

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18/19, 2023

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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WORSHIPPING WITH OUR CHILDREN

As the pastor leads us in prayer he may say "Lord, in Your mercy," and we answer "Hear our prayer." Be close with your child and remind them that we are all praying together for different people and concerns. Help your child listen for the pastor's cue words, so that they can say "Hear our prayer."

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THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

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

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert / **Children's Message:** DCE Scott Rauch

Saturday 6:00 Service – Lector: Chris Pasold; Comm. Asst.: Dave Mingus, Bill Allen; Altar Guild: Matt Hefflefinger; Sound: Will Fleming; Ushers: Wayne and Yvonne Bowdish

Sunday 8:00 Service – Lector: Joyce Close; Comm. Asst.: Jacob Mol, Eric Verplaetse, David Timm; Altar Guild: Pat Schultz; Acolytes: Christian Johnson, Paul Johnson; Sound: Chris Wahlmark; Ushers: John Volovitz, Karl Engquist, Kevin Engquist

Sunday 10:45 Service – Lector: Betty Hohlfeld; Comm. Asst.: Alan Stahl; Altar Guild: Brandy Fisher; Acolytes: Mariah Ford, Oliva Kaufmann; Sound: Mark King family; Ushers: Axel Kufner, Leslie Hymbaugh

Divine Service - Setting Three

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

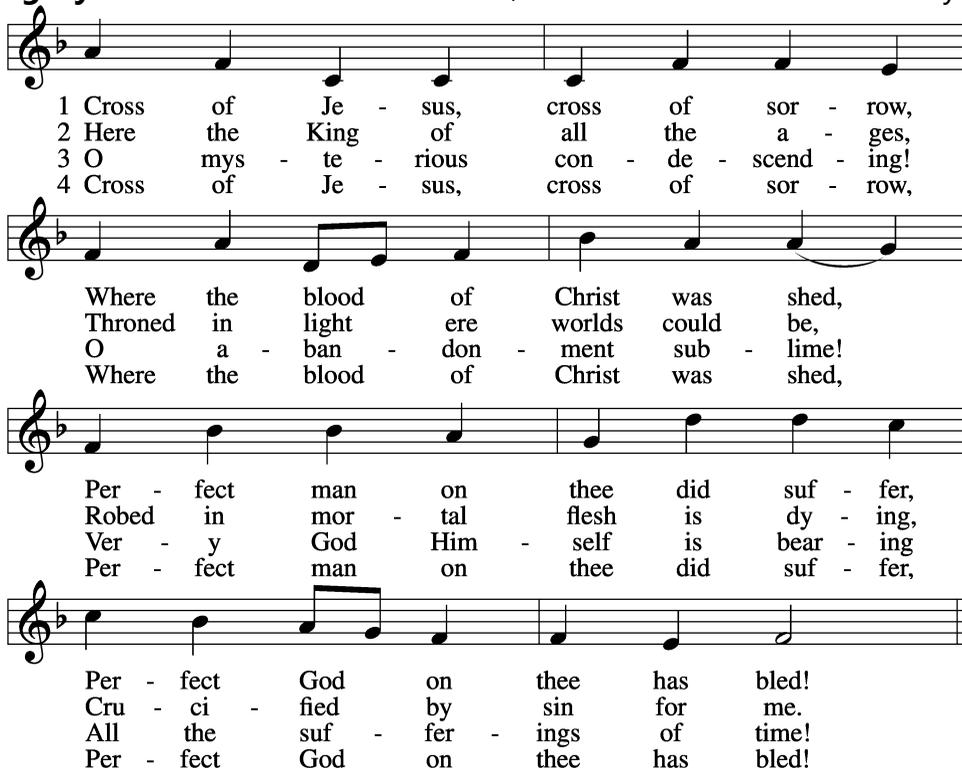
Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

Hymn 428



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
Where the blood of Christ was shed,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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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.

+ Sacrament of Holy Baptism +



Sunday 10:45: Baptism of Simon Lester Bettenhausen

Welcome of the Newly Baptized (please respond to the welcome as printed below)

- P** In Holy Baptism God has made you a member of His Son, Jesus Christ...who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen! We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Baptismal Song

"See This Wonder in the Making"

Hymn 593

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



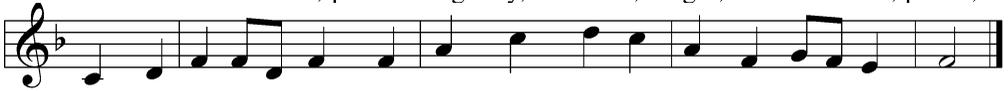
1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"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!

