

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, as we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, use Your holy Law to make us conscious of our sin so that we bow in repentance before You. We know well what everlasting punishment our rebellion against Your will has earned. Yet You, O Jesus, are the friend of sinners. You came into the world that the Father might lay upon You the iniquity of us all. Because of Your faithful and steadfast love we find mercy and healing for our sin-sick souls. Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

544 O Love, How Deep

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
G 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

- G** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1



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 I shall I fear?*

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Salutation and Collect 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 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4–9

From 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. And 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." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And 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. And 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." So 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





[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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in 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— among 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. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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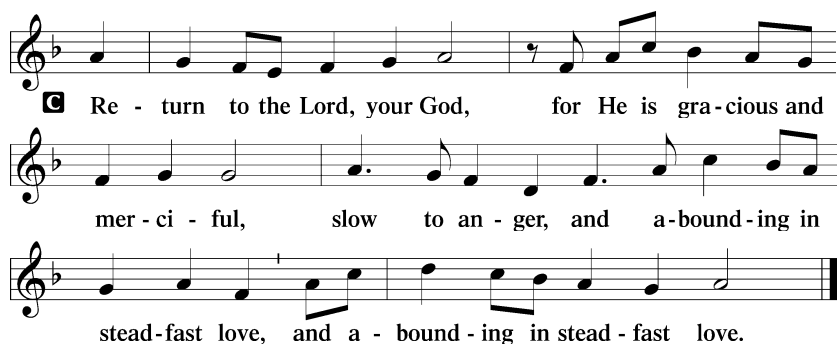
G Thanks be to God.

Stand



Verse for Lent

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: John 3:14–21

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever 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. And 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. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But 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

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.**

Sit

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come vs. 1-6

Sermon

“Look Up and Live”

Text: Numbers 21:4-9

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come vs. 7-10

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship
book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*



Service of the Sacrament



Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** 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

- G** **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

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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."

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



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Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

744 Amazing Grace

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

G 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For ev - er Three in One;



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

566 By Grace I'm Saved

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Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Keith Christian

10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Lent Worship Schedule

Thursday, March 28	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	11:15 am 7 pm	Good Friday Worship Good Friday Tenebrae
Sunday, March 31	8 am 9 am 10:30 am	Easter Worship Continental Breakfast Easter Worship



If you wish to beautify the Lord's sanctuary Easter morning by donating an Easter lily, please sign up at the table in the narthex by **March 24**. If you wish to purchase one in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please note that next to your name.

Please pay for your plants by placing a check for \$11 in the offering plate, **made payable to Holy Cross**. Note in the memo section that the check is for an Easter lily. Or place cash in the offering plate noted for Easter lily.

Plants can be taken home after the second service Easter morning.

LWML Greenback Sunday: March 10, 2024

All about LWML mites



Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and national conventions.



Mite Boxes TM are used to collect money for missions. 75% of the Mite offering is used for Rocky Mountain District mission projects and 25% is sent to national LWML for national mission projects.

Place your Mite Box TM wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You "mite" want to give a Mite BoxTM to family members and friends.

Bring the contents in your Mite Box the second Sunday of every month and deposit it in the large Mite Box that will be on the table in the narthex.

Portals of Prayer for April-June 2024 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!



March Mission Project!

LWML Women of the Cross is collecting

**Peanut Butter and Jelly
(or Sunflower Butter or
any nut or seed butter)**

For the Douglas County Food Bank

There will be a collection bin in the narthex
Sunday, March 3 – Sunday, March 31.

Thank you!

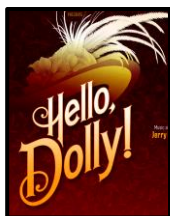
Lutheran Hour Ministries Lent Devotions



The Lutheran Hour Ministries Lent Devotions are available now. There are printed copies on the table by the front door.

In *Lamb of God*, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever.

Jesus was born for sacrifice and servanthood. As God's beloved Lamb, He intimately joined our lives in the flesh, compassionately healing, teaching, and loving us as our Good Shepherd. On the cross, He gave His life for our transgressions, and three days later He rose triumphant in victory over sin, death, and the devil.



