



4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Living Out God's Kingdom: The Call to Serve

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We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) within the Montana Synod. Our mission is to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion. In this unusual time of anxiety and concern about the corona virus, we believe one way we do that is to follow the guidance of public health officials and practice physical distancing. That does not mean we have to stop being church together. Our baptism into the body of Christ joins us together in ways that cannot be broken. Our worship today will begin with a thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Baptism. As you wait for the live-stream service to begin, you are invited to create a worship space of your own: light a candle, or put some water in a bowl so that you can actively participate in our time together.

Upon the recommendation of our presiding Bishop, we will fast from receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the remaining weeks of Lent. Fasting is one of the disciplines of Lent; an opportunity for us to take time to stop, reflect, and ponder the meaning of whatever we are fasting from. Let this be a time of deepening understanding about how Christ meets us in this meal. Let it be a time of remembering also that Jesus meets us in the promises of our baptism, in the living word of Scripture, and in the fellowship of believers.

GATHERING

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At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: Blessing and Honor

ELW #854

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2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
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Gospel: Mark 12:28-34, 41-44 **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time & Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW #714

1. O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.
2. You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
4. For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant s the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.
5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other’s burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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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.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

SENDING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, (+) and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (tune: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*) ELW #645

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might, and one in glory while unending ages run!

Go in peace, to love and serve God and your neighbor. **We will, and we ask God to help us!**

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Announcements....

Out of concern for the privacy of persons for whom we are praying, individual names will not be read on the public livestream. Please know that you or your loved ones continue to be held in the prayers of the church.

Prayer Focus: Love (In your prayers this week you are invited to ask Jesus to help you love others as you love yourself, and to love yourself as you love others. This means complying with public health recommendations on physical distancing whether or not you feel ill.)

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During Lent:

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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.

Gospel

The gospel is announced: The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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The First Commandment

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; 33 and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Widow’s Offering

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Children’s Time & Sermon
Bull

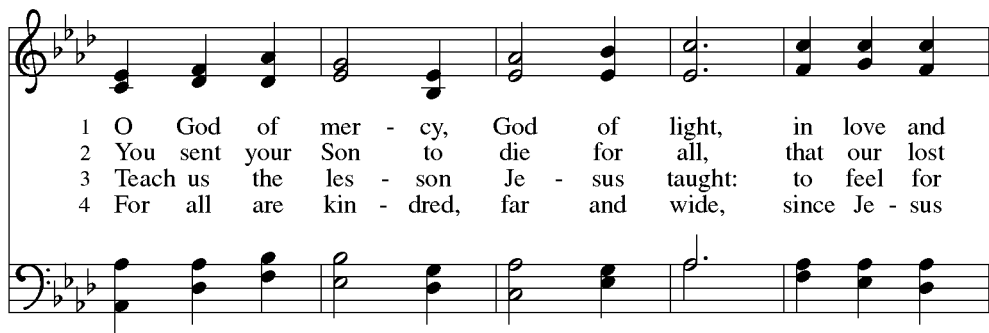
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Hymn of the Day: O God of Mercy, God of Light

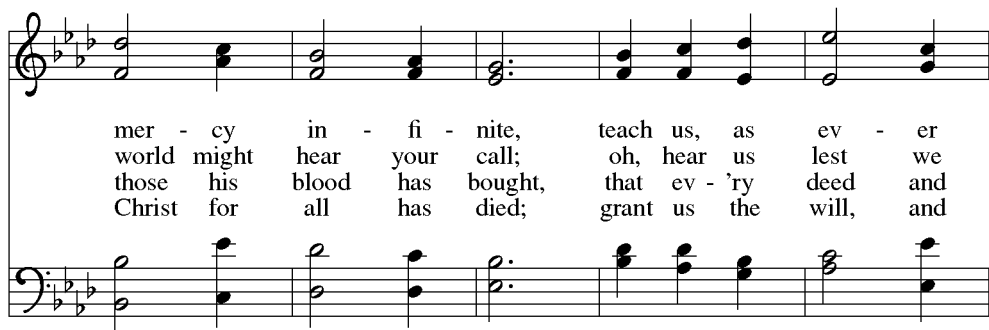
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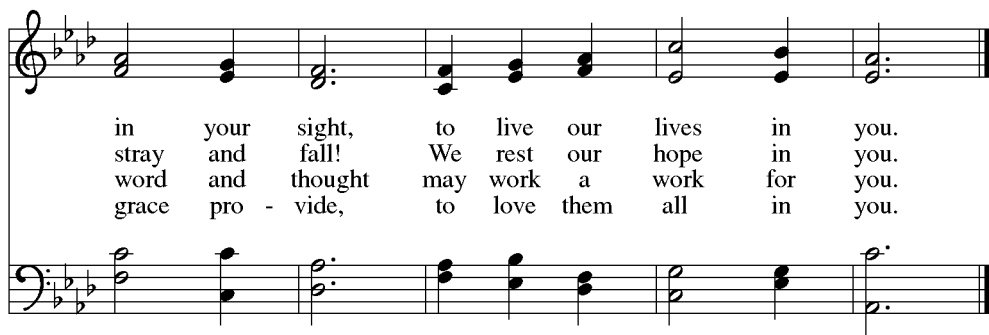
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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 403

No one can lay any foundation other than Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion. Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther; Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, to - day, With ac - cus - tomed lov - ing - kind - ness
 Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee for - ev - er
 to the Son. Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it;

Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Thy peo - ple as they pray, And Thy full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er Three and ev - er One. One in might and

help for - ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
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 One in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

TEXT: Latin Hymn, 7th century; translated by John M. Neale

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

A lower setting may be found at No. 754

REGENT SQUARE

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Go in peace, to love and serve God and your neighbor. **We will, and we ask God to help us!**

Sw. Soft Strings

Gt. Solo String 8'

Ped. Soft 16', 8'



Ped. 33, Chorus, Vibrato

ARIA

3 3/4 minutes

ESTHER HIGGINS

Andante ♩ = 72

Sw. mp

cantabile
Gt. mf
p Sw. 3

3

mf 3

Musical score system 1, featuring piano and bass staves. The piano part includes a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The bass part is a single bass clef staff. Dynamics include *mp* and *poco rit.*. There are two triplet markings (*3*) over the piano part.

Musical score system 2, labeled "CODA (omit first time)". It features piano and bass staves. The piano part includes a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The bass part is a single bass clef staff. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present. There are markings for "Sw." (Swell) and "opp" (Opposite) in the piano part.

Musical score system 3, labeled "A little faster" with a tempo change to $\text{♩} = 84$. It features piano and bass staves. The piano part includes a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The bass part is a single bass clef staff. Dynamics include *rit.*, *mf*, and *Fine*. There are markings for "Sw. Oboe" and "Gt. Soft String".

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First system of musical notation. It consists of three staves: a treble clef staff at the top, a bass clef staff in the middle, and another bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features a melodic line in the treble staff and accompaniment in the bass staves. There are slurs and accents throughout.

Second system of musical notation, continuing from the first system. It features the same three-staff layout and key signature. The melodic line in the treble staff continues with various rhythmic patterns and slurs.

Third system of musical notation. The treble staff shows a melodic line with slurs and accents. The middle bass staff has some notes with slurs and accents. The bottom bass staff continues the accompaniment.

Fourth system of musical notation, the final system on the page. It includes a treble staff, a middle bass staff, and a bottom bass staff. The key signature changes to two sharps (F# and C#) at the end of the system. There are dynamic markings and performance instructions.

D. S.

♯ Gt. Solo String

♮ Sw. Soft Strings