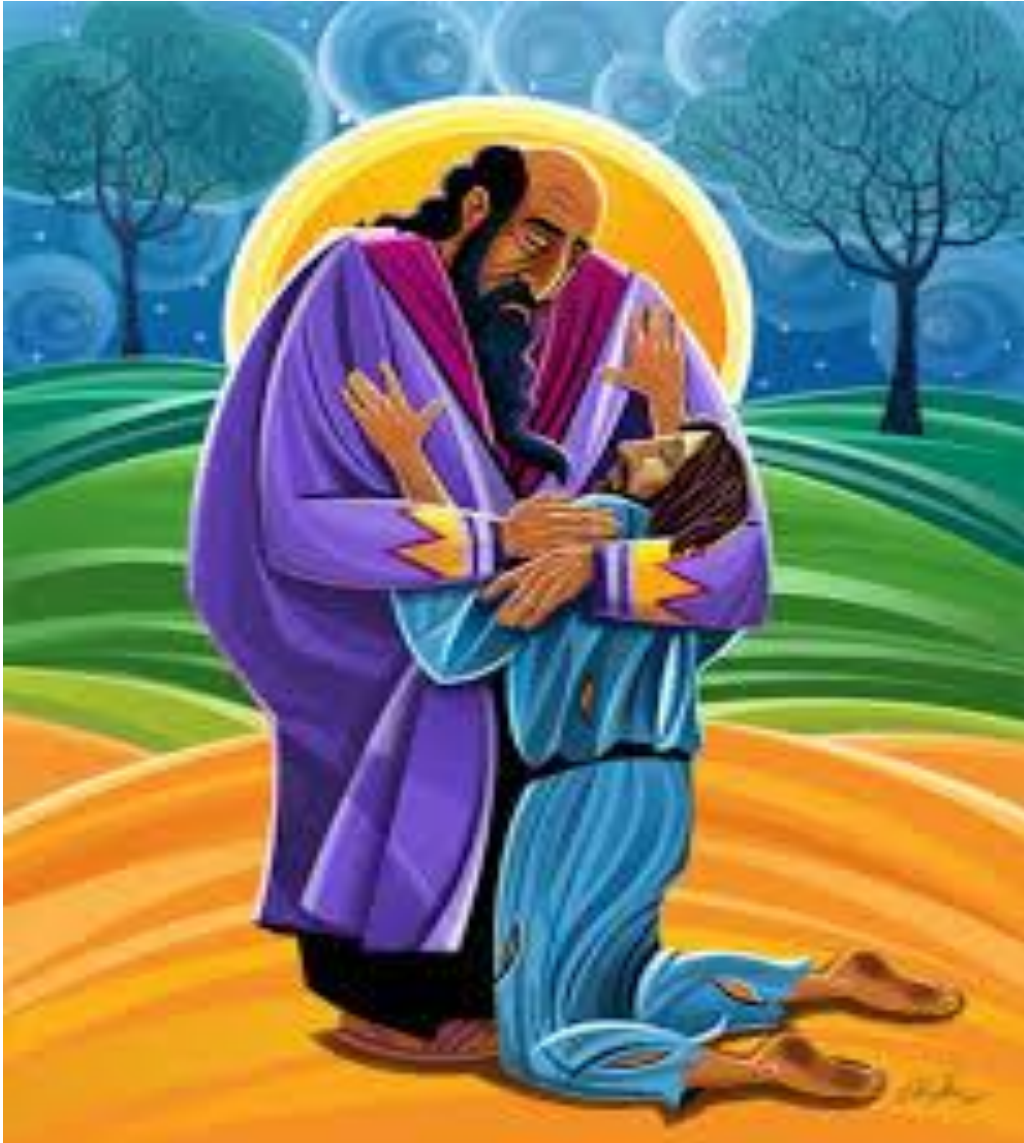


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME ~ On this 4th Sunday of Lent we take the Hebrew word for repentance, 'Teshuvah,' meaning 'return,' as return to God, return to the love of God with a clearer sense of our need for that love and our emptiness without it. This is the love shown as God in Jesus Christ persevering for us in the walk to the cross. This is the love of God's embrace, there to welcome us no matter what the path behind us, as we make a new path forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susi will play through part of each Congregational song as we continue to refamiliarize ourselves with our Lenten liturgy.