Join us as Lutheran High School presents the musical *Hello, Dolly!* at the PACE Center in Parker, March 8-10 and 15-17, 2024. Tickets are available through the PACE Center's website at parkerarts.org or by calling the PACE Center box office at 303-805-6800.



We hope to see you there!

Lutheran Chorale Concert TODAY!

Hymns Triumphant



The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce the upcoming March concerts. We will be singing familiar hymns which encompass The Lord's Prayer.



Sunday, March 10, 2024

2:30 pm

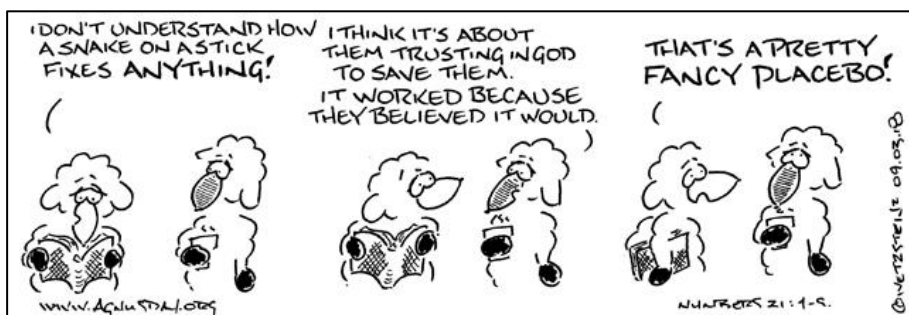
Abiding Hope Church (6337 S. Robb Way, Littleton, CO 80127)

Sunday, March 10, 2024

6:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
(2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214)

Lord Jesus, it is much easier to love and pray for our friends than for our enemies. However, You urge us to love even our enemies. You taught us by Your example to forgive and pray for those who seek to harm us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we lift up in prayer those who have hurt us and who we consider our enemies. Help us to forgive them as You have forgiven us. In Your grace and name we pray. Amen.



“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

The Brass Serpent

bronze or brass serpent
complaining
Egypt
fiery serpents
God
Israelites
land of Edom
look and live
manna
many died
Moses
Mount Hor
no food
no water
Numbers
prayed
Red Sea
sinned
snake on pole
snakebite
wilderness



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YES - AND THROUGH
IT ALL, GOD WAS
FAITHFUL. - EVEN
THEIR SUFFERING
WAS GOD'S EFFORT
TO BRING THEM
TO THEIR SENSES.



ARE YOU SUGGESTING
THAT I NEED
TO BE BROUGHT
TO MY SENSES?



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Petitions and Prayers: In its simplest form, prayer is “calling upon the name of the Lord.”



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of our bodies and souls. Great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick trusting hearts, enabling them to be assured that You work all things together for good to those who love You. Bring them healing in Your way and in Your time. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **Marge Shavlik**, mother of **Dave Shavlik**, recovering from elbow surgery after breaking it in a fall.
- **Doris Antoniak** is recovering from a recent fall. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for her doctors.
- **McKinley Ford**, daughter of **Erica** and **Andy Olson**, Is waiting on results from a bone marrow biopsy to address some bloodwork concerns.
- **Roger Frank** (brother of **Connie Mitchell**) Pray that the chemotherapy treatment he is starting for his cancer works
- **Devon Hanson** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell**) – mental health issues
- **Dillon** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell** - health issues
- **Mary** (relative of **Tabris**) pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- **Angela** (single mother in Illinois) friend of **Helen Tabris** – pray that she can qualify for the heart transplant list.
- **Jamie** (is missing and has mental health issues) pray for her safety.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life March 10, 2024

“With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would ‘hear and grant our fervent plea.’ Come, Lord Jesus!”

Dr. Carol Geisler

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org





***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.
John 3:17***

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6 a.m. on 850 KOA Radio or
click on "Listen Now" anytime.**

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***God hates sin, but does not abandon the sinner!
I will never abandon you.***

HEBREWS 13:5