

8:30 Service, March 27, 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude *I Call to You, Lord Christ* by J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and give us new hearts.

P: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we fail to live for your Word. We turn away from you and towards the influencers of our world that would have us place our trust in them. We fall into temptation and seek to self-justify our thoughts and actions. We do not see clearly the need of our neighbors. When we seek need our actions or inactive often contribute to their pain rather than free them from suffering. We do not want to rely on you. In your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, + Son and 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

WL: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*WL: For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*WL: For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WL: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us Pray,

C: 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING **Psalm 23**

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Return To God***

**Return to God with
all your heart, the Source
of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.
(Repeat)**

GOSPEL **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW #332)**

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

APOSTLE'S CREED

WL: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: 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 into hell.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS *WL: Lord in your mercy,*
C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING Ministry Team Update: Children, Youth & Family

OFFERATORY O Dearest Jesus, Where Hast Thou Offended? By Johann Christoph Oley

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, ho let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin
of the world:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us,
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you break the chains of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us,
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us,
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us,
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin
of the world:
grant us peace,
grant us peace,
grant us peace.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak (ELW #676)

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

**4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you God's peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

***Our Father, We Have Wandered* (ELW #606)**

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.**

- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

- 3 O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee* by J.S. Bach

Music by Nancy Betz

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