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March 19, 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament and Healing Prayer

**Prelude**     *Beautiful Savior* - arr. Lani Smith

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Invocation**

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

**C Amen.**

### **Confession & Declaration of Grace**

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

*Silence for personal confession.*

P Our help is from the Lord.

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized will be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

**C Amen.**

Come, thou Fount of ev-ery blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it – Name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wan-dering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

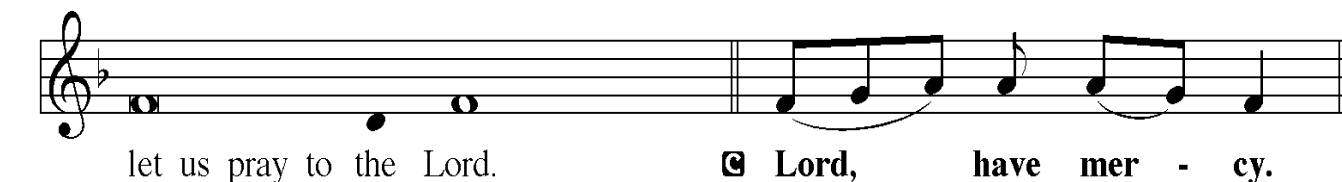
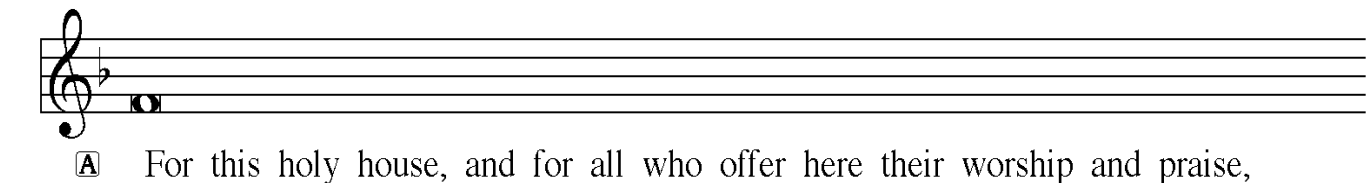
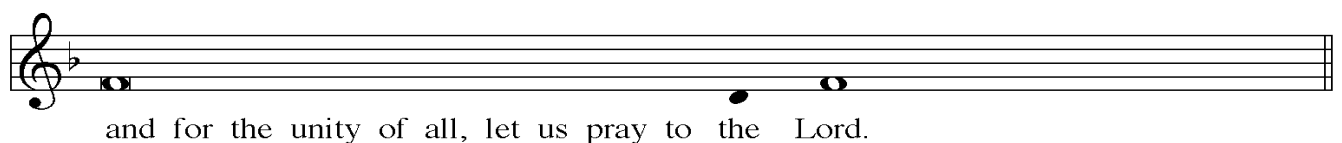
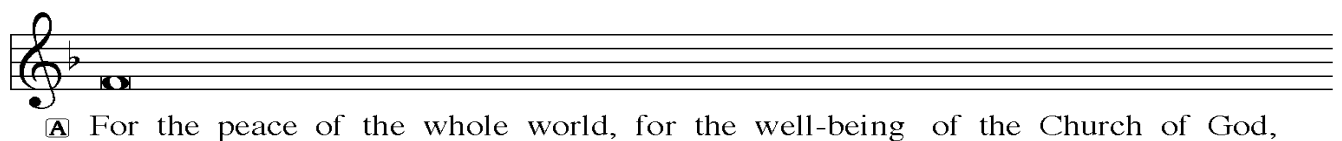
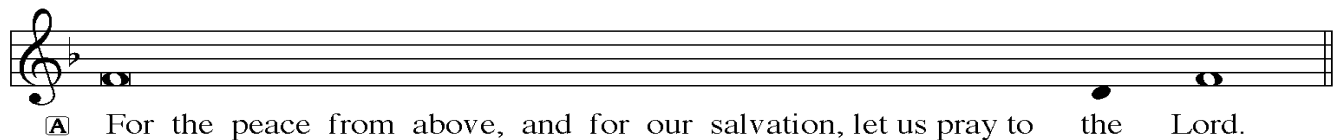
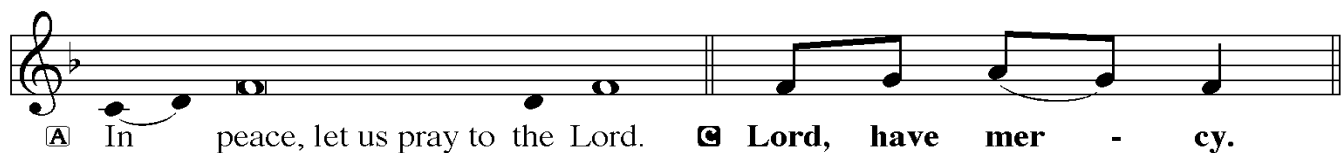
O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

