

THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

March 10, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker

Preservice Music/Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

PREPARATION

Invocation *Psalm 27:1,3–5*

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

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

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

C Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

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

C 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.

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

C He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. 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 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

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

SONG *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace. Repeat Verse.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG

“Jesus, Draw Me Close”

Jesus, draw me close; Closer Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close; Closer Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey. Repeat.

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GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

"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.

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C 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.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C 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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

NICENE CREED

C 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

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

SERMON *“Catastrophic Grace” by the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler,
Speaker of The Lutheran Hour*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Sit)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“We Remember You”

**In broken bread and the cup that we share,
We remember you.**

**In broken bread and the cup that we share,
We remember you.**

**We remember you, Jesus,
We remember your love for us,
We remember the blood you shed.
We remember you. (Repeat All.)**

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"White As Snow"

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet;

Lord, I know, Lord, I know, that I'm clean and forgiven.

Thru the power of Your blood, Thru the wonder of Your love,

Thru faith in You I know that I can be white as snow. Repeat:

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"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

O Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek,

For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire, that once burned bright and clear.

Replace the lamp of my first love, that burned with holy fear.

© 1980 Birdwing Music CCLI # 187269 Psalm 27:4 RMP 310

(Stand)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG "I Will Glory in the Cross"

I will glory in the cross

Where my Jesus was crucified

Through His blood I stand forgiven

Cleansed from sin and justified

I will glory in the cross

I will ever lift it high

As the banner for salvation

As the standard for my life. Repeat.

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To God Alone All Glory

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler began serving with LHM as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour in October 2018. Prior to that, he served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church (2014-2018) and assistant pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church (2012-2014), both in St. Louis. Before becoming a pastor, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in the Air Force.

Michael grew up in a military family, living throughout the U.S., from North Dakota to Alabama, Virginia to Colorado. His family moved eleven times before he finished high school in Springfield, Missouri. He graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy in 2001 with a general engineering degree and served 5 years in the Air Force. He left active duty in 2006 to prepare to be a pastor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, completing a Master of Divinity in 2010 and a Ph.D. in 2014.

He continues to serve part-time as an Air Force Reserve officer at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary.

Michael and his wife, Amy, have four children. Amy enjoys being a home-school and Sunday school teacher, cooking, crafting, and being a catalyst for events aimed at strengthening bonds between family and friends.