

Lent 4 March 10, 2024

Prelude What Wondrous Love Is This?, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth c. 1983
by Carl Fischer, Inc. in "Thine is the Glory: 12 Hymn Settings"

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Confession and Absolution

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

Apostolic Greeting

L 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 pg 147-148

L In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord Have Mercy**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Have Mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C Also, with you.

L Let us pray: O God, rich and mercy, by the humiliation of your son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The 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 detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 *chanted responsively*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

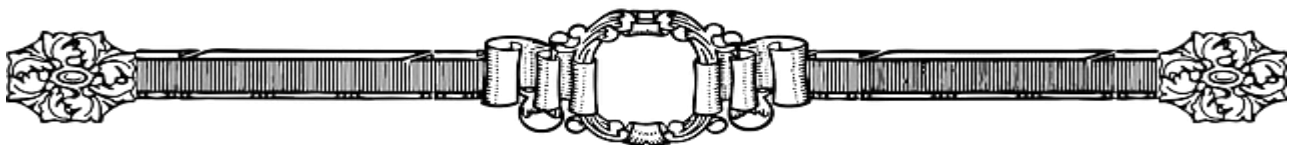
¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.



Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Holy wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

We stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation for Lent

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Gospel according to John the 3rd Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World

ELW 323



Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 of the Church

- L Comforted to know that Christ has come to save the world, we pray for all for the fullness of his grace.
- AM For the Church, that we may fully know the light and life that is ours in Christ, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the diverse and varied human community, that Christ's life and light may draw all to the divine kingdom, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the precious planet we call our temporary home, that we may tread gently upon it, Lord in your mercy. **C Hear our prayer**
- AM For the lost, rejected, abused, and all who struggle with any burden, and for those who experience violence, that they may find relief, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer
- AM For the victims of war – in Palestine and Israel, in Ukraine, and wherever weapons replace words to solve conflicts, Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**
- AM For all these we pray, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- AM For hearts overflowing with generosity, that the mission of the church may be a bold witness into the future for the healing of the world, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem Someday We'll Know, Words – Billy D. Martin, Music – Joseph M. Martin

Someday we'll know why tears had to be, what role they played in life's destiny. Someday we'll know why little lambs cry, red roses fade and dreams have to die. Someday we'll know we'll understand why, when Jesus wipes all the tears from our eyes. Until that time to faith we must hold and trust in the Lord that someday we'll know. Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to Thee, to Thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see? Someday we'll know, we'll understand why, when Jesus wipes all the tears from our eyes. Until that time to faith we must hold and trust in the Lord that someday we'll know, someday we'll know. so my Savior touches me and fills my heart with hope. As the sun breaks through the trees on a bright new morning, so my Savior shines on me and helps my faith to grow.

Offertory Hymn *Sung as the plates are brought forward*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

" Christ has extended a wide and loving invitation to join with him and with each other at his table of grace. Anyone who desires to come forward to receive the Eucharist is encouraged to do so."

The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

C And also, with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

The Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

C 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion God So Loved the World by John Stainer from "The Crucifixion"

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen**

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn What Wonderful Love is This ELW 666

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C **Thanks be to God**

Postlude Amazing Grace, arr. by Diane Bish c. 1980 by Fred Bock Music Company in "The Diane Bish Organ Book"

Please maintain a respectful quiet during the Prelude.



Around the Church

March 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
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Midweek Lenten Services will be Thursday evening beginning at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Dates: March 14

March 21 will be in the church. No Potluck dinner due to the Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowls Fundraise that evening.

Palm/Passion Sunday March 24

Maundy Thursday – 7pm worship with communion, washing of feet, and stripping of the altar

Good Friday – 7pm Tenebrae with the Passion According to John

Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

Needed weekly – \$4,948

Received last week— \$4,109

Shortage—(\$839)

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Reading of the Holy Gospel John the 3rd Chapter

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Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 186

Offertory Prayer

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Sanctus

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Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Joe Abbott	Julie Hake	Dennis Nalette	Finley
Laurie Abbott	Jack & Barbara Heintz	Karen Ness	JoAnn
Francine Ahrens	Lorraine Hill	Tom O'Brien	Glen
Kim & Will Ahrens	Kathleen Hilton	Dawn Osterman	Jen O.
Peggy Ali	Shannon Hilton	Russell Palmer	Jaiden
Joyce Almsted	Jake Hoadley	Terry Parker & Family	Roger T.
William Appell	Erma Horn	Maria Payne	Alissa
Coni-Jo Aparo	Brian Hurlock	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Ava
Vinnie Aparo	Amy Rose Jensen	Jack Quinn	Verna G.
Cory Aulbin	Susan Jones	Caroline Quintal	Amanda T.
Nanci Battistoni	Ulf Johannson	Roman Radzins	Corrine
Armando Binelli	A&R Jones	RuthAnn Rash	Diane H.
Charlie Blakeslee	Rusty Judd	Jonathan Richard	Fitzpatrick Family
Diane Boscarino	Ed Killingbeck	Michelle Richards	Kristan, Mason & Family
Cherie Brown	Lynn Killingbeck	Ralph Richardson	Clarence & Pricilla
Eli Boda	Marilyn Killingbeck	Emily Robertson	Cynthia
Selma Boscarino	Pat King	Louise Roche	Gidio
Mark & Tiffany Brilliant	Raquel Launabaugh	Christine Roulin	Laura
Sharon Cable	David Little	Raymond Roy	Baby Walker
Ryan Castaldi	Rebecca Little	Debra Seitz	The Kurtz Family
Janine Cimmino	Anita Loeber	Judy Schaller	Heidi
Diane Currier	Dave Loomis	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Angela
Emily Decker	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Shelli Schwab	Charles
Angela DeJesus	Abigail Marine	Teri Seleman	Dennis P.
Linda Dellano	Eric Marine	George Shank	Steve
Irene Douglas	Michael Marine	Russell Sirois	Ethan R.
Robert Doyal, Sr.	Richard Marine	Paul Smith	Angel Marie
Betty Enbeskotte	Janis Martin	Carol Speaker	Lou W.
Mark Enbeskotte	Mike Martin	Jon Sterling	Curtis
Judy Elliott	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Julia Thompson Carroll	
Jan Eucallito	Kate Mero	Carol Valliere	
Bruce & Liz Falls	Jerry McCarthy	Vincenzo Viscariello, Sr.	
Deb Francis	Patrick & Denise	Jackie Quinn Wassik	
Ashley Friday	McCormack	Bob & Sue Watkins	
Rosemarie Foth	Michael Meyers	Diane Wright	
Mary Lynn Gagnon	Rich Minelli	Bruce Yauney	
Joan Gerard	Sharon Mitchell	Bruce & Joyce Young	
Fred George	John Monsam	Helen	
Ruth Grech	Baby Amelia Mosca	Ed	
Theresa Corriveau Greene	Bill Muhl	Madison	

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Ida Maillet

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee presents
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm

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\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

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Doors Open at 6:00pm
Drawing at 7:00pm**

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Moms or the special ladies in your life!
Bring your own snacks
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