



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 09/10, 2024

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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ARLEN MEYER BANNER DESCRIPTION

The front of the banner moves upward in small increments during the weeks prior to Passion Sunday. The thorns become more visible and prominent and the colors become darker. With each increment each one of us is invited to consider how our personal sinfulness becomes the burden that Christ carried and carries. Personal acknowledgement of sin and guilt and personal repentance are difficult for everyone, but, in order to experience the full joy of salvation, we must confess the enormity of our sin and helplessness.

THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott / **Liturgist:** Pastor Mark J. Nelson

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Dick LeCrone, Lee Slee; Lector: Randy Irwin; Altar Guild: Mark Morrow; Sound: Chris Pasold

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Bill Wagner, Jason Marks, Jeff Bettenhausen, John Volovitz; Altar Guild: Pat Schultz; Acolytes: Elsa Olmstead, Will Olmstead; Sound: Mark Baker; Ushers: Randy Neff, Mark Morrow

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Jon Reick; Acolytes: Alyssa & Jamison Hymbaugh; Altar Guild: Debra Cribbs; Sound: Simon French; Ushers: Mark King, Leslie Rudnick

Divine Service - Setting Three

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

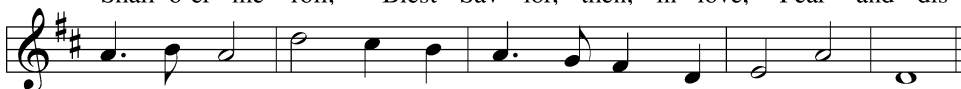
Hymn 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Please stand

Invocation: The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Confession of Sins *(please read responsively)*

Psalm 51:1–4

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

John 20:19–23

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.

Dignus es (A Song to the Lamb) “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

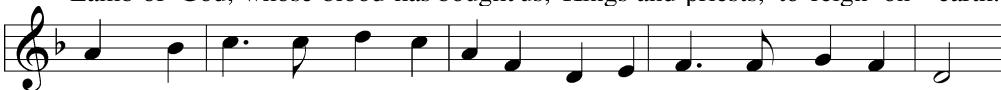
Hymn 949



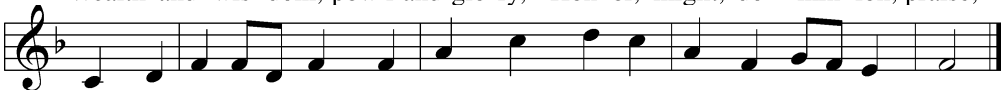
1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship “Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly” cry;
2 All cre - a - tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



“He who is, who was and will be, God Al - might - y, Lord Most High.”
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon - or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a - lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do - min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be - fore the Fa - ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea - tures And to ev - er - last - ing days!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

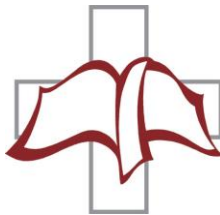
Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 107:1-9 (Psalm Tone A)

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,***
whom he has redeemed from | trouble

³and gathered in | from the lands,*
from the east and from the west,
from the north and | from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in | desert wastes,***
finding no way to a city to | dwell in;

⁵hungry and | thirsty,*
their soul fainted with- | in them.

⁶**Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,***
and he delivered them from | their distress.

⁷He led them by a | straight way*
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

⁸**Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,***
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

⁹For he satisfies the | longing soul,*
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Luther's Small Catechism: The Fifth Commandment

C You shall not murder.

A *What does this mean?*

C We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Please stand

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

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

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

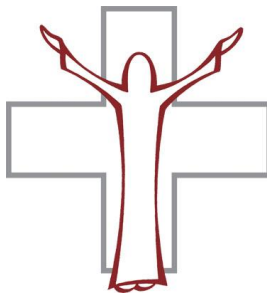
¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever 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. ¹⁹And 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. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But 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.**

Please be seated



Hymn of the Day

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Hymn 571



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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Sermon

Please stand

+ We Respond to God's Word +

Nicene Creed

C 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 He 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.

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.

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C 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.

