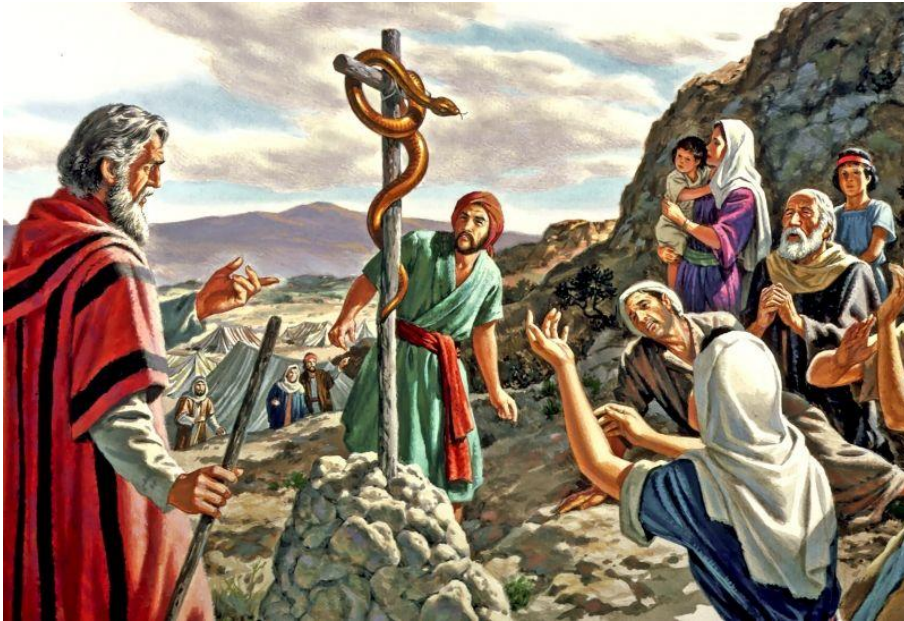


# *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

## *March 14, 2021*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    “Chorale Prelude” (Buxtehude)

**543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

- 1    What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
      What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
          What wondrous love is this  
          That caused the Lord of bliss  
      To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
      To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2    When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
      When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
          When I was sinking down  
          Beneath God's righteous frown,  
      Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
      Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3    To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
      To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
          To God and to the Lamb,  
          Who is the great I AM,  
      While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
      While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4    And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
      And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
          And when from death I'm free,  
          I'll sing His love for me,  
      And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
      And through eternity I'll sing on.

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, He was buried, and he was raised on the third day.  
*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

- P**    Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**G**    **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.

**G Amen.**

## 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 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.**

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?

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** “What Wondrous, Marvelous Love” (arr. Cooper)

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 3:14–21*

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

**C** Glory 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.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 702 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!
- 2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

**SERMON** "You Have To Know Where To Look" Numbers 21:4-9

**CREED** Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** let us pray to the Lord,

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** **Amen.**

***Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

LSB 160

**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** 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

**ANTHEM** "Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord" (Martin)

## 623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** 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.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- 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.

## 837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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- Refrain** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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## POSTLUDE “Toccata in E Minor” (Pachelbel)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: Genesis 41:28-57; Mark 11:20-33  
Monday: Genesis 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Genesis 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27  
Wednesday: Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44  
Thursday: Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23  
Friday: Genesis 47:1-31; Mark 13:24-37  
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11

## ***In Our Prayers This Week*** (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, health issues	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Rick, hospitalized	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Julie, pancreatic cancer
Camilla, 8 year old with brain cancer	Jerry's sister, Pat, recovery
Jack, ongoing health issues	Marilyn, hospitalized
Dave, recovery	Lauren's mother
Eunice, Health Issues	Mara's brother, cancer
Blake	The children in the sledding accident
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Janette's father, Dan, hospice
Larry, health issues	Tom, cancer
Tony, hospice	Ken, health
Patrick, health issues	Zachary's family, death of mother

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Cassie & Family, Dave & Cindy, John & Nancy, Rich Family,  
Tim & Lauren, Buzz & Susan

**Hymn of the Week** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**