*HYMN ~ *Were You There*

LBW # 92

92

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,
 there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh,

some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P 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**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

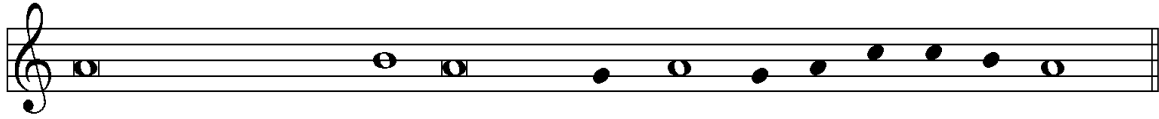
C **Amen**

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**

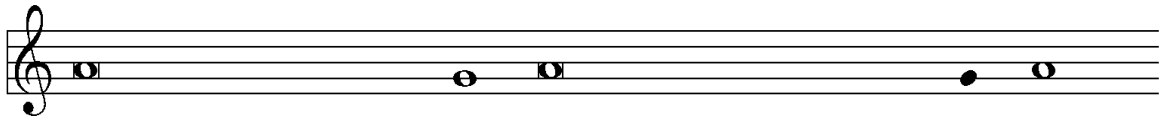
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



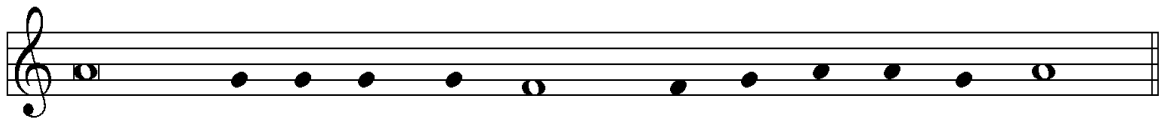
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



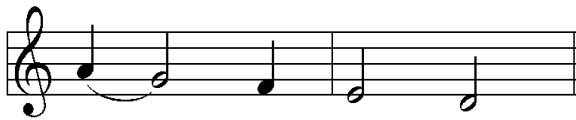
C Lord, have mer - cy.



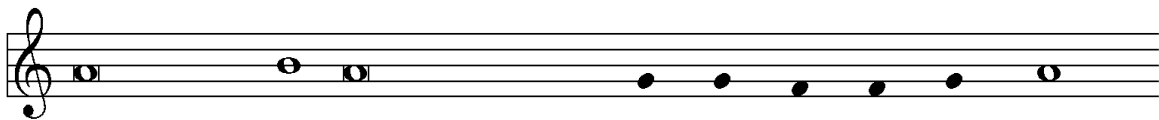
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



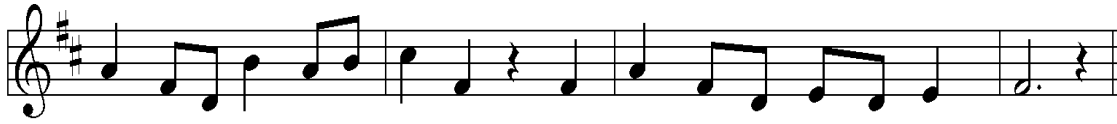
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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

***HYMN of PRAISE**

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

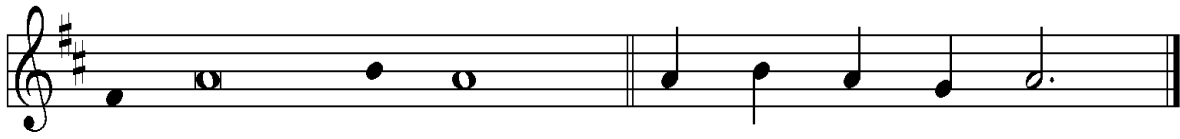


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



P The Lord be with you.

