

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Apr 06 (Wed) – Lenten Midweek Service (7 pm) - Supper (6 pm)

Apr 10 – Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week.

**INVOCATION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS** *Psalm 3:4, 8*

L: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C: Your blessing be upon Your people!

L: I cried aloud to the LORD,

C: and He answered me from His holy hill.

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

L: Deliver us, O Lord, from all our sin, and restore us by Your promise.

C: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the evils we have done and by the good we have not done. We have rejected Your Word as You have sent it to us to call us to repentance and have been indifferent toward Your mercy. Deliver us from our hardness of heart...

Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore us by Your grace, that we may walk according to Your Word and delight in You in our inmost heart.

Amen.

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Here I Am to Worship” (video)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L: Let us pray.**

**Almighty God, by Your great goodness, mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent is from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 43. *(Isaiah 43:16–21)***

**Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings forth chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
    that they might declare my praise.**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE of St Paul to the Philippians, chapter 3.**

***(Philippians 3:8–14)***

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Philippians 3;14*

L: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

C: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 20:9–20*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?”

**Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”**

**The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.**

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

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

**HYMN No. 763 “It is Well with My Soul”**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

**Refrain:**

**It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

**SERMON “Memorable Experiences!” Philippians. 3:12-14, 20-21  
Pastor Perry Schefelker (Ret)**

**SONG “There’s Nothing That Our God Can’t Do” Kristian Stanfill**

**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 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.**

**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.**

**OFFERING****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L: Come, let us offer to the Lord the prayers of our heart, trusting in His mercy to supply all things needful for this body and life and for eternal life.**

**Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we hold the salvation won for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus as our most memorable and lasting experience that we might “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that all our earthly leaders guide us according to Your Word in the cause of justice and for the provision of the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ our Savior, and show forth in our lives the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we find refuge in Your healing wounds. *Hear our humble cries on behalf of those in need of physical, emotional and spiritual restoration, especially those on our prayer list and for . . .].* Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we acknowledge Your goodness and use well all the resources You have supplied us so that Your name be glorified. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, that we who approach the Table of Your Son be worthy in faith to receive His body and blood, bear the fruits of repentance in our daily lives, and live in unity of faith and godly harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, as we thank You for those times of celebration, when we remember the birthdays of our church family. Today we pray that you would bless **Samantha Poteet-O'Daniel, Kevin Schmidt, and Jordan Colvin**, as we gather to give thanks for the wonder of their lives, and for all the stages and seasons that they have been through. We ask for your blessing also upon their way ahead. May you continue to walk with them as their great guide and close friend. Lord in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.
- L: Give to us grace, heavenly Father, as we thank and praise You for the gift of marriage. We thank You for blessing the marriage of **William and Ellen Boswell** last night. Sustain and defend them in every trial and bring through every challenge, increasing their joy and trust in Your heavenly care. Help them to live in faith toward You, in the communion of Your Church and in loving service to each other. Remember also with Your divine favor **Ralph & Karen Olson** who will be celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week. We pray You, O God, to be their source and supply and their ever present help in times of need...

May their home continue to be a place of peace, where You are kept as the central focus of their lives, and grant them many more years of joy and happiness together.  
Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give us grace, heavenly Father, to confess You before the world and at the last to rest our hope upon the promise of the resurrection when we shall dwell together with all the saints, in light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C: Amen.

✠ 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: From before the foundation of the world, O Lord, You raised up a plan of salvation and gave us the promise of Your own Son to be our Savior. When we rejected the word of the prophets and surrendered Him to a death we deserved, You bestowed upon us the fruits of His obedient life and saved us by His one, all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross. Living as Your own people, called and gathered by the Spirit working through the voice of Your Word, we come now to receive His body and blood according to His own testament for the forgiveness of our sins and for the assurance of our eternal salvation.

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

L: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray saying:

All: 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 PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you

#### SELF-REFLECTION

P: As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal by answering the following questions.

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do I believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

P: If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

#### AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Let us pray. Merciful Lord,

C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (LSB 163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World;  
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.**

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

**(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)**

**In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

**(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)**

**P: Let us lift our voices in Song for the gift of God's presence through bread and wine.**

#### POST-COMMUNION LSB 806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, Give thanks.**

## **BLESSING OF THE LORD**

**L: 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.**

## **HYMN No. 686 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;**

**Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.**

**While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,**

**Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;**

**And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;**

**He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;**

**Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.**

**Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;**

**Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!**

**Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;**

**Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**

## **SENDING**

**L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**