

For God so loVed the world thAt He gave His onLy begottEn SoN, thaT whoever belIeves iN Him should not perish but havE everlasting life. (John 3:16, NKJV)

# Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion

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WORSHIP 10:00 am

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1st & 3rd Sundays Holy Communion

Divine Service IV

## Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018

Fellowship Register

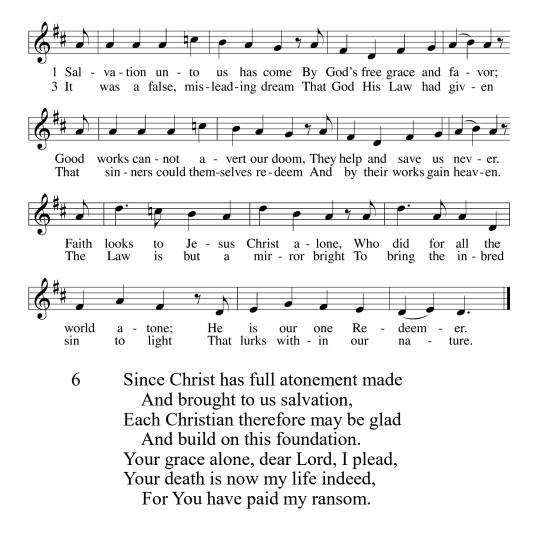
Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Opening Hymn + LSB 555 vs 1, 3, 6 & 10 Salvation unto Us Has Come

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Please stand, as able.

 △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

- In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- 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 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

P

Introit + Ps. 27:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1

- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- **C** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- **P** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
- C though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- **P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
- G that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- **P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
- he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

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.

**P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?



Please be seated.

Special Music + Choir "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"



**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.

#### **G** And also with you.

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.

C

## Old Testament Reading + Numbers 21:4–9

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

# Special Music + Choir "Amazing Grace"

## *Epistle* + *Ephesians* 2:1–10

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

ship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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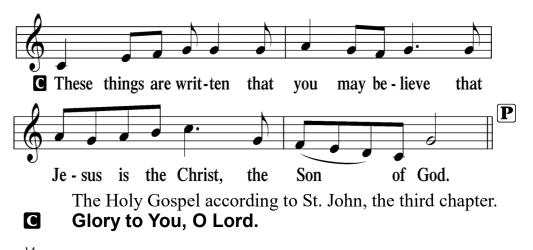
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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able. Verse

Holy Gospel + John 3:14-21



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And 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. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But 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.



Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostle's Creed

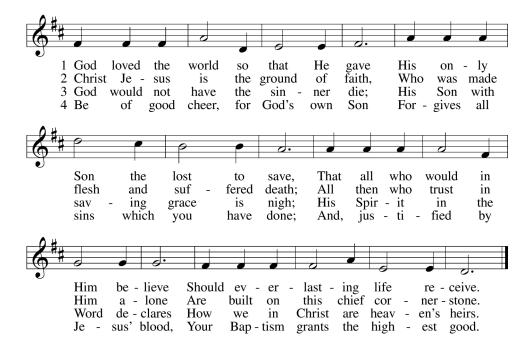
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

Please be seated.





- 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 blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Offering

Please stand, as able.

# Prayer of the Church (each petition will conclude:)



let us pray to the Lord:

#### Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, God of heaven and earth, merciful and gracious, holy and loving, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our once-for-all sacrifice for sin. Remember not our sins, but forgive, renew and strengthen us to fight the good fight of the faith. Protect us from the assaults and temptations of the devil, the world and even our own sinful flesh. Grant us repentance and faith, holy lives to match godly intentions, and perseverance until You return or call us home, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

- **P** And now in the Words of our Lord we are bold to pray:
- 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.

#### + Collect for Grace +

 P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn + LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved

0 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 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is  $\rho$ . 10 ø 0 Why of prom - ise? doubt it not. this word stag - ger at have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er, bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it What saints have penned by it stands. in - spi - ra - tion, true, 0. 10 false - hood taught? Has Scrip-ture ev - er No! Then this word must this sin - ful Christ Je - sus, earth; His death did for our to Je - sus died your soul in His Word our God That win? No, it was grace, and to What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our • 0 ø 0 true By grace you will life ob - tain. re - main: too sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone. grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. Ğod has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son. 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

The hymn continues on next page.

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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The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** *(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)* 

