

FOURTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**



March 14, 2021

First Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

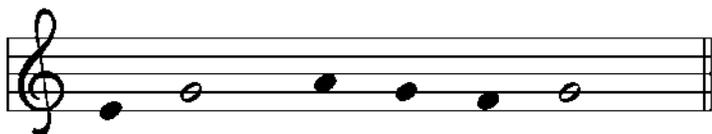
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PRELUDE *TRIPTYCH ON DISTRESS*

- I. O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come
- II. DISTRESS
- III. Accarezzevole [Caressingly]

David Lasky
Carlton R. Young
Kris Rizzotto

THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE CONFESSION

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

C: God is among us!

P: Together we are called:

C: To go out!

P: We are called:

C: To care for all!

P: We are called:

C: To proclaim the gospel!

P: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

P: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart. Together, let us confess our sins:

A time of silence and reflection

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

- P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For the misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

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.

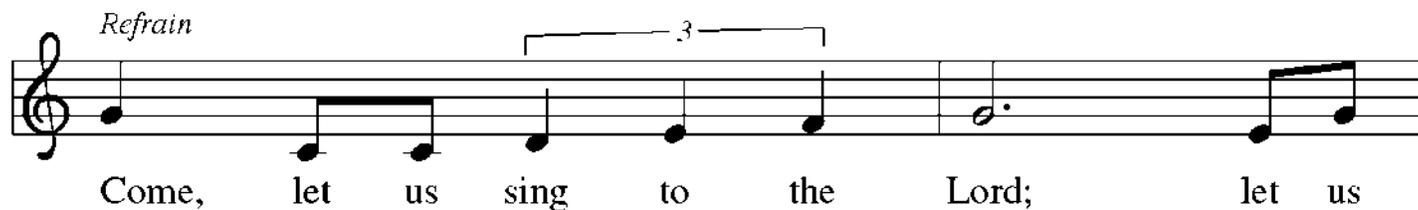
THE PSALMODY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



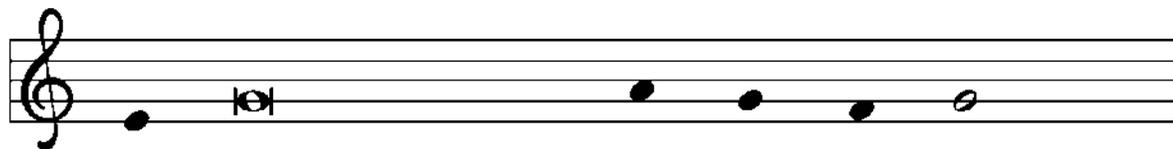
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us



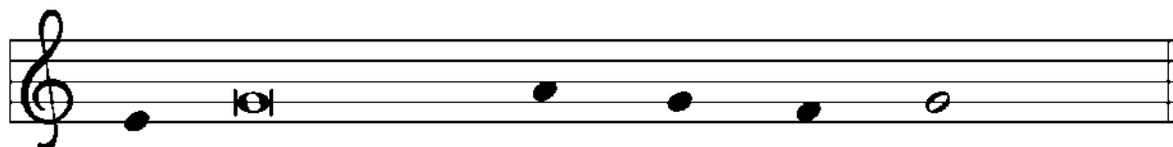
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Verses will be sung by our Cantor.

Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

READING FROM 1 KINGS 17:8-24

R: A reading from 1 Kings the seventeenth chapter.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that

she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Jason W. Krug

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Bells of Praise

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

MARK 5:1-20

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fifth chapter.

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

¹They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; ⁴for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; ⁷and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; ¹²and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen ⁸what had happened to the demoniac

and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

O CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS. W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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SERMON

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

The verses will be sung by our Cantor.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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 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.**

MEDITATION

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Three preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes

II. RHOSYMEDRE

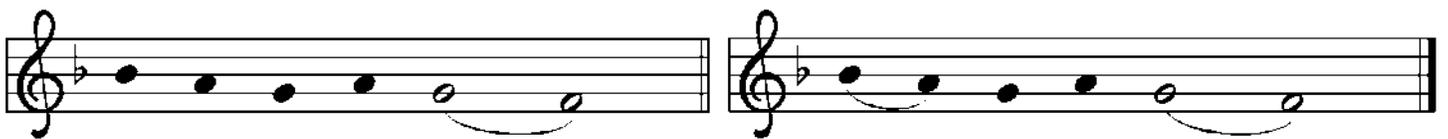
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

THE BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman. c. 1624–1683

Music: RHOSYMEDRE. John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. For God is Among Us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

David Lasky

RHOSYMEDRE
My Song Is Love Unknown

Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	Victor Welsch	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	Wendy Bailey Andrew Bailey
<i>Hosts:</i>	Janet & Joe Zirger	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	Pastor Bailey
<i>Lector:</i>	Gracie Chester	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	John Bailey
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Curtis L. King	<i>Pastor:</i>	Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

Weekly Announcements



In place of our traditional Midweek Lenten Service, you and your family are invited to join Pastor Bailey in the chapel for a time of prayer and individual communion. The chapel will be open from 2 – 4 and from 5:30 – 7:30. No appointments are necessary.

