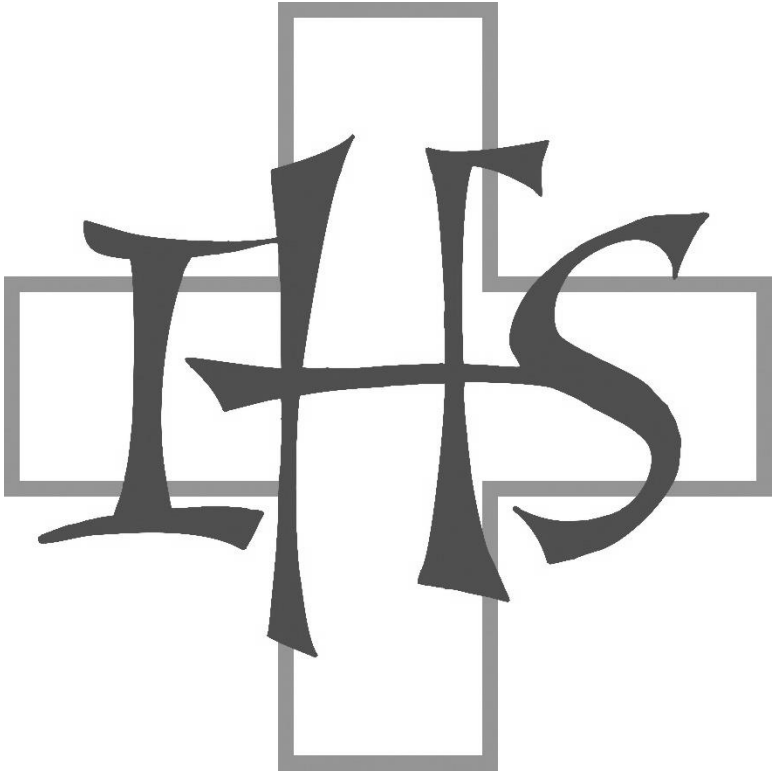


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



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.

*Ephesians 2:4–5*

## Order of Worship

*March 10, 2024 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Psalm 27:1, 3-5*

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.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the  
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Divine Service

### Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son *Matthew 28:19*  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**C** In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. *Psalm 5:3*

**L** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C** And with Your glory all the day. *Psalm 71:8*

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** And my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

### Opening Song

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

*Rodgers, Wyse*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Verse 4, Chorus x2*

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior,  
5 Pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend,  
9 Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
13 Res - cue the souls of man, Oh, You  
17 res - cue the souls of man. §  
2. Coun - sel - or, -  
3. Al - might - y,  
4. Won - der - ful,

*continued on next page*

23  
com - fort - er, keep - er Spir - it we  
in - fi - nite Fa - er Faith - ful - ly  
mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -

26  
long to em - brace, You of - fer hope  
lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak -  
deem - er and Friend, Who would have thought

30  
when our hearts have hope - less - ly  
ness that You find us fall - ing be -  
that a Lamb could res - cue the

34  
last our way, Oh, we've hope - less - ly  
fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be -  
souls of man, Oh, You res - cue the

38  
CHORUS  
last the way. You are the one  
fore Your of throne.  
souls of man.

42  
that we praise, You are the one

46  
we a - dare, You give the heal -

50  
ing and grace our hearts al - ways

54  
hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al - ways

58  
hun - ger for.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.

**C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**

**P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.

**C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

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

**P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen!**

## Psalm

*Psalm 107:1–9*

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup>**Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

<sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

**<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.

**<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

## Prayer

**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*

<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.

**C 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.**

## 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.**

## Nicene Creed

- ☩** 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  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.





**Song**

**How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

*Townend*

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Verse 3*

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
 (2.Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my  
 (3.1) will not boast in any - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
 sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dome. But

He should give His on - ly Son to  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His treas - - - ure. How  
 out a - mong the scof - - - fers. It  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The  
 was my sin that held Him there un -  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 til it was ac - com - - - plished; His  
 can - not give an an - - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I  
 this I know with all my heart: His

man - y sons to glo - - - ry. 2.Be -  
 know that it is fin - - - ished. 3.1  
 wounds have paid my ran - - - som.

**Sermon**

**"Nada"**

## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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**

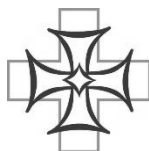
**and the power and the glory**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**



**Song**

**Only By Grace**

*Gustafson*

*Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse*

On - ly by grace can we en - - - ter  
on - ly by grace can we stand, \_\_\_\_\_  
not by our hu - man en - deav - - - or,  
but by the blood of the Lamb;  
in - to Your pres - ence You call \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_ You  
call us to come  
in - to Your pres - ence, You draw \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ and  
now by Your grace we come, Last time to Coda ☪  
now by Your grace we come.  
Lord, if You mark our trans - gres -  
sions, who would stand?

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23  
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed

25  
by the blood of the Lamb. *Fine. al Coda*

28 *Coda*  
now by Your grace we come.

30  
Now by Your grace we come,

32  
now by Your grace we come. *Fine*

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 March 2024

### Readings

Numbers 21:4–9

Ephesians 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

### ***Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live***

The people sinned by speaking *“against God and against Moses,”* and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which *“bit the people, so that many people of Israel died”* (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to *“make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,”* so that *“if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live”* (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith *“may have eternal life”* (John 3:14–16). By His cross, *“the light has come into the world,”* not for condemnation, but *“that the world might be saved through him”* (John 3:17–19). While we *“were dead in the trespasses and sins”* in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live *“with him in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 2:4–6).



**Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Hebrews 5:1–10

Mark 10:(32–34) 35–45

***In the Holy Sacraments, We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ***

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death *“and after three days he will rise”* (Mark 10:33–34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory.

However, Jesus has come to make Himself the *“slave of all”* and *“to give his life as a ransom for many”* (Mark 10:43–45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins *“from the least of them to the greatest”* (Jer. 31:33–34). Though He is the very Son of God, *“he learned obedience through what he suffered”* and so became our great High Priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Heb. 5:8–10).



# Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

*Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season*



## **Midweek Lent Services**

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## **Palm Sunday Services**

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



## **Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service**

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## **Good Friday Service**

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## **Easter Services**

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at

6:00 am (*sunrise service*)

8:00 am & 10:45 am