Prayers of the Church

P ... let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

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.**
- P** It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who restores unto us the joy of Your salvation. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C 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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

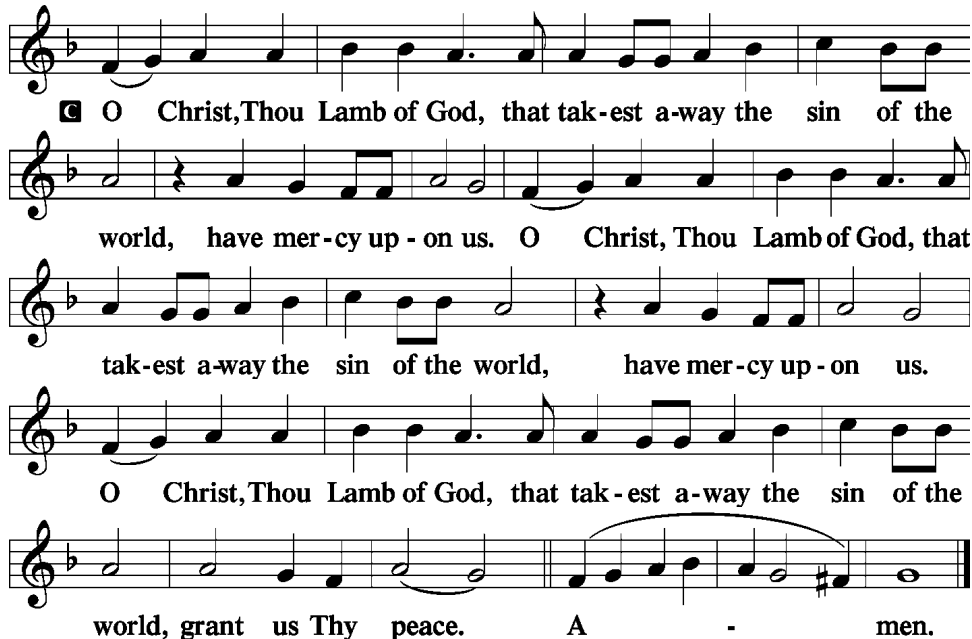
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John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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.

Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ’s institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

“Amazing Grace”

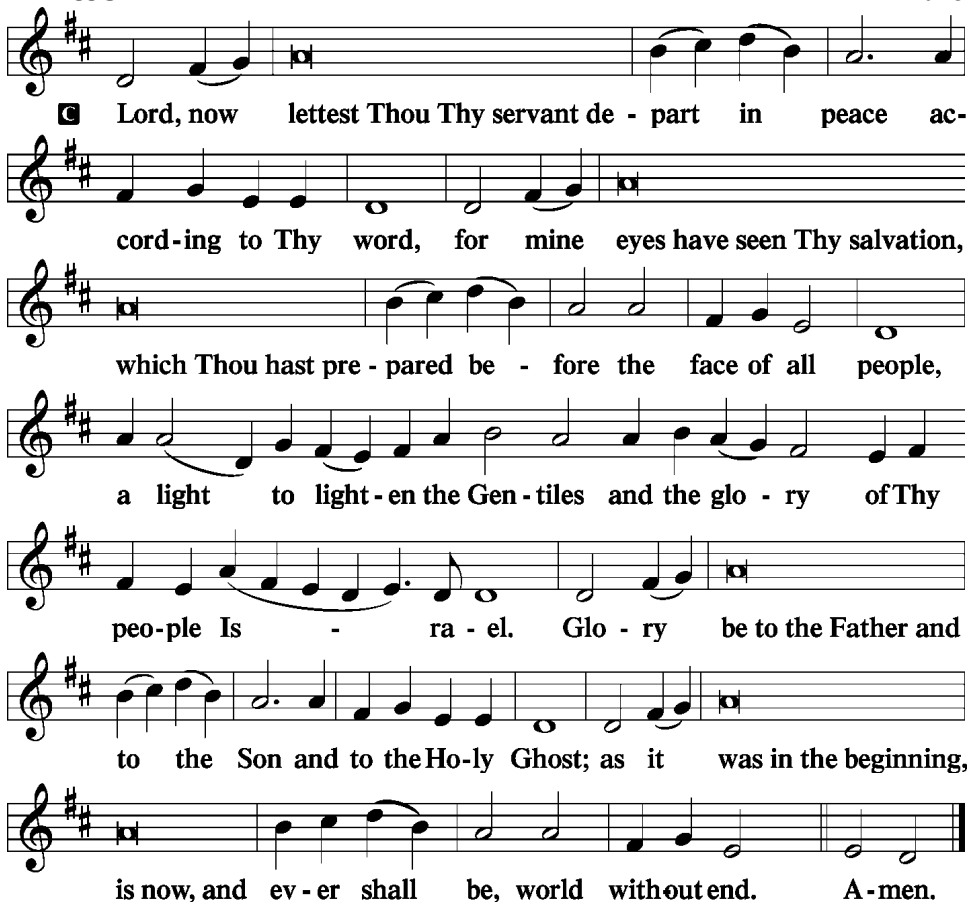
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Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



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
peo - ple 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, lead us now to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming again.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

+ God Sends Us Out +

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

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

C and His mercy endures forever.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymn 543

- 1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements and Welcome

Additional announcements and other Trinity information are available in the weekly newsletter entitled "Trinity News" that can be found on trinitypeoria.com

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Postlude

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