“This is my Body. This is my Blood!” Together all youth who have not yet received their first communion are welcome to join Pastor Bailey following worship as we prepare to gather around the Table of Holy Communion. Classes will take place on Sunday March 14, 21, and 28 in the Dietz Room. Our service for First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



Celebrating Holy Week



Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

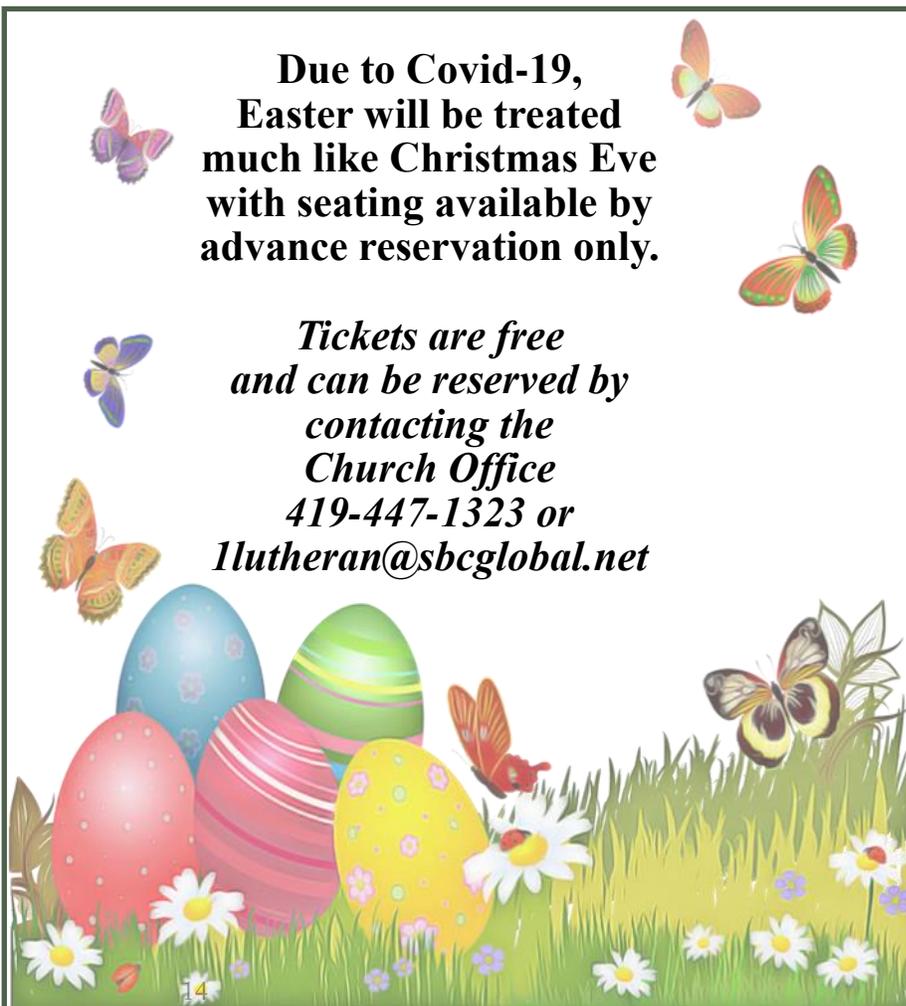
Easter Sunday

Together we celebrate the glories of the Resurrection on Sunday:

April 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Due to Covid-19, Easter will be treated much like Christmas Eve with seating available by advance reservation only.

Tickets are free and can be reserved by contacting the Church Office 419-447-1323 or llutheran@sbcglobal.net



If you would like to order an Easter Lily to help beautify the Nave for Easter, you may do so using the Easter Lily envelopes provided in the lobby area or in the Church Office. Lily envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, March 7th.

Each lily will be \$10.

Completed envelopes may be brought to the Church Office.



All designations must be received by March 30th if you wish your name and dedication to be included in the list of those who gave lilies.

First Lutheran Preschool/Extended Care will soon begin registration for our summer and fall programs. We will open registration to FLC members, starting Monday, March 22nd. Current families may register beginning Monday, March 29th. Registration will open to the general public on Tuesday, April 6th. If you have any questions, please call 419-447-1145.

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