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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

Sunday: Little Levites "I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice" *Laurie Klein*

I love You Lord and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice;

Take joy my King in what You hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sunday: Youth Choir

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"
for text, see hymn 754 verses 1, 3, and 6

Stephen R. Johnson

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Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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C **Thanks be to God.**

Luther's Small Catechism: The Fourth Commandment

C **Honor your father and your mother.**

A *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

Please stand

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

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

Holy Gospel

John 9

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him,

“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he

worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day "When to Our World the Savior Came" Hymn 551

1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in

help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -

longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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Sermon

Please stand

+ We Respond to God's Word +

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.

Sunday: Children's Message

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.

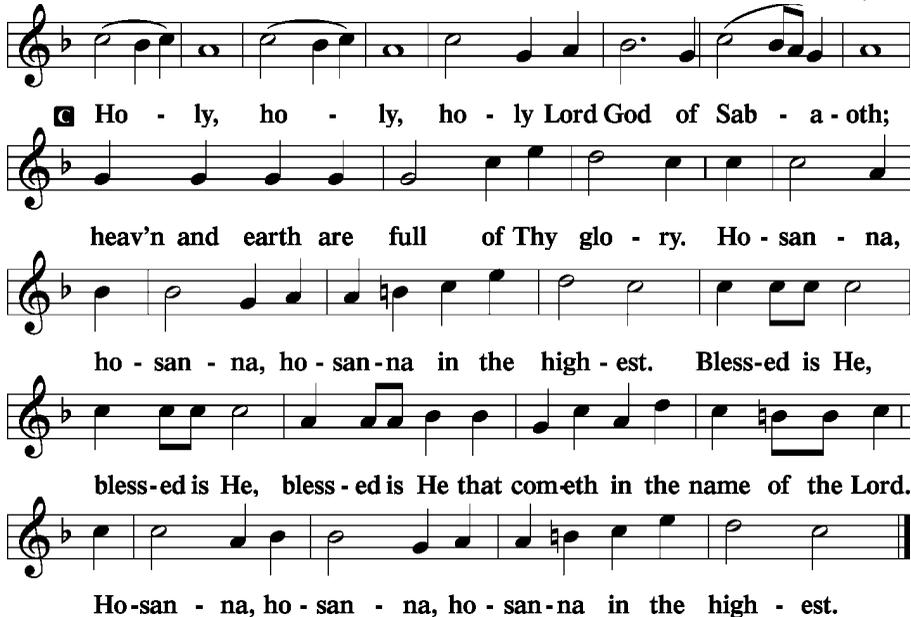
+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

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*

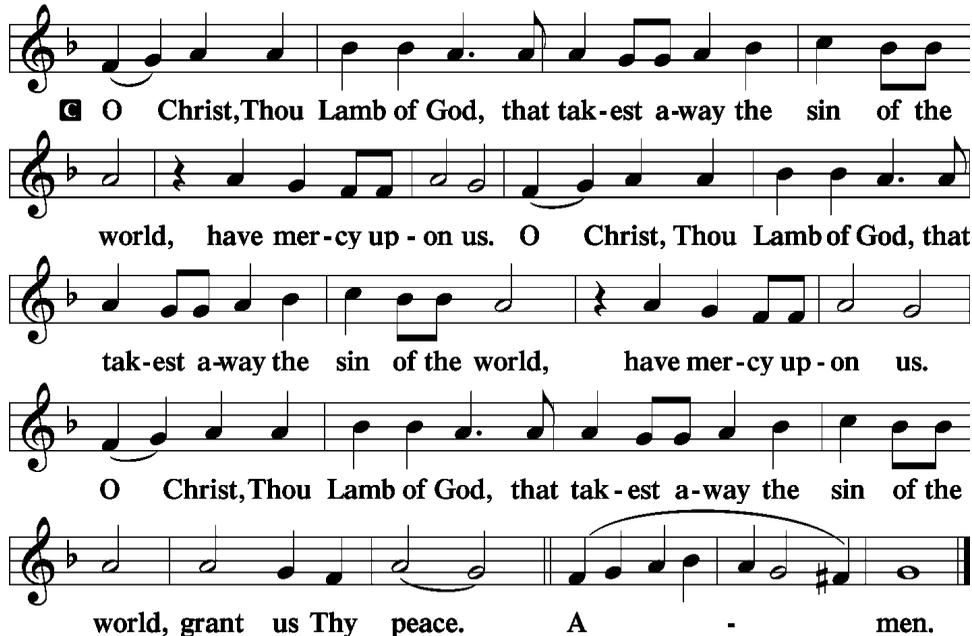
Pax Domini

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

“O Son of God, in Galilee”

LSB 841

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

LSB 697

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

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

Hymn 432

- 1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;

In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:

Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,

For in His bod - y on the tree He car - ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

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Postlude

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