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**FOURTH SUNDAY**

*In Lent*

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**Mission Statement:**

*Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others*

## **The Year of Prayer:**

*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

### **Our Ministers This Morning Include:**

Presiding Minister: Deacon Kevin Kehn

Assisting Minister: Pastor Mark Schuring

Organist: Paul Burnside

Emanuel Choir: Tanyce Addison, Director

Children's Choir: Teri Turner, Director

Readers: Michele Rankin - 8:00a.m.

Betty Anderson - 10:30a.m.

Acolytes: Andrew Kollas & David Stanforth - 8:00a.m.

Austen Valentine & Carson Rife - 10:30a.m.

Sound Technician: Doug Ross

*Welcome to worship in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Hearing Devices** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Visitors and Members, please fill out the yellow attendance slips;** they will be collected after the Prayer of the Day, or place it in the offering plate.

### **As We Prepare to Worship:**

*I am marked with your cross, Jesus,  
and sealed with your life-giving Holy Spirit.*

\*Congregational response: **Bold print**

Prelude  
Welcome

Paul Burnside

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: *During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.*

*\*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*Merciful God,*

C: **you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: *Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

*"Give To Our God Immortal Praise!"*

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
- 2 God sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
- 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

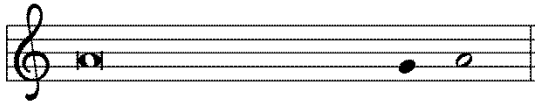
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Greeting

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.**

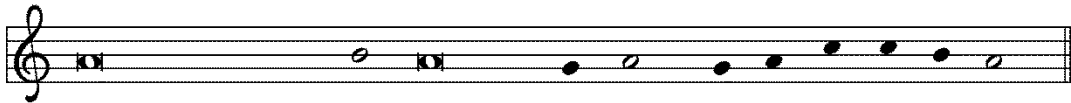
Kyrie     *"Lord Have Mercy"*     (front of hymnal)     Page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



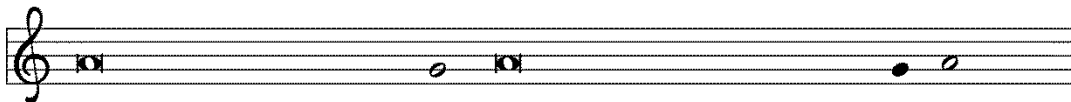
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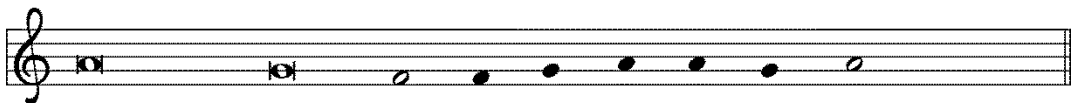
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



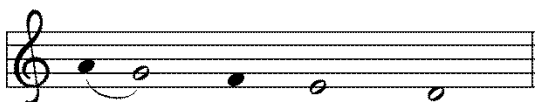
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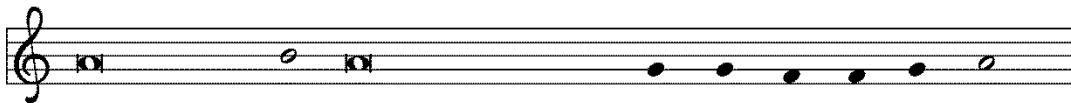
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



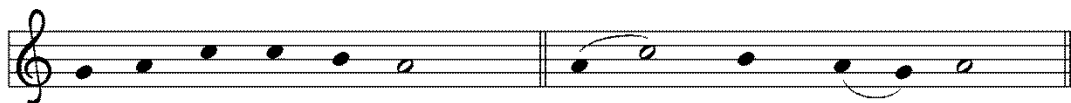
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

Assisting minister

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

All

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

A: O God, rich in 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. **Amen.**

\*Please be seated

\*Collection of yellow attendance slips.

Anthem

Emanuel Choir (8:00)

Children's Choir (10:30)

Children's Sermon

## First Lesson

Numbers 21: 4-9

<sup>4</sup>From 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. <sup>5</sup>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 detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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.” <sup>9</sup>So 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson Ephesians 2: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in 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. <sup>3</sup>All 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. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the

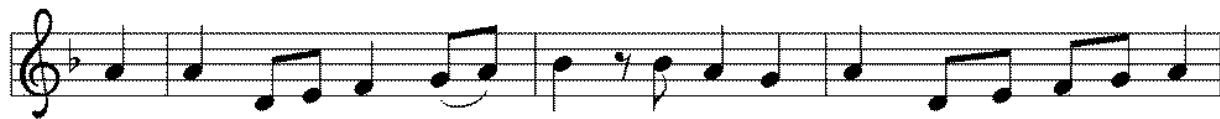


heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

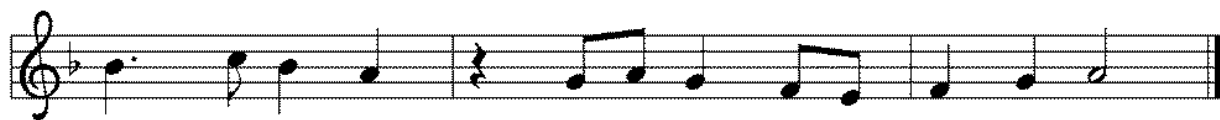
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The Holy Gospel      John 3:14-21

Gospel Acclamation      *"Return To The Lord"*      Page 151



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.

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>Those 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. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But 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.”

*The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

\*Please be seated.

Sermon      *"For God So Loved the World!"*      Deacon Kevin  
John 3:14-21

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day      *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*      #666

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from  
death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

### Apostles 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 to the dead. 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 Intercession

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

### Peace

P: *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C: **And also with you.**

\*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## Offertory Response

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## Offering Prayer

### 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.**

## Benediction

### Sending Hymn

*"Lift High The Cross"*

#660

### Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

## Dismissal

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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