

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

“When I survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood**

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a tribute far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all**

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

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

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

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

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Numbers 21:4-9 ESV*

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^[a] serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“There is a fountain filled with blood”

Sung by the Choir

THE EPISTLE *Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV*

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.

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:14-21 ESV*

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.”

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please Sit)

“God Loved the World so that He Gave” LSB 571

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith
Who was made flesh and suffered death
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone**

**God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs**

**Be of good cheer for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done
And justified by Jesus' blood
Your Baptism grants the highest good**

**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**

(Please stand for the last verse)

**Glory to God the Father, Son
And Holy Spirit Three in One
To You O blessed Trinity
Be praise now and eternally**

+++ SERMON +++

“Our Cursed Cure”

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10 (The Epistle Reading)

Theme: You are God’s work.

Our Goal: That all Christians would believe the mercy that pursued the dead, and live the new life.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord’s Prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken)

**All: 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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured
Offered was He for greatest and for least
Himself the victim and Himself the priest**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Come Christians follow where our Captain trod
Our King victorious
Christ the Son of God**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised
draw us all to Thee**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

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

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

Those Serving in God's House

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Jim Bumgarner, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Jim Bumgarner, *Reader*

Jim Bumgarner, & Frank Pignanelli, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter

If you want to put something in the April – Jun
Newsletter, please have it to April by
March 29th

Easter Lilies

\$10 a plant, we will be getting them for a local store due
to Schwartz not doing it this year.
If you want one, Sign up in the lobby.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 3, 2021 from 10am to 12pm.
We are in need of donations of plastic eggs, candy, toys
that fit in the plastic eggs. Please have your donations in
to the office no later than Wed. March 31st.
Postcards to handout will be available by the bulletins.

Looking for a car?

We are selling a 2002 Lincoln Town Car
4 door, 143,723 Miles,
No rust, well maintained, runs good
Asking \$5,600
Contact Frank at 313-383-4883

Attendance

Sunday March 7 th	9:30am	37
Wednesday Mar. 10 th	12:00pm	12

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Patricia Bates – March 16th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Mary Ann Halsey, The situation has miraculously changed for the good. Prayers of Thanksgiving!

Nancy Rogers, Friend of Pam B & Gayle F., Surgery scheduled for March 23rd.

Vicki Eisenman, Friend of Pam B & Gayle F., Recovering from surgery on March 10th.

Jim Morneau, brother of Pam Benford's Friend- Leukemia and Covid-19

David Bates, Pat Bates son, In need of prayers

Leann Gibbs, Pat Bates Daughter, In need of prayers

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Our Website: www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon

(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC

Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon

(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am