**Greeting**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

# Kyrie



## Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Holy One, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## Psalm 142

<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out to the LORD;  
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.**

<sup>3</sup>When my spirit faints within me,  
you know my way!

In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup>**Look to the right and see:  
there is none who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for my soul.**

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup> **Attend to my cry,  
for I am brought very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me!**

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks to your name!  
The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>... {F}or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### **Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" Red 155, v1**

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word,  
Curb those who fain by craft or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from thy Son,  
And set at naught all he hath done.

### **Gospel: John 9:1-41**

<sup>1</sup>As {Jesus} passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes,

and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Gospel Response**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” Red 155, v2

Lord Jesus Christ, thy power make known,  
 For thou art Lord of lords alone;  
 Defend thy Christendom, that we  
 May evermore sing praise to thee.

### **Children’s Sermon**

## **Sermon**

**Anthem**      "Amazing Grace" - John Newton, arr. Mark Hayes  
Sydney Hoke, alto

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

**P** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence for prayer*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord in your mercy,

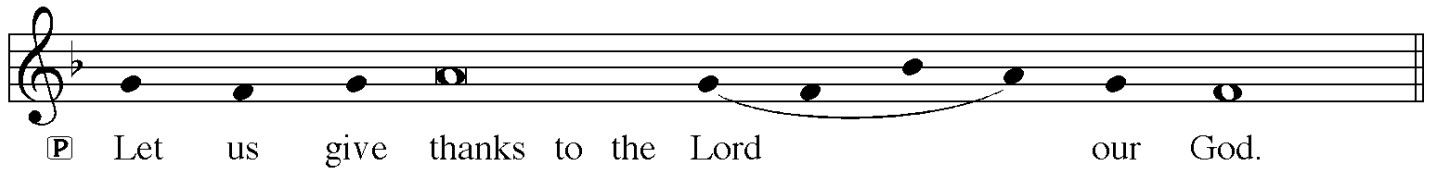
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



**P** It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you,  
Lord of Heaven and earth.  
In your mercy for our fallen world  
you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation  
you have prepared  
for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit  
into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord  
with a living faith  
as he comes to us  
in his holy supper.

### **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

P In the night  
in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks to it; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**P** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **The Communion**

*All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

*For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually in my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

*(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)*

*Following the receiving of communion, the pastor will speak a blessing to those who do not yet receive the sacrament.*

**Post Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C Amen.**

**Post Communion Response “What Wondrous Love is This” Green 385, v1**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

**Post Communion Prayer**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Benediction**

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.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn      The Solid Rock – *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*      Sun Sch 404, vv1,3,4**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand-  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Supports me in the 'whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand-  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand-  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

### **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*A time of fellowship with those attending online directly follows the worship service.*

*Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.*

### **Serving in Worship Today:**

***Presiding Worship Leader:***

***Pastor Karin Pejack***

***Minister of Technology:***

***Catherine Germann***

***AV on Site:***

***Bob Haas, Jeff Springer, John Cooper***

***Minister of Music & Organist:***

***Norma Swain***

***Soloist:***

***Sydney Hoke, alto***

***Lector:***

***Pastor Keith Eslinger***

***Responsive Reader:***

***Ricky Perrine***

***Assisting Ministers:***

***Pastor Keith Eslinger & John Cooper***  
***Judy Atticks***

### **Lessons for Next Week:**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45 [46-53]