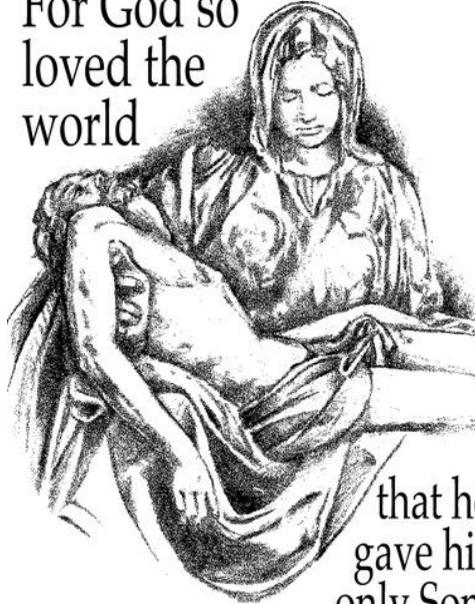


**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 14, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**

For God so  
loved the  
world



that he  
gave his  
only Son.

John 3:16

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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

*\* Please turn off cellphones\**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Divine Service – Setting Two

March 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.

***Welcome & Announcements***

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 167*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b*

# Opening Hymn

LSB 571 sts. 1-6

## “God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

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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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 167*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead

**us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** Yes. *LSB 293*

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Almighty God in His *LSB 167*

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.

**Introit**

*Ps. 27:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1*

**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?

**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 to inquire in 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.**

**P C** **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?

# Kyrie

*LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



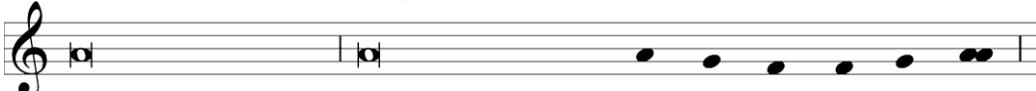
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



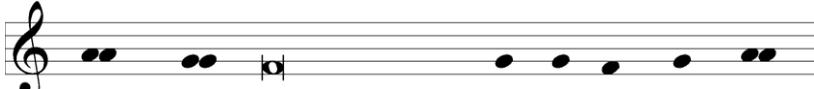
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

(During Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted)

## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 172*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**                      *Numbers 24:1-9*

4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the

snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

8 The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Heb. 12:2*

**A C** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Epistle Reading**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you

followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn

(Requested) LSB 837 sts. 1-6

“Lift High the Cross”

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



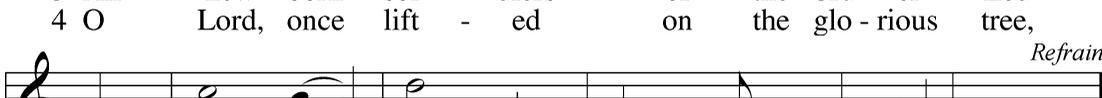
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



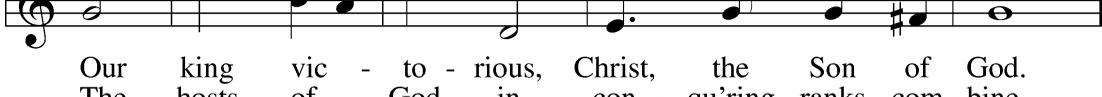
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,



2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,



3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied,

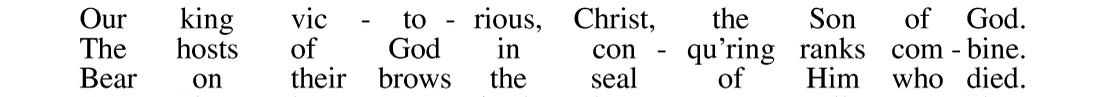


4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

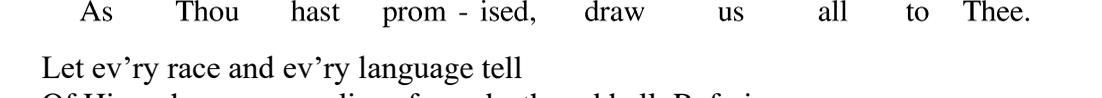
*Refrain*



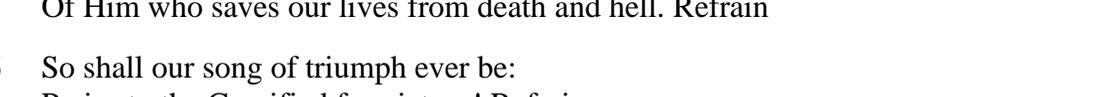
Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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*Stand*

**Verse**

*John 3:16, LSB 173*

**☐** **☐** **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**Holy Gospel**

*John 3:14-21*

**☐** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**☐** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

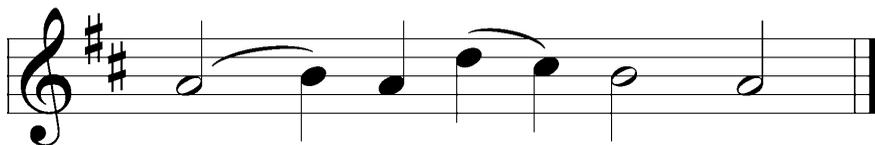
14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God

did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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



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

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 702 sts. 1-4*

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**

**“The Snake Lifted Up”**

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 175*

**☐ ☑ 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*LSB 175*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** O Lord God, we pray that You would show where we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross for our salvation and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You led the saints by the way of faith in Your Son until they reached Your heavenly city. As we join in their eternal thanksgiving for Your steadfast love to all people, we pray You would faithfully lead us to our heavenly home with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, You loved the world by giving Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him might be saved. We pray You would bless the work of Your Church. By Your Spirit, create and sustain faith within all who hear Your Word, that we may be raised up with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. We pray that Your Spirit would be at work within us, that we may walk in the good works You have prepared for us to do in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord God, You have set Joseph, our president, and Mike our governor, as authorities over us for our good. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled

wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter those on our prayer list and cards and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into fear and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

# Offering

LSB 176

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

# Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19;*

LSB 176



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



# Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183*

**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.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 971 sts. 1-3*

*“There Is a Redeemer”*



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.