



4<sup>th</sup>  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Lent**



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Setting Ten

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

## Prelude



### Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C. Amen.**

**P.** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection. You may sit, stand or kneel for the Confession.*

Fountain of living water,

**C. pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen**

**P.** Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

**C. Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

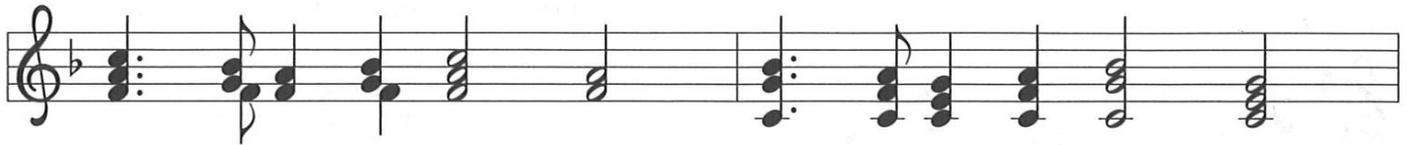
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### The Greeting

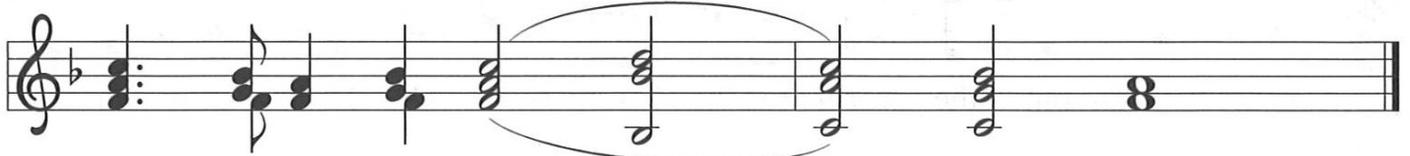
**P.** The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.



## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## First Reading

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

read responsively

Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe,**

gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

**Some were fools and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
through their sins they <sup>1</sup> were afflicted.**

They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
and drew near <sup>1</sup> to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress.**

You sent forth your <sup>1</sup> word and healed them  
and rescued them <sup>1</sup> from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with <sup>1</sup> shouts of joy.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Back of Bulletin

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**



For by  
*Grace*  
you have been saved through  
**FAITH**  
and that not of yourselves; it is the  
gift of  
**God**  
**NOT** of WORKS  
that no one would boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

**Lenten Acclamation (2x)**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**P.** The holy gospel according to John, chapter three.

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

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C.** **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

"Rich in Mercy, Great in Love"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

**Hymn of the Day**

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

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# Healing

THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

**P.** We are here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who restored the sick to health, and Who Himself suffered for our sake. He is present among us still to heal and to make whole. We entrust those who are sick from our Lord of Life community of faith to the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the Lord may ease their pain and despair and grant them improved and continued health along with renewed life here and eternal salvation.

*Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:14-16)*

**P.** I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, asking Him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of His love.

I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Let us bow our hearts in prayer.

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we have health and salvation.

Help us by Your Holy Spirit to feel Your power in our lives, to know Your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen



## Prayers of Intercession

**P.** Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries, Bible translators, and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

**C. your mercy is great**

**P.** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## The Peace

**P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**



# 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

## The Blessing

**P.** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

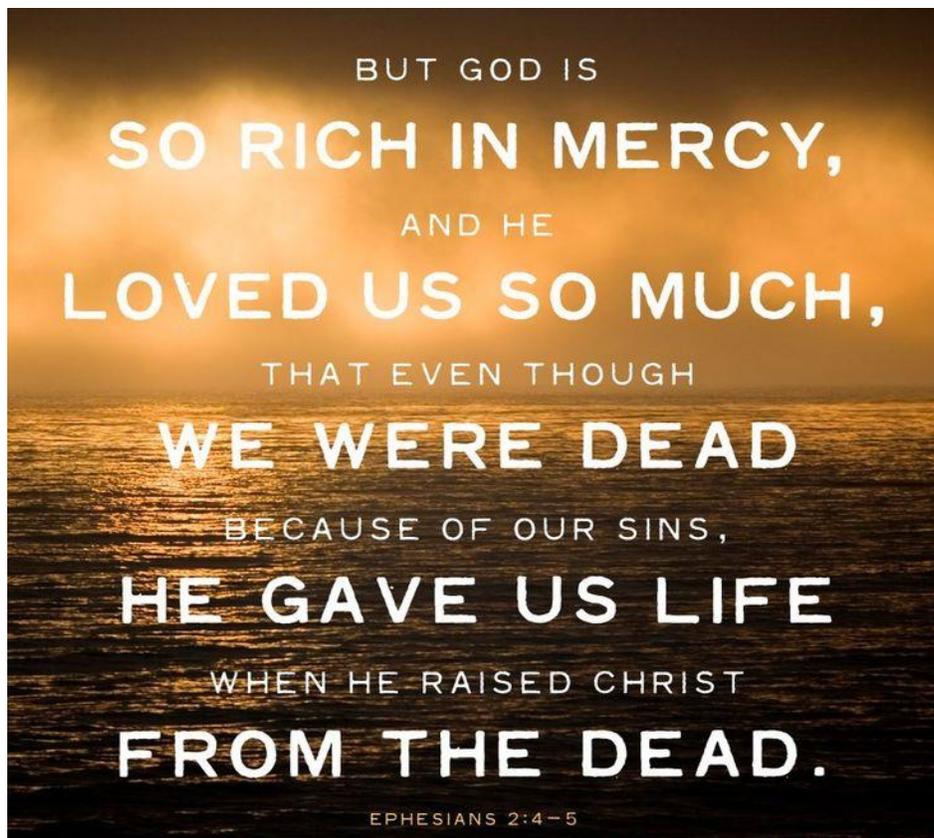
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## Dismissal

**P.** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



Brad Hunnicutt

**Candles** for the month of March are given by Rebecca Swanson  
in loving memory of John Swanson.



## Easter Lilies

A sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies is posted  
on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The cost per Lily will be \$7.



# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Service at 3:00 pm Outside

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm, Stations of the Cross  
(outside, weather permitting)

## Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am (Tentative)

10:00 am In-Person & LiveStream Worship Service

11:00 am In-Person Worship Service



Please join us each Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 pm for  
Livestream Lenten Worship Service.