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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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WELCOME TO GRACE:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"

- Psalm 122:1

Worshipping with us the first time? Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!

Copies of the week's eNews announcements are located in the Narthex.

We welcome children in worship services. Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"Prelude in G minor"*

..... WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

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)*

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 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *LSB 721 "Lead Me, Guide Me"*

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness Thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.
 Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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..... WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE: **LSB 945 “Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”**

Cantor



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.

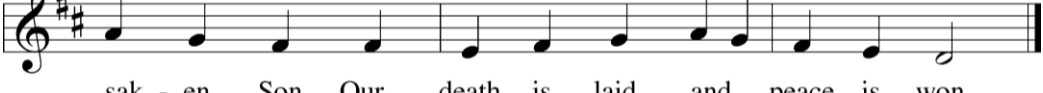
Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

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

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.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Numbers 21:4–9 (*Pew Bible, pg. 129*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 21st Chapter of Numbers.

⁴From 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.

⁵And 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."

⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

⁷And 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.

⁸And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107: *"Give Thanks to the Lord"* (*Gather Comprehensive 27*)

Refrain

Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, his love is

To verses Last time

ev - er - last - ing. last - ing.

Verses

1. Those who sailed the sea in ships trading on the deep waters;
they saw the works of the Lord and his wonders in the abyss.
2. God's command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high.
They sank down to the depths; their hearts melted away.
3. They cried to the Lord in distress. From their straits he rescued them.
God hushed the storm to a breeze and the waves of the sea were stilled.

EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 2:1–10 (*Pew Bible, pg. 976*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Ephesians.

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins²in 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—³among 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.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with

Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

¹⁶*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

¹⁷*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.*

¹⁸*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.

¹⁹*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.*

²⁰*For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*

²¹*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.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *LSB 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"*

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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NICENE CREED:

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
 begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
 from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He
 came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became
 incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death
 and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with
 the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
 hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His
 kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

..... **WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- [P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [C]** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the ‘hand wave of peace’, as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

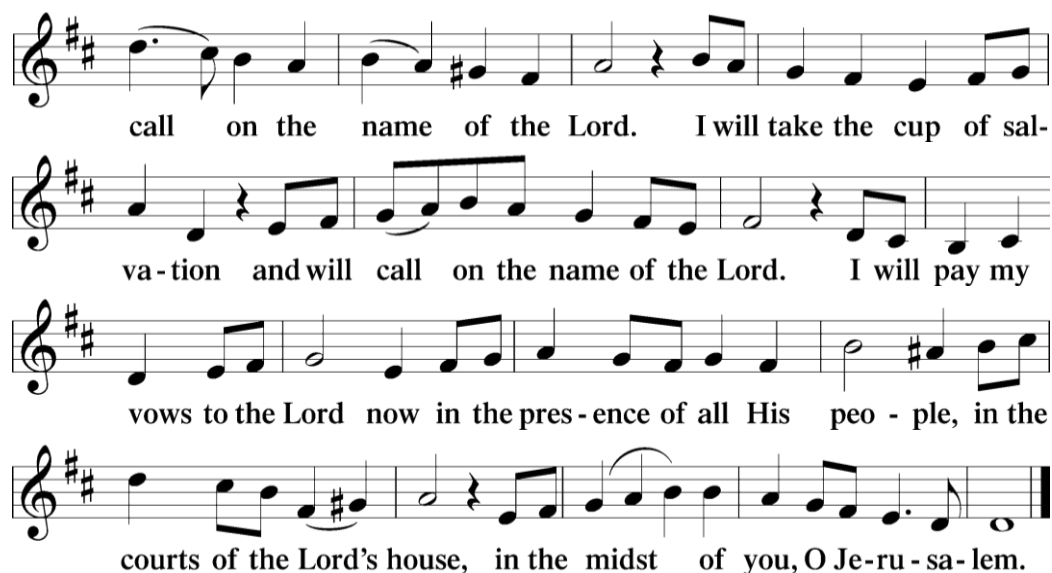
OFFERTORY: (Choir 8:30 AM) “Lenten Song”; (11:00 AM) – “Jupiter from The Planets” – Gustav Holst

OFFERTORY:



[C] What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
...All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your
holy Church, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

- 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.

AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -

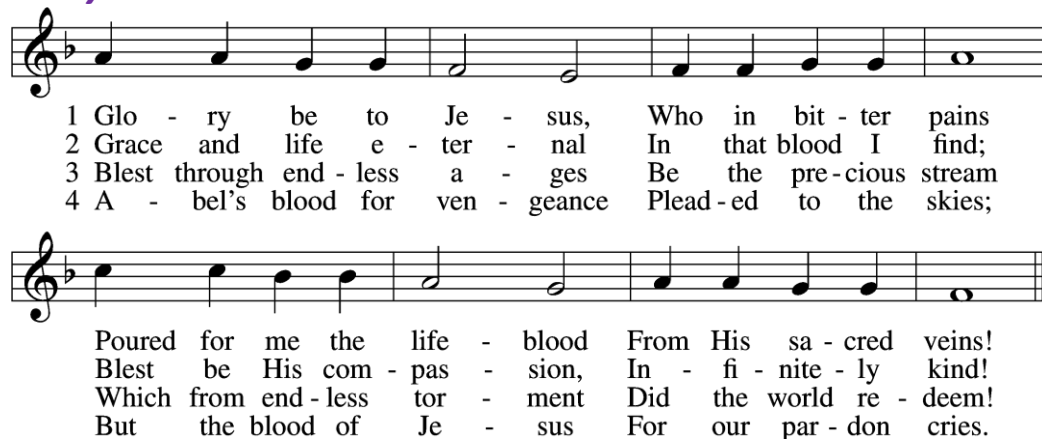
by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

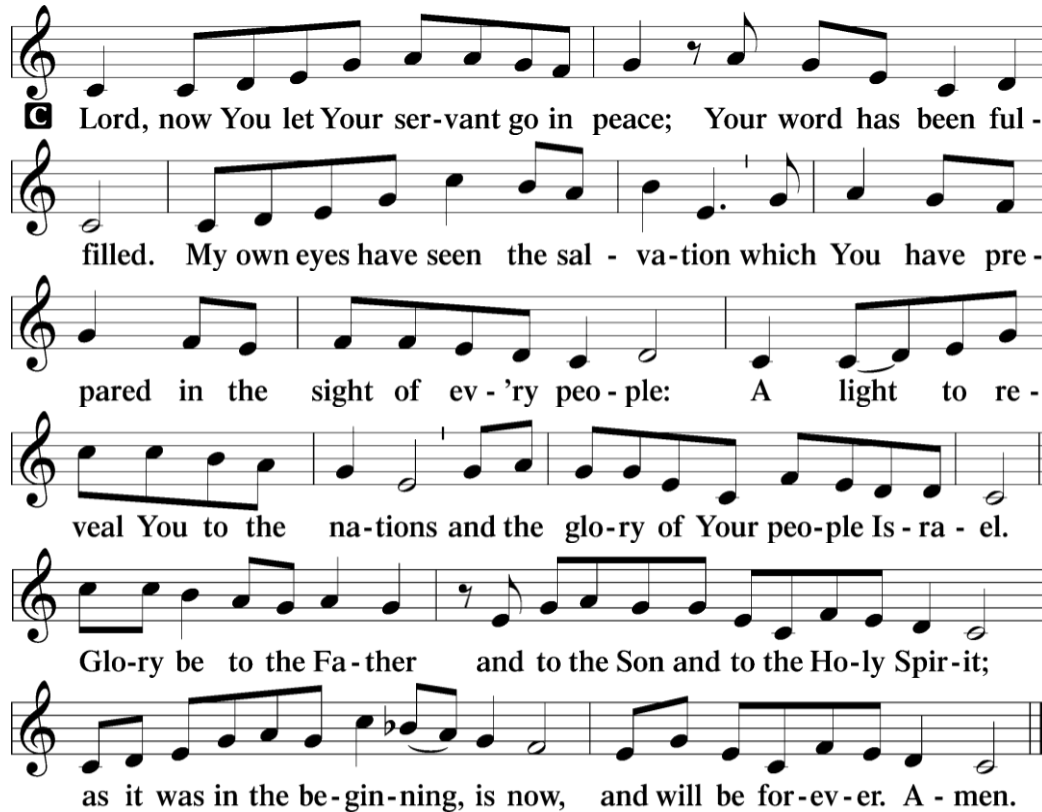
5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

