

Lent 4
Sunday, March 10, 2024
Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers.

Church Bells - Organ Prelude - Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 335, 1 – 3: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Pastor (P):

In the name of God, the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (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.

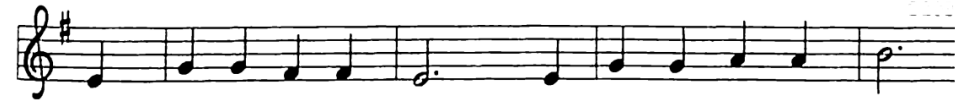
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Let us begin with a time of silent reflection.

All: Most merciful God, 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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Kyrie pg. 203 (sung by all):



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 107:

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

P: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

P: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

P: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

C: he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.

P: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

C: he sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.

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A reading from the Old Testament, Numeri 21: 4 – 9: *The Secret of the Bronze Serpent*

Hymn 334, Lent 4: Give Us Eyes to See You Clearly

The Gospel according to John 3: 14 – 21: Nicodemus and Jesus

Congregation: (response after the announcement) **Glory to you, O Lord.**
(response after the conclusion) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 332: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Sharing of Peace

Prayers of Intercession

Concluding: Lord, in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn # 359: Where Charity and Love Prevail

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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