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Lent 4

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for
God so loved
the world
THAT HE GAVE HIS
only son,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
should not perish,
but have
eternal life.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 107:1-9

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷ He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #744

“How Great Thou Art”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G *♩* **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

G *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end**

that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

G *♩* **A - - - men.**

INTROIT

Ps. 27:1,3-5

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

G **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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.

G **For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me upon a rock.**

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Glory be to the Father!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the text 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The second system covers the text 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.'. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords, primarily triads and dyads, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 2:1-10 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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-- ³ 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL READING – John 3:14-21 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

P This is the Word of the LORD.



**The Baptism of
Emmalyn Elizabeth Goodwin**



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father**

almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: WS #750

“See This Wonder in the Making”

SERMON – Numbers 21:4-9 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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.

Look Up and Live

- I. See who's in the wilderness
- II. See Who's on the pole



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

☪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: TLH #145

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: WS #788:1 "Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

- C** 🎵 Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine
upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His
countenance upon you and give you His peace.

- C** 🎵 Amen, amen, a – men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #390

"Drawn to the Cross"

✠ Announcements ✠

CLC Call News Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has accepted the call to teach lower grades at its school. <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI. <> Luther Memorial Congregation, Fond du Lac WI, has called the Rev.

Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. <> Brian Fox, Messiah Lutheran Church and ILC Boys' Dorm Supervisor, Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call as primary teacher/principal of Valley Bible Academy, St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA.

Baptism Today we were given the blessed opportunity to witness the re-birth and adoption into God's family of Emmalyn Elizabeth Goodwin. Please join Megan and Steve and the congregation in offering up prayers of thanksgiving for this wonderful blessing of baptism and ask that the Lord might continue to bless Emmalyn in her spiritual growth throughout her life.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Baby Shower
- ✠ **Mar. 14:** Midweek Lenten service at 6:30pm
- ✠ **Mar. 17:** Church Work Day
- ✠ **Mar. 18:** Bds. Of Elders & Ed
- ✠ **Mar. 30:** Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Last Week (3/4) Attendance: WH – 43 Wed. – 20

General = \$1,811 | CLC Missions = \$80 | Tuition = \$1600 |
Property Imprv. = \$25 | Mailboxes = \$220 | **Total Offering = \$3736**

March Usher: Goodwin | **Acolyte (3/18):** Matthew
| **Cleaner (3/17):** Rodebaugh

Letter from Australia *The following is a letter (and wonderful, faithful Christian witness) written to the CLC from the Stillers, a family/congregation of 5 in Dutton, Australia. The Stillers are members of the CLC.*

“We are happy to give the brethren information of our congregation, but there is not really a lot we can present.

“We are totally on our own, as in the Barossa Valley and its greater area, there is so much baked-on blind loyalty to the heterodox LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia). Even those (and there are a few) who KNOW the rottenness in the LCA are so stubborn and cowardly to do anything about it as they are commanded (Romans 16:17). We are in fact hated and mocked, as in a community that all sticks together, gossip and slander have prime opportunity and flourishes. Nevertheless, our sufficiency is of Christ, and we with God’s strength hold our heads up and continue in knowing what is right and God-pleasing.

“We hold our divine services each Sunday, celebrating the Lord’s Supper fortnightly. We use the traditional order of service for the Communion and non-Communion Services which was standard in the time of my childhood days. This was also the English order that my father knew so well. It was so beneficial for dad, especially in later times, when he was not able to read from the printed order. We cherish this sound and Christ/Redeemer focused order, and there is no problem (except of our own human laziness) in benefitting from the heavenly and devotional content. When you have got something good—stick to it. . . .

“I was privileged to be able instruct and confirm our children, Rebekah, Jesse and Mariah. To date I have conducted 2 funeral services.

“We have our family devotions each day and delight in each evening after devotion, singing with the organ three hymns to lift our hearts to God in prayer and praise.

“As I need to be employed in secular work, I am so grateful that God has given me this spiritual service of His to our precious Christ-bought brothers and sisters here in an apostate land. To God be the Glory. Amen!”

- Tim Stiller, Pastor of Steadfast Ev. Lutheran Church, Dutton, Australia.