

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome, friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Christus, der uns selig macht*, BWV 620 J. S. Bach

The Call to Worship

Give thanks to God, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

**We give thanks for God's wonderful works for all humankind.**

When we were in distress and trouble, we cried out to God.

God saved us. He rescued us.

**We give thanks to the Lord.**

**We will tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Let us worship God!

\*The Hymn of Praise *Lift High the Cross* - verses 1,3,4 371

\*The Call to Confession

God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Believing this to be true, let us confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, like the people of Israel, we tend to complain and turn our eyes away from you. You provide for our needs, but we complain that we don't have enough. We get impatient, wanting things our way and wanting them in a hurry. You give us your promises, but our faith falters and we don't believe your word. Forgive our sinfulness. [Silent Confession.] Loving God, forgive our sins and purify our hearts. Teach us to walk in your ways. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is rich in mercy. Even though we were dead in our sins, God's great love for us makes us alive through Jesus Christ. It is by the grace of God that we are saved. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Anthem *Go out in Joy* Joseph Martin

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9 page 170 OT

The Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 page 668 OT

The Gospel Reading John 3:14-18 page 127 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (traditional) hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 98

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, BWV 727 J. S. Bach

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* - verses 1,2,4 see insert

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude *Fantasia on a Chorale by Thomas Tallis* William T. Best

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**Liturgist:**

**Ushers:** Ted Easlick, Lenny Fowler, Mike Patton, and Scott Peters

**Greeters:**

**Fellowship Hour:** Peggy Donaldson

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry

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### **For The Hearing Impaired**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will meet TODAY in the library after worship.**

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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



## Fish Fry

Our Fish Fry is **THIS Friday, March 15, 2024!** Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success, so if you haven't signed up to help, no problem, there is something you can do! It really is a fun event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Thank you for your support!



## Easter Lilies

**TODAY** is the last day to order Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order flowers in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms in the gathering area. Flowers are \$12.00 each.

## Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 13**, at 9:30 a.m. Instead of our regular study, we will be helping with fish fry prep. Come ready for a time of work and fellowship!



## Lenten Bible Study

We will continue the Lenten Bible Study this **Thursday, March 14**. Come at 6:45 pm for a time of fellowship. The Bible Study will begin around 7:00 pm.



## Mission News

**For the month of March, our mission focus will be the Old Town Baby Pantry.** The crib is set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to babies. Some suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits,

snowsuits/jackets (all sizes 0-12 months), crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths, bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotion, bassinets, pack-n-plays, highchairs, and bouncy seats. We will be collecting items through March 31.

## Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Righeterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by **April 14**.



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