

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15
10:45

Praeludium in d minor, LübWV 11
God So Loved

V. Lübeck
Cash, Cash, Bergthold et al.

WELCOME

Pastor Penny

OPENING HYMN 8:15
5-6)

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

LSB 900 (vv. 1, 3,

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that ist gave, "Jesus shall His people save."
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our god, to Thee.

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10:45

Joy of the Lord
No Longer Slaves
Jesus Paid it All

Cash
Helser, Johnson, Case
Nifong, Hill, Grape

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:19b*)

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

People: **where the Son of Man was lifted up.**

Pastor: that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

People: **For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son**

Pastor: that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,

People: **For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn, but to save it.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!** (*John 3:14-17, antiphon Psalm 107:1*)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** By grace we have been saved through faith in Christ lifted up on the cross, yet too often our lives do not reflect the light of the Gospel. In our sinfulness we love darkness instead of light, lest our works be exposed. Still our heavenly Father bids us to come into the light, so His work of forgiveness can be carried out in our hearts.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: **Heavenly Father, we have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our actions do not reflect the gift of faith You have given us. Forgive us our sins, and for the sake of Christ, make us a new creation in Him. Enable us to do the works which You have prepared for us to do, all to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, by your baptism you were buried with Christ into death to sin, and raised to walk in newness of life. God has heard Your plea for mercy and forgives you in Christ Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Responsively*)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in Christ You have loved us with an everlasting love that grants us eternal life.

People: Let Your love grow ever stronger within our hearts, Lord, so that we may love others as You have loved us;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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.

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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— ³ 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

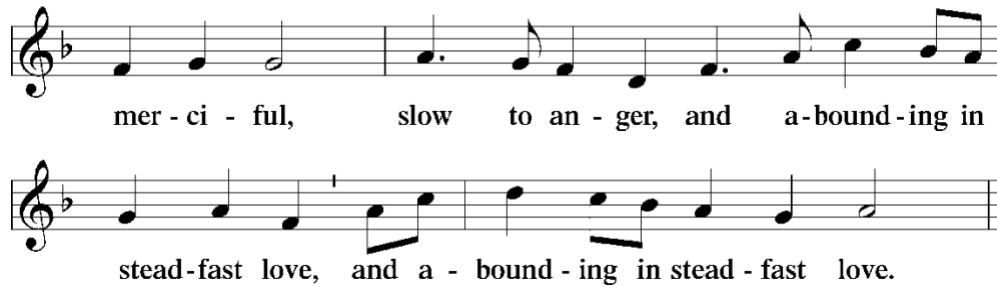
MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 157

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John 3:14–21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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 works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **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, True God of True 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 shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paula Weiss

SERMON HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 (vv. 1, 3, 6)

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever false hood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.
- 3 By grace God's Son our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace alone.

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GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU*What is Faith?**Pastor Patton***THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS**Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.**MUSICAL OFFERING***New Britain (Amazing Grace)**arr. P. Gehring***PRAISES AND PRAYERS****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 BENEDICTION (God's Blessing)**CLOSING HYMN****8:15** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *LSB 549 (vv. 1, 3, 6)*

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

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POSTLUDE*God So Love*
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**Cash, Cash, Bergthold et al.*
J. Innes