

Sunday, March 14, 2021 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sarah Sejen

WELCOME

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Fountain of living water,

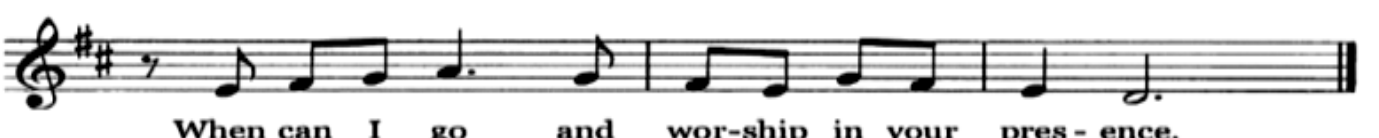
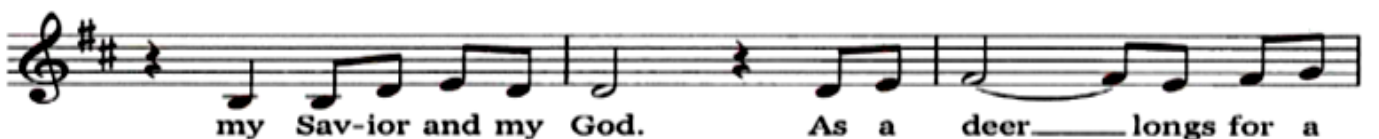
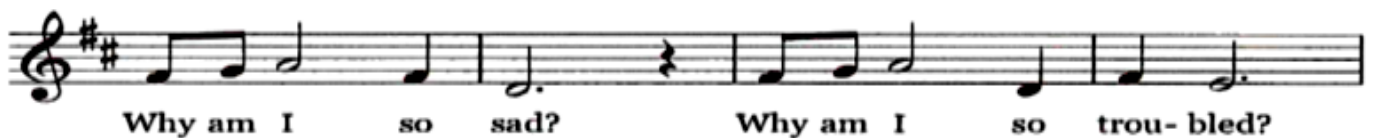
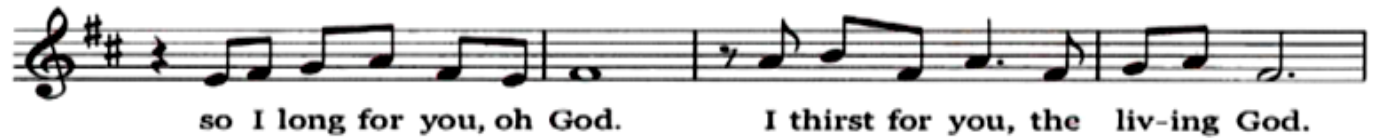
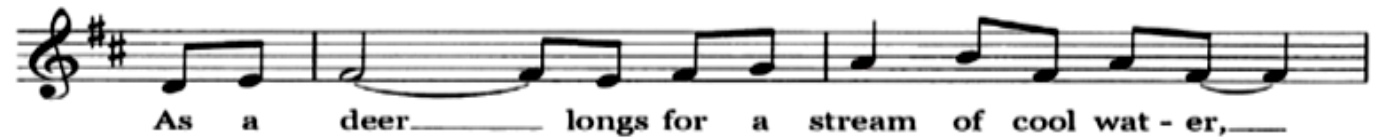
C **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

AS A DEER



GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The 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 detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and

everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, for God's mercy
en- | dures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim that God redeemed
them from the hand | of the foe,

³gathering them in | from the lands; from the east and from the west,
from the north and | from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths; through their sins
they | were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all man- | ner of food and drew near | to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD and you delivered
them from | their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your | word and healed them and rescued them | from
the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love and
your wonderful works | for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with |
shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us
⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together
with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him
and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the
ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the
result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to
be our way of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord your God, who is
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are

condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Gary N. McCluskey

HYMN OF THE DAY

AMAZING GRACE

1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good - to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:

A Hear us, O God.