© And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LESSONS

***First Lesson ~ A reading from Joshua 5:9-12**

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 32 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

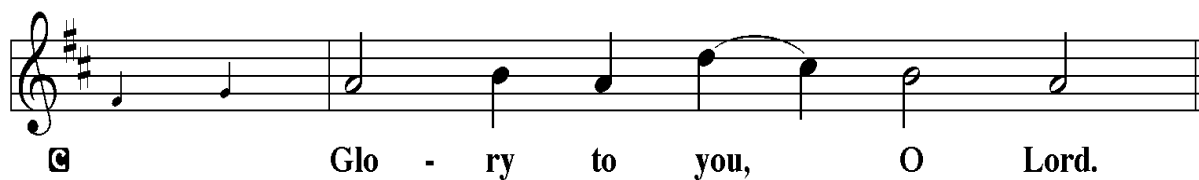


☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra- cious and mer- ci- ful,



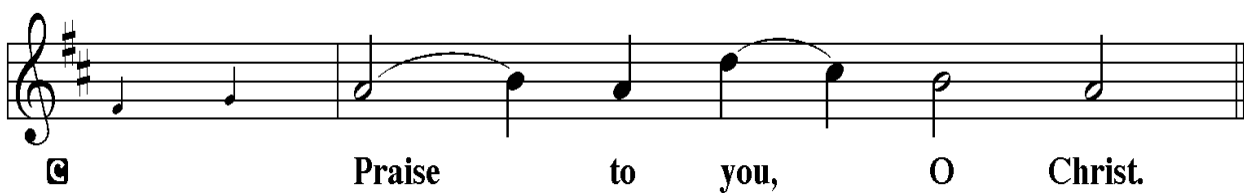
slow to an - ger, and a- bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

*HYMN ~ *Amazing Grace*

LBW # 448

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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***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**

OFFERING ~ You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

P Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 BLESSING**

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**

*HYMN ~ What Wondrous Love Is This

LBW # 385

What Wondrous Love Is This

385

G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am B^b maj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Reader:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, April 3

Greeters: Don and Rosalie Smith; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Please remember in prayer ~ Bob Treaster, Carolyn Malone, Andrea Kauffman, John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker, Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Stacey Spicher and of Ev Young.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those members who do not receive it by email.

The synod workshop from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center ***Facilitating Healthy Pastor–Congregation Relations*** is being held this Tuesday, March 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information has been included in previous bulletins and can be found in the April newsletter. **If you are interested in attending, please let the Pastor or Kelly know no later than tomorrow morning.**

There are copies of the Portals of Prayer April through June edition in the narthex. Please let the office/council know if you prefer it over any of the devotionals we currently subscribe to.

Social Ministry is collecting the following personal care items for Liberia this month ~ *deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults/children*. Your donations can be placed in one of the boxes located in the coatroom area and narthex.

There is a form included in the newsletter for anyone interested in placing Easter flowers. Extras can also be found in the narthex. There is no set price; a variety will be purchased to decorate the church. Please return the form with your donation by Sunday, April 10.

January 1 thru March 23, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 36 Offering ~ \$1,605.00

St. John's ~ Income \$58,975.63 Expense \$45,933.15
Net Income \$13,042.48

Daycare ~ Income \$92,349.71 Expense \$80,241.41
Net Income \$12,108.30

Ukraine Support Donation Site
Sharp Shopper, Belleville
March 30 ~ Next Pick Up

Items Needed ~

- ◇ Baby Food (plastic containers)
- ◇ NEW Clothing
- ◇ NEW Blankets
- ◇ Dry food for the soldiers - lightly boxed, expiration date 3-6 months out or greater
- ◇ Personal hygiene (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) – smaller bottles /personal sized (not family size)
- ◇ Hand and foot warmers
- ◇ Pillar candles (no glass)
- ◇ Feminine hygiene items
- ◇ Wrapped bars of soap
- ◇ Flashlights with batteries attached (not inside)
- ◇ Personal / Home First Aid Kits
- ◇ Band-Aids / Gauze Rolls and Pads
- ◇ Adhesive and Non-Adhesive Dressings
- ◇ Wound Treatments
- ◇ Alcohol Swabs/Pads

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