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..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

NUNC DIMITTIS:

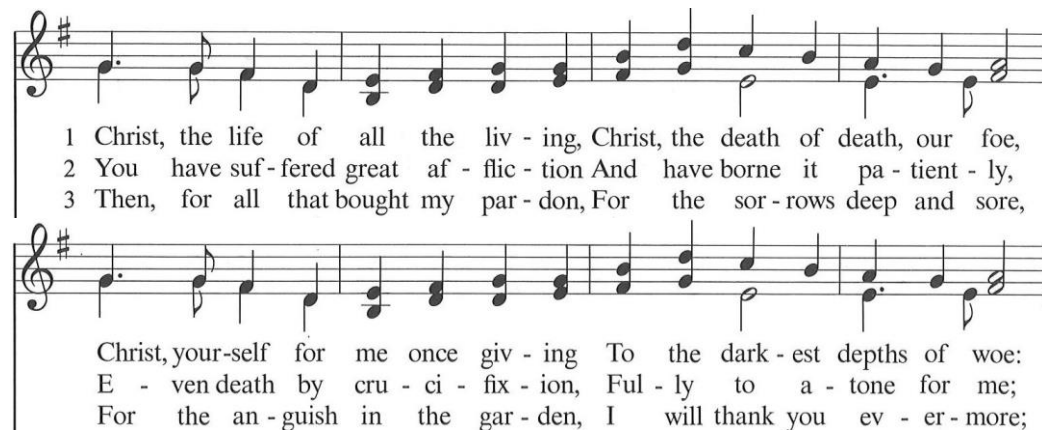


Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

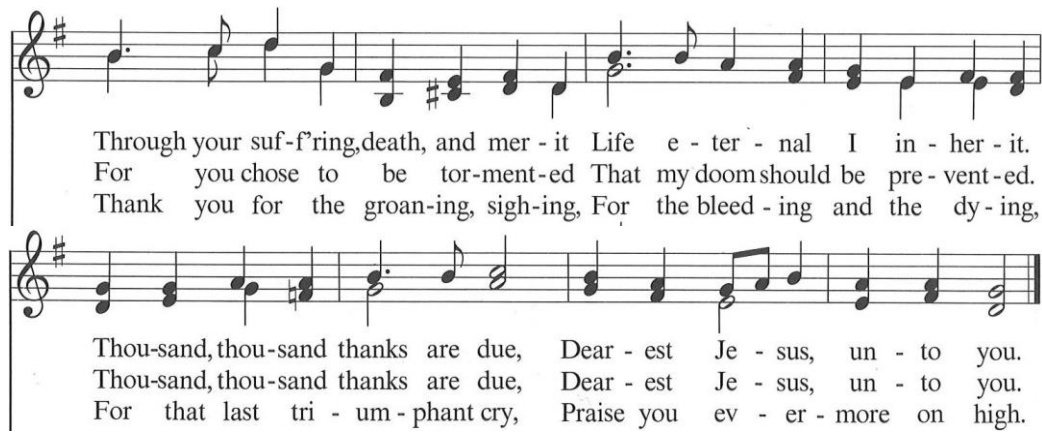
BENEDICTION:

- [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.

CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 97 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion And have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, For the sor - rows deep and sore,
 Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing To the dark - est depths of woe:
 E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, Ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 For the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



Through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it Life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 For you chose to be tor-ment-ed That my doom should be pre - vent-ed.
 Thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, For the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,
 Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, Praise you ev - er - more on high.

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DISMISSAL:

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** What is the First Article of The Creed?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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..... INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

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)

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Dave Dickmander & Tom McGill* <u>Greeter:</u> Gary Stuhlmiller	Janet Dickmander	Gary Stuhlmiller
11:00 AM	Walt Crosmer* & Dede Crosmer <u>Greeter:</u> Chris Wethman <u>Altar Guild:</u> Sally Sump, Setup, between services, & clean up	Walt Crosmer <u>A/V Operator:</u> John Kolba	Joe Wethman

*Acolyte

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