



*Whoever  
believes in Him  
should not perish  
but have eternal life*

## *Fourth Sunday Of Lent*

*St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
8:30 a.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

## 4th Sunday In Lent "Son of Man Lifted Up"

### Divine Setting Two

March 14, 2021

#### Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn "God Himself is Present" LSB #907 vs s1-3

Stand

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1*

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.**

**ALL: 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 (canted) LSB 168**

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Sit

**Hymn of Lent** "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" *LSB #425 vs 1-4*

Stand

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *LSB 172*

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray. 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. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

**Old Testament Reading** *Numbers 21:4–9*

(Moses guides the Israelites toward the Red Sea and the people rebel, incurring God's wrath)

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *Hebrews 12:2*

A O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

A 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.**

**Epistle** *Ephesians 2:1–10*

(The Apostle Paul contrasts our foul work with God's Holy Work)

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in 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 coming ages 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 a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent)**      *LSB 157*



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Holy Gospel**      *John 3:14–21*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Second Article** *Redemption*

**All:** And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

**All:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day:** "God Loved The World So That He Gave" *LSB #571 vs 1-6*

**Message** "Only By The Grace Of God"

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" *LSB #895 vs 1-3*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**      *LSB 183*

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.**

**Closing Hymn** "Lift High The Cross"      *LSB #837*

**Offering:** We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

**Return To The Lord** is our theme for Lent this year. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Class** meets on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

**Who Am I?:** This study is led by Vicar Jeff Hagen. Join us on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour.

**Planning Council** (officers and board chairpersons) will meet on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Lilies:** We are taking orders for Easter Lilies. Cost is \$19.00. Please contact us at the church office and let us know who you are giving it in memory of. Thank you.

**The Banquet in Sioux Falls:** St. John's will be serving The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, April 7. We are in need of members to help serve and also people to drive out to The Banquet. Please sign up on the sheet in the front entry.

## Take My Moments and My Days

**Sunday, March 14:** 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Classes

**Tuesday, March 16:** 6:00 p.m. Planning Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 17:** 3:45 p.m. Confirmation, 6:00 p.m. Lent Service

**Thursday, March 18:** Circuit Pastors Meeting

**Sunday, March 21:** 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Classes



**In Our Prayers:** Bob Brolsma, Joan Hartke

**Coping With Cancer:** Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

**Care List:** Jethro Zezulka, Dan Hanson, Sandy Claussen, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson, Wanda Klima, Lois Anderson, Marilyn Pierson, Vivian Richards, Crue Crosby, Janet & Dick Lepird, Butch Mulso, Lorraine Gagnon, Karen Brolsma, Dennis Cook, Norma Brolsma, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts.

**We Remember** the family and friends of Joanne Sathoff. Joanne was called to her eternal rest on February 27. Her funeral was held here at St. John's on Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m.

We remember the family and friends of Julie Clemmens. Julie was called to her eternal rest on March 5 and her funeral was held on March 12.

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week** Doreen Burmeister, Sandi Fischer, Jayne VanderWert, Sam Meixell, Cathy Brandt, Noah Meixell, Christy Olson, Molly Roben, Dona Anderson, Joyce Ask, Chuck Brantner, Owen Runkle, Jarvis Weber, Ruby Roben, Tom Nelson, Lily Truesdell, Theresa Anderson, Paul Weseman, Shawna Webster, Hayden Hartung, Gerry Wedner

**Members Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:** Don & Lyn Laue