



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Concordia Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 10, 2024



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“Laetare” “Rejoice” Sunday

**Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross  
so that We May Look to Him and Live**

**Welcome to Concordia!**

**Vacancy Pastor Team:**

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)  
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gathering Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal #580**

*"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"*

**Invocation**

**Maroon Hymnal pg 151**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

#### **Introit (spoken)**

**Psalm 27**

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: **Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

C: **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.**

P: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C: **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

#### **Kyrie (spoken)**

**Maroon Hymnal pg 152-153**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For the holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Salutation and Collect**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

**C: So may we always heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, Give thanks for all Your benefits, And serve You in willing obedience.**

P: Grant through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

**C: Who is our Lord, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

P: The world is ruled and troubled by human opinions.

**C: Now God rules and comforts us with realities created by His Word.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **The First Reading is taken from twenty-first chapter of Numbers.**

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

Numbers 21:4–9

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual**

R: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: **The founder and perfecter of our faith.**

R: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,

C: **And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## **The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of Ephesians**

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.

Ephesians 2:1–10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Lenten Verse** *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C: **And He delivered them from their distress.**

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son

C: **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

P: Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and merciful

C: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**The Gospel Reading**

P: **The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter:**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] “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 deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

John 3:14–21

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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 will 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 worshiped 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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal # 571**

*“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

## Sermon

## Offering

**The Offertory**      *(Please stand as you are able)*      **Maroon Hymnal pg 192 - 193**

## Prayers of the Church

**The Order of Holy Communion**      **Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198**

**Distribution Hymn**      *"By Grace I'm Saved"*      **Maroon Hymnal # 566**

**Nunc Dimittis**      *(Please stand as you are able)*      **Maroon Hymnal pg 199-200**

**Thanksgiving**      **Maroon Hymnal pg 200**

**P:**      O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

**C:**      **And His mercy endures forever.**

## Post-Communion Collect

**P:**      O God, the Father, the fount 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,

**C:**      **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;**

**P:**      Let it be so by Your will Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,

**C:**      **Your Son, and our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Salutation

**P:**      The Lord be with you.

**C:**      **And with your spirit.**



## **The Benedicamus**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**Maroon Hymnal pg 202**

## **Closing Hymn**

*“Amazing Grace”*

**Maroon Hymnal # 744  
verses 1-4**