

# Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Divine Service, Setting 1 - LSB 151



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“Sharing God’s Word and the love of Jesus Christ as we serve others.”

**Good morning and welcome to Mount Calvary!** It is a joy that God has led you to worship with us today. To our guests, please fill out a visitor information card found in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during the offering. We hope to get to know you better, and please join us again! If you have any questions about Mt. Calvary or about membership, please speak with an Elder or Pastor. We regularly offer instruction in the Christian faith.

## Confession and Absolution

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

**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.

**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.

*John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*

**C** Amen.



# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1*

*LSB 152*

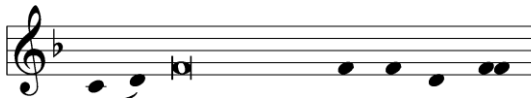
- P** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that 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.
- C** **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 upon a rock.**
- C** **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?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?



## Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

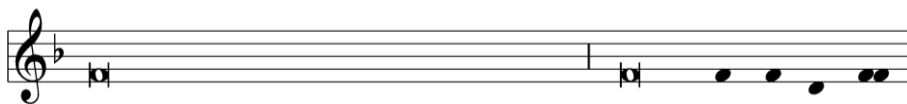
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



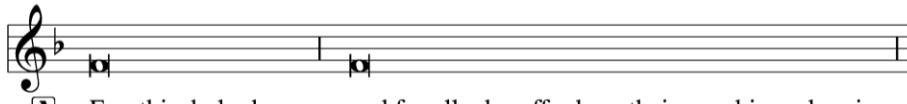
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*[Worship Note: The Hymn of Praise is omitted during the season of Lent.]*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**G** And al - so 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.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament *Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**C** [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.

## Joyful Noise: *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Text by Elizabeth C. Clephane, Music by Frederick C. Maker

## Epistle *Ephesians 2:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Lent

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>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.

*Sit*

## Sermon Hymn

*“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

**LSB 571**

## Sermon **"THE JUDGMENT"**

*Stand*

## 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.

## Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

Hymn

*“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”*

AGPS 236

## Offering

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -





tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### The Lord’s Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

### 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 lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

### Closing Hymn

*“Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”* **LSB 707**



### Altar Flowers:

The flowers today are provided by Cheryl Schutz in honor of her mother's 100 Birthday on March 30. Leona Oltjenbruns has been blessed with good health and a wonderful faith all these years.

## *March 10, 2024 Announcements*

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**Sunday Bible Study:** Pastor will begin a new study on Prayer. Join us at 10:30 am after services.

**Ladies Bible Study (LIFT):** Tuesdays, at 3 pm.

**Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 pm.

**Joyful Noise:** Wednesdays, at 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome!

**Lent Service** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

**Items Mt. Calvary Could Use:** liquid coffee cream.

**University Lutheran Chapel-Meal:** Sunday, March 10, for an evening student meal for University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder. If you cannot go to Boulder, have your food at Mt. Calvary by 3:00 pm.

**“Climate Change, Conservation & Christianity”** Saturday, March 16, at 2 pm... Mt. Calvary member Dr. David Hartnett will be doing a presentation at Mt. Calvary titled “Climate Change, Conservation & Christianity”. The Public is invited. Watch for details in the Estes Park News...

You may join Zoom via computer by going to the Mount Calvary website and click on Sunday worship. To join Zoom by phone call (720)707-2699. When prompted enter this **NEW number: 438 561 7307##** (including the two pound signs at the end).

**Thrivent Financial members have until March 31,** to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire! Designate your Choice Dollars.**

**The New Portals of Prayer** for April – June can be picked up at both entrances of the church.

**Diane Rambeau new address:** 2201 Glade Rd., Loveland, CO 80538. Her phone number is (970) 203-0689

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Call Sandy Olson 970 586-4280.



## *In Our Prayers*

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

**Dave Buesing** (dealing with RSV); **Peggy Pepmiller** (continued healing);  
**Mike Van Brunt** (in remission); **Daylene Van Brunt** (continued healing);  
**Henry Rische** (continued healing).

*Those celebrating anniversaries this month:* **David & Mary Whitham**

*Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:* **Ethan & Riley Van Brunt**  
(grandsons to Mike and Daylene Van Brunt; Marines); **Louise Sodos** (niece to Don  
Holmes serving in Texas for further education and training); **Collin Hutcheson**  
(grandson to Dave and Linda Buesing serving in Camp Lejeune in North Carolina).

*Those in need of long-term or ongoing care:* **Jim & Susan Bachman** (health concerns);  
**Dorothy & Roger Corman** (health concerns); **Diane Rambeau** (health concerns);  
**Jill Pedersen** (health concerns); **Linda Buesing** (health concerns);  
**Warren & Jan Wergin** (health concerns).



**Making Connections!** – We were created to work as one body, one Church, yet there are times when it feels like we are alone in the tasks we were elected or appointed to do within the congregation. But you are not alone! Join your fellow servants at the Congregational Officers’ Workshop on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Broomfield, CO for a time of support and refreshment.



Last Sunday’s Attendance	<u>36</u>	Zoom	<u>8</u>
Midweek Lent Attendance	<u>19</u>	Zoom	<u>3</u>



Last Sunday’s Contributions	\$1,437.00
Offerings to Date	\$22,546.07
Budgeted to Date	\$22,500.00

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## *Thank you for Serving Today*

Pastor ..... Pastor Paul Rhode  
Reader..... Rik Forschmiedt  
Organist..... Cheryl Schutz  
Ushers..... Mark & Judy Vasel  
Greeter ..... Vicki Bien & Judy Vasel  
Altar & Holy Communion Preparation ..... Laurine Burke & Jolene Svancara  
Zoom Communications Coordinator..... Leslie Conley