

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
*March 19, 2023*



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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT     March 19, 2023

## A TIME TO CRY OUT

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (arr. Callahan) & “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (arr. Kastner/McChesney)    JuBELLation Choir

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you**

### 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

- 1    Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2    Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3    Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4    Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.    *Luke 19:10*

### INVOCATION

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

**C**    Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P**    Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**    Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**    **who made heaven and earth.**

**P**    I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**    **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. 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. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**C** **(Sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was** *LSB 186*  
**in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## KYRIE

*LSB 186*

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 9:1–41*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do

not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 841 O SON OF GOD, IN GALILEE

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee  
You made the deaf to hear,  
The mute to speak, the blind to see;  
O blessed Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer  
Of Your afflicted ones.  
O bid them cast on You their care;  
Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear  
You can restore, O Lord;  
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,  
Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear  
Of steadfast faith impart,  
And let Your Word bring light and cheer  
To ev’ry troubled heart.
- 5 Then in Your promised happy land  
Each loss will prove a gain;  
All myst’ries we shall understand,  
For You will make them plain.

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**SERMON** “A Time to Cry Out” Isaiah 42:14-21

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**CREED** Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service –Apostles’ 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** Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

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

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

**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 meet, 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 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 197*

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

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

**851 LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US**

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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### 433 GLORY BE TO JESUS

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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### THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- 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.

## 643 SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (arr. Stoldt)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, 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 13:11-23
- 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)

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| Herb, health issues                                    | William, a child with leukemia    |
| Kathy, cancer  | Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer |
| Diane, recovery  | Pierce, an infant with leukemia   |
| Jack, ongoing health issues                            | Georgia, recovery                 |
| Lauren's mother, Phyllis                               | Margo, health issues              |
| Shirley, health issues                                 | Jim, health issues                |
| Kent, recovery   | Blake                             |
| Georgia, recovery                                      | Nate, cancer                      |
| Jim, cancer  | Jim, Parkinson's                  |
| Tom, cancer  | Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome    |
| Lauren, cancer   | Barb, Healing                     |
| Judi and Don   | Rick, cancer                      |
| Mike's mother - Jean, health issues                    | Jean, recovery                    |
| Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues |                                   |
- For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.
- For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.
- For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.
- Our Savior Families:** Woody & Ann, Daniel & Loriann

**Hymn of the Week** "O Son of God, In Galilee" LSB 841

**Collect** (found on front page)

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