

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31, 2019



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**DIVINE SERVICE:** Setting Three

**HYMN** "If Your Beloved Son, O God" ..... LSB 568 vs. 1,2,5

## **INVOCATION**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the 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.**

*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**

*Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1*

*P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

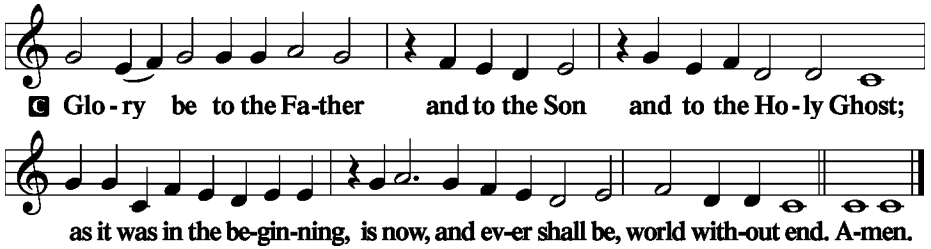
**C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

*P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

**C: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**

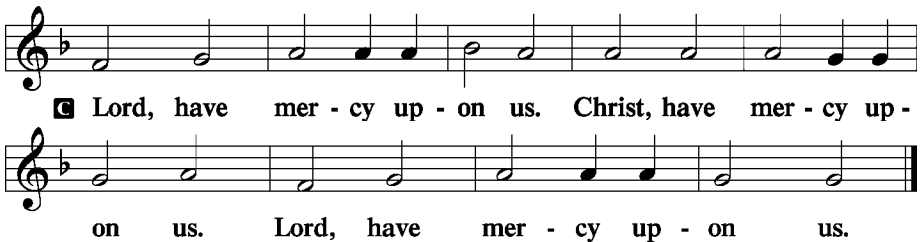
*P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

**C: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION & COLLECT

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**G** And with thy spir - it.

*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.*



### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to You, O Lord, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. <sup>2</sup> Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So He told them this parable: <sup>11</sup> And He said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these

many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

**HYMN** “Christ Died for All” ..... Tune: *LSB 661*

**Christ died for all, He lives and reigns,  
 His love controls our lives.  
 We know that He died not in vain,  
 His love our heart revives.  
 We live for Him who died for us,  
 We live not for ourselves.  
 The po-wer of His love for us  
 Compels us to be His.**

In Christ a new creation dawns,  
 We live in Him, our Lord.  
 The new has come, the old has gone,  
 He changed us through His Word.  
 At peace with God we now can live  
 As children of our King.  
 Our sins He did in love forgive,  
 Now we His praises sing.

Thus reconciled to God, our King,  
 We live for Him who died.  
 The message of His love we bring,  
 Our Lord, the Crucified.  
 God made His Son, who had no sin,  
 To take our sin from us.  
 A new life now we can begin,  
 And live in right-eous-ness.

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## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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.

# GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*P: Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

### PREFACE

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

*P: Lift up your hearts.*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

*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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

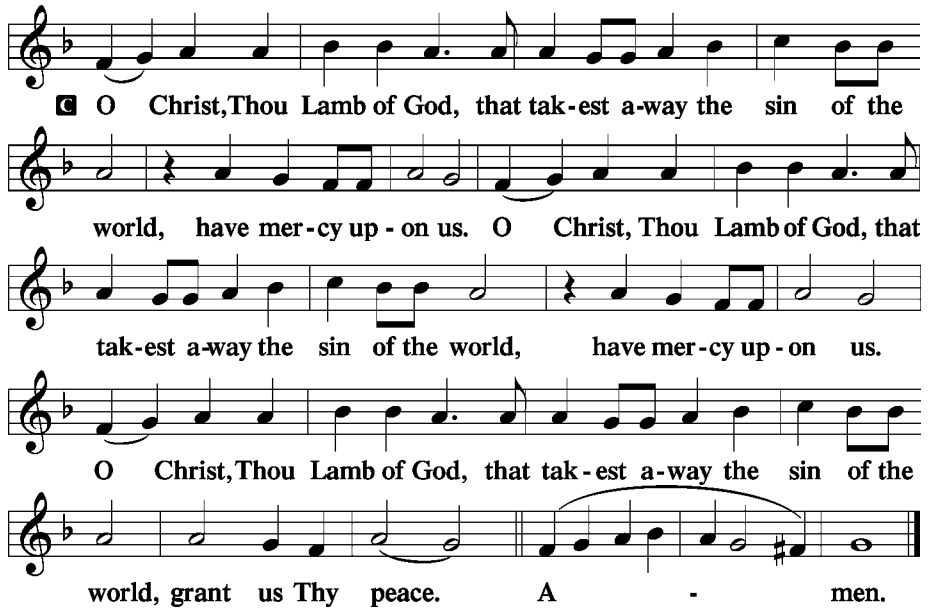
### PAX DOMINI

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



A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light" ..... TLH 148

1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,  
My strength by day, my Trust by night,  
On earth I'm but a passing guest  
And sorely with my sins opprest.

2. Far off I see my fatherland.  
Where thro' Thy blood I hope to stand.  
But ere I reach that Paradise,  
A weary way before me lies.

3. My heart sinks at the journey's length,  
My wasted flesh has little strength;  
My soul alone still cries in me:  
"Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"

4. Oh, let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r  
To meet the last and darkest hour!  
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;  
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

5. Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me  
Clefs in the rock forever be  
Where as a dove my soul can hide  
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

6. And when my spirit flies away,  
Thy dying words shall be my stay.  
Thy cross shall be my staff in life,  
Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

7. Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read  
That Thou to save me has decreed  
And grant that in Thine opened side  
My troubled soul may ever hide.

8. Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,  
I take my homeward way in trust.  
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide  
When here I may no more abide.

9. And when the last Great Day shall come  
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,  
Let me with joy behold the light  
And set me then upon Thy right.

10. Renew this wasted flesh of mine  
That like the sun it there may shine  
Among the angels pure and bright,  
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

11. Ah, then I'll have my heart's desire,  
When, singing with the angels' choir,  
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,  
Forever I'll behold Thy face!

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### NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

*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 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.*

A - men.

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

*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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**HYMN** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" ..... *LSB 609 vs. 1,2,5,7*

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## **THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/31/19 – 4/7/19)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**Tuesday:** Blood Drive, 3:30pm; Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Friday:** Young at Heart Retreat, Camp Luther

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending March 24, 2019)**

General & Building Funds: \$4190.00; Blessings: \$14.55

Attendance: Thursday: 64; Sunday: 112

## CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** are taking place on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Join us as we delve into the Lenten theme: "The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!"

**BLOOD DRIVE** has been rescheduled for THIS Tuesday, April 2 from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

**NO WEDNESDAY MORNING** Bible class this week.

**THE HOPE LIFE CENTER 2019 BANQUET** will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain. This year we will be offering two options, an 11:30am lunch or a 6:00pm dinner. Our keynote speaker will be Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. See Sandi Michaelis if you are planning on attending.

**APRIL HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** will be going to Children's Service Society.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." *Rev. Dan Larsen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota –*  
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