

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Pre-Service Music - Welcome

Opening Hymn *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”* **LSB 571**

Invocation, Confession & Absolution *LSB 151*

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.**

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

Kyrie (*sung*) ***LSB 152-153***

Salutation and Collect (LSB 156)

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.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

R: The Old Testament reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from Numbers, chapter twenty-one.

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.” 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

R: The Epistle is written in Ephesians, chapter two.

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.

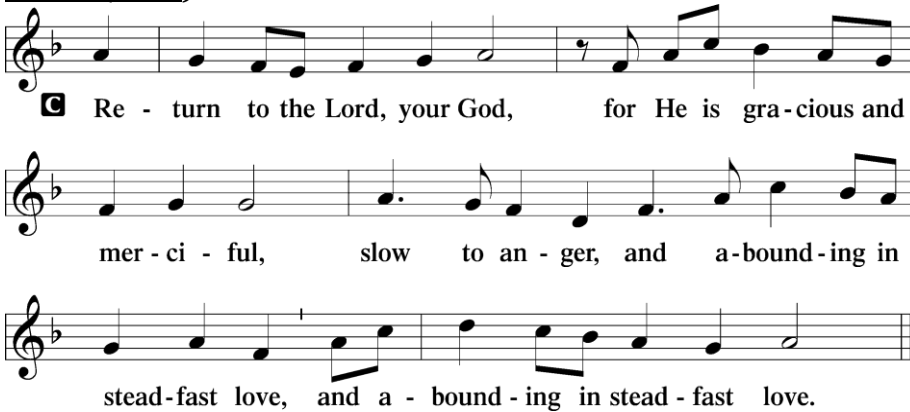
R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

Verse (Lent)

(LSB 157)



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.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

Sermon

“Lifted Up So We Might Look Up”

John 3:14

Creed (8) Apostles’ Creed; (11) Nicene Creed

(LSB inside back cover)

Prayer of the Church

Offering (Please *sign and pass* the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)

Service Without Holy Communion – 8 am

Hymn ***“Lift High the Cross”*** ***LSB 837***

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn
“What Wondrous Love Is This” ***LSB 543***

+ Service of the Sacrament – 11 am +

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”, printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Communion Liturgy ***LSB 160ff***

Distribution Hymns

“What Is This Bread” ***LSB 629***

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ***LSB 702***

“Lift High the Cross” ***LSB 837***

Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction ***LSB 166***

Announcements

Closing Hymn
“What Wondrous Love Is This” ***LSB 543***

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