The congregation will respond with:

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

A We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

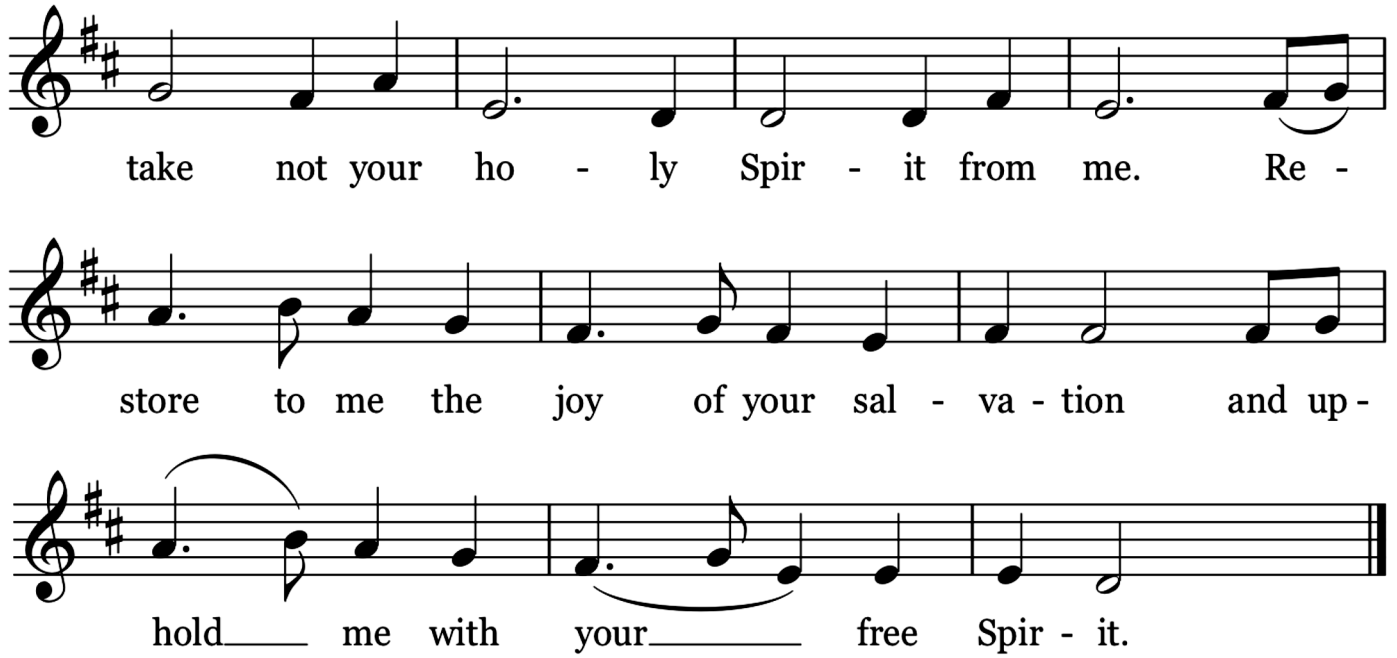
C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, oh God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



take not your ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion and up -

hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

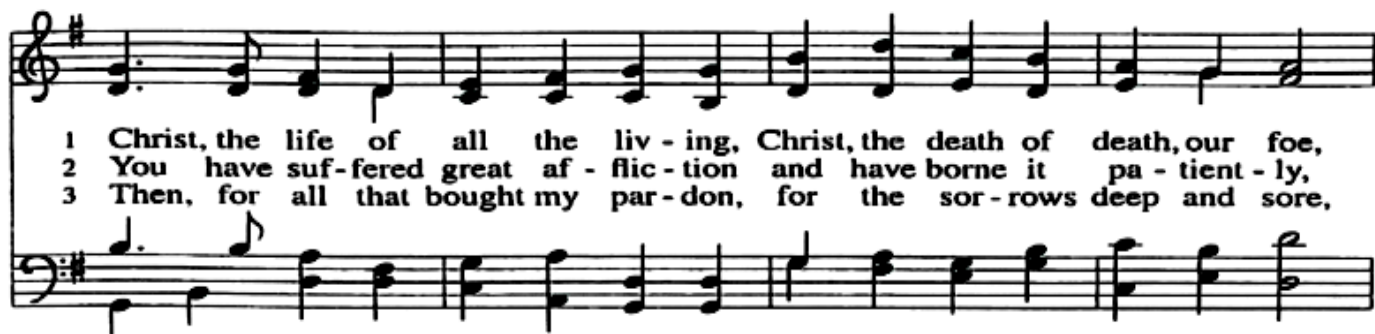
BENEDICTION

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

