



*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service**  
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**Welcome!** When His people sinned by speaking “against God and against Moses,” the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which bit the people, so that many of the people of Israel died, (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,” so that “if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live” (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “may have eternal life,” (John 3:14–16). While we were dead in the sins in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, called us to repentance and raised us with Christ to live “with him in the heavenly places” (Eph. 2:4–6).

### **+ Order of Worship +**

#### **Song**

“Come, Thou Font, Come Thou King”

#### **Invocation**

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

C: **Amen.**

#### **Opening Versicles**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

#### **Confession and Absolution**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 to 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.**

**Introit** *(Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon, v. 1)*

P: The LORD is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.  
Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD that I will seek after:  
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 inquire at His temple.

**C: 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.**

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## Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

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. 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.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 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. 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.” 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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— 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. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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## The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

(Jesus said): “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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. 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. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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## Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ,  
the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of  
the people.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered

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the people.

## The Ten Commandments

C: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

## The Ten Commandments

C: You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or  
his maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to  
your neighbor.

## The 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.

## The 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.

## Children's Sermon

### Song

“God So Loved”

### Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and  
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather, and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Holy Spirit to grant holy desires, good counsels and just works that we may live in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the homes in which our people dwell that all may celebrate and serve in the vocations God has given, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in distress of mind, body or soul, for the sick and the dying, and all those who have requested our prayers, including \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: (*Specific petitions*) Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**



### **Collect of the Day**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning, and although 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.**

### **Collect for the Word**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear, read, mark and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Song**

“What a Beautiful Name”

