Concordia Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission: Toknow Christ and make Him known.



Fourth Sunday in Lent March 29-30, 2025 5:00 pm

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Greeting

Call to Worship "My Hope Is in the Lord" Praise Singers

(lyrics for reflection)

My hope is in the Lord, my hope is in the Lord; He will not disappoint His chosen ones. O my hope is in the Lord, my hope is in the Lord; He will not disappoint His chosen ones. Nor will He forever delay, nor will He forever delay; He harkens to the cries of those He loves. O my hope is in the Lord, my hope is in the Lord.

Invocation

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Confession of Sins

L: Trusting in the promise of God's covenant with us, and remembering Jesus' victory for us, let us confess our sins to God.

Silence for reflection, self-examination and prayer

- L: Most faithful God,
- C: we confess our sins to You, our failure to resist temptation and walk in the way of Christ. We have disobeyed You and neglected to serve others. We have sought our own well-being rather than the good of all creation. We look to You for mercy and healing. Strengthen our faith, increase our hope, perfect our love and guide us in the path of humble service and obedience. Amen
- L: God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their sins and live. Therefore we ask God to give us true repentance and the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we resist the Tempter just as Jesus did and do those things that please our Lord, and that at the last we may come to eternal joy through Jesus Christ. As you believe, so may it be: joined to Jesus Christ in faith your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

First Reading Isaiah 12:1–6, p. 133

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading2 Corinthians 5:16–21, p. 1228
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

"At the Cross" Praise Singers & Congregation

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die? Would He devote that Sacred head for sinners such as !!

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light

And the burden of my heart rolled away It was there by faith I received my sight,

And now I am happy all the day!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself away. 'Tis all that I can do! Refrain.

Gospel Reading

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, p. 1112-1113

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Songs of Praise

Praise Singers & Congregation

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died; The humble King they name a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called the Lamb of God. Chorus

"Something Beautiful"

Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion He understood. All I had to offer Him was broken-ness and strife, But He made something beautiful of my life. Repeat

Message

Offering

Anthem "Lest I Forget Your Love" Praise Singers
Lest I forget Your love for me, lest I forget the grace that holds me faithfully,
Lest I forget Your care for me, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget how You carried me through waters, Lest I forget the times You held me when I cried, Lest I forget that You want to be my Father, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I am blind to the people lost around me, Lest the busyness of life steal my time alone with You, If Your holy sacrifice becomes too familiar, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Your agony, Lest I forget Your love for me, lead me to Calvary. Lead me to Calvary.

And if somehow I am blinded to the ways that You provide, If I'm tempted to forget that You've never left my side, When the prayers that seem unanswered steal the joy of my salvation, Lead me to Calvary.

Lead me to the crowds that were cheering for your death; Then lead me to the hill where You took Your final breath. Remind me of the price You paid to fully set me free; Lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Your love for me, lest I forget the grace that holds me faithfully, Lest I forget Your care for me, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget how You carried me through waters, Lest I forget that You want to be my Father, lead me to Calvary.

Prayers of God's People

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

Blessing

"Amazing Grace" Praise Singers & Congregation

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Go in peace † Serve the Lord!