

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday – March 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.
Eph. 2:8-9

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† Call to Worship †

Greeting

Hymn # 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -
△ 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine In
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - ges - sion.
rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.
good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (sts. 1-4): Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; (st. 5): Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1661, Braunschweig
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Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Confession of Sins

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Heavenly Father, we come as sinners. You have called us and we have turned away, time after time. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, You have sent Your Son Jesus, to be born, to be one of us; and to carry our sins. Call us, once again, to the cross, to see the fullness of Your mercy in Jesus. Remind us of the forgiveness He earned and of the victory of the empty tomb. Renew us in faith, lead us in Your ways, and build Your kingdom among us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

\dagger Service of the Word \dagger

Psalm: Psalm 138

P¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C **before the gods I sing your praise;**

P² I bow down toward your holy temple

C **and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

P for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

C³ **On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

P⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

C **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

P⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

P⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

C **but the haughty he knows from afar.**

P⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

C **you preserve my life;**

P you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

C **and your right hand delivers me.**

P⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

C **your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever! Amen**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:12-20

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 3:21-28

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

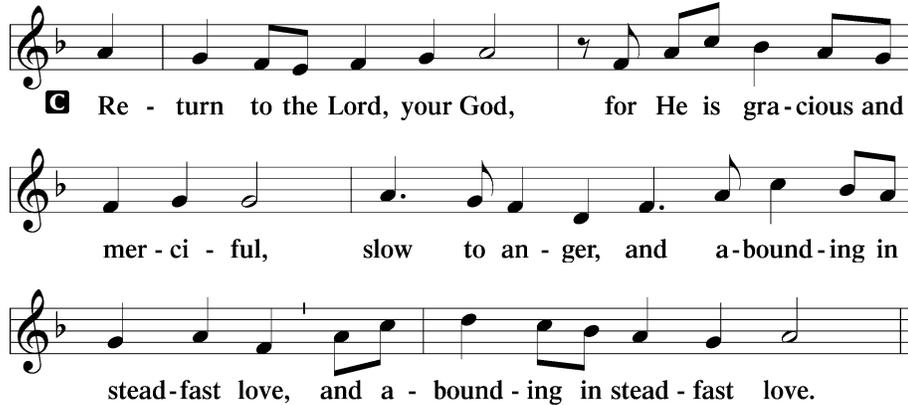
²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Joel 2:13 LSB 157



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.**

Sit

Hymn # 566 "By Grace I'm Saved" (Verses 1 – 3)

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1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

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Sermon: The Robe is "THE GIFT"

Roman 3:21-28

Stand

Offering

Offering Hymn # 956 "Create in Me" *LSB*

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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
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Prayer of the Church

Prayer Response

- Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

Final Petition

Hear us Father, for we pray in the name of the our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lamb of God, Who has taken away our sin and has taught us to pray:

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.

Benediction

- 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 # 566 “By Grace I’m Saved” (Verses 4–6)

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4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is
5 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u - la - tion's
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,
fur - nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou - ble,
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our
The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I help and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.
strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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