

**Lenten Midweek 4 (March 13th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm 85

- ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ²**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**
- ³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**
- ⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**
- ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹²**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- ¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Office Hymn: 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 14

¹Return, O Israel, to the LORD
your God,
for you have stumbled because
of your iniquity.
²Take with you words
and return to the LORD;
say to him,
“Take away all iniquity;
accept what is good,
and we will pay with bulls
the vows of our lips.
³Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride on horses;
and we will say no more, ‘Our
God,’
to the work of our hands.
In you the orphan finds mercy.”
⁴I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from
them.
⁵I will be like the dew to Israel;
he shall blossom like the lily;
he shall take root like the trees
of Lebanon;
⁶his shoots shall spread out;

his beauty shall be like the
olive,
and his fragrance like
Lebanon.
⁷They shall return and dwell
beneath my shadow;
they shall flourish like the
grain;
they shall blossom like the vine;
their fame shall be like the
wine of Lebanon.
⁸O Ephraim, what have I to do
with idols?
It is I who answer and look
after you.
I am like an evergreen cypress;
from me comes your fruit.
⁹Whoever is wise, let him
understand these things;
whoever is discerning, let him
know them;
for the ways of the LORD are
right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in
them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7–21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1–17

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 231

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

- L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Sermon

Stand

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

Sit

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

- C** **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

The Litany

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

L God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

L Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

L Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** We poor sinners implore You
- C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C** **we implore You to hear us.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **hear us.**
- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,

- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy. Amen.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 588 Jesus Loves Me

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In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Sem. Brandon Sullivan

Liturgist: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Kris Bischoff

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

Announcements

Easter Flowers: Please see insert in bulletin

Educator of the Year 2024: Please consider nominating one of SPI's wonderful teachers for The Lutheran School Partnership Educator of the Year. The form can be found at the following link: <https://forms.gle/q5Eb3SHy7BYwEpQA9>

April Newsletter: Deadline has been extended to Thursday March 21st.

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.