

2021

*“Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE
who promised is Faithful”*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who
promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Leader: We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree. But God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. (Acts 10:39-40,43) Almighty God, merciful Father:

All: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. I am sorry for them. I repent and pray for mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, have compassion and be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinner; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses you and gives you power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called you out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you.** (*Wave and/or Honk to each other*)

SONG

The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus

Chorus

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God,

All: **grant that we who deserve to be afflicted for our evil deeds may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.** from the Gregorian Sacramentary 8th Century

LESSONS

Numbers 21:4 - 9
Ephesians 2;1 - 10

GOSPEL

John 3:14 - 21

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

It Is By Grace!

SONG

Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Chorus

Chorus

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER

Pastor: In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of The Faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter. What is Baptism?

All: Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's Word and by His command.

Pastor. What benefits does God give in Baptism?

All: In Baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what He has promised.

Pastor. How can water do such great things?

All: It is not water that does these things, but God's Word with the water and our trust in this Word. Water by itself is only water, but with the Word of God it is a life-giving water which by grace gives the new birth through the Holy Spirit.

Pastor. What does Baptism mean for daily living?

All: It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

**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 SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Verse

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Verse

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEXT SUNDAY March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings for Next Sunday:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Sunday April 4

Easter Celebration with Holy communion

Worship @ 10:15 am

The opportunity to receive Holy Communion will be during the worship service for those who worship inside. For those who worship from their cars in the Faith in Christ parking lot, we will bring Holy Communion to you at your car at the conclusion of worship.



Easter Sunday