Matt. 5:23-24).
5. This supper requires discernment (1 Cor 11:28-30): Do you discern (by faith) Jesus' true body and blood under the bread and wine? Similarly, do you discern (by faith) Jesus' body (the church) among those at the table and hidden behind your neighbor in need? If not, you may be eating and drinking judgment upon yourself (instead of God's grace).
6. Do you have faith in these words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," which implies that you are a real sinner and in need of Jesus' real forgiveness?

As you kneel or stand, folded hands indicate: "Blessing only please as I am not yet a confirmed member of the LCMS;" Crossed arms indicate: "Common cup please." We recognize some are sensitive to wheat. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Similarly, diluted wine (diluted in juice) is available in rose colored cups in each tray for those sensitive to alcohol.

Order of Service

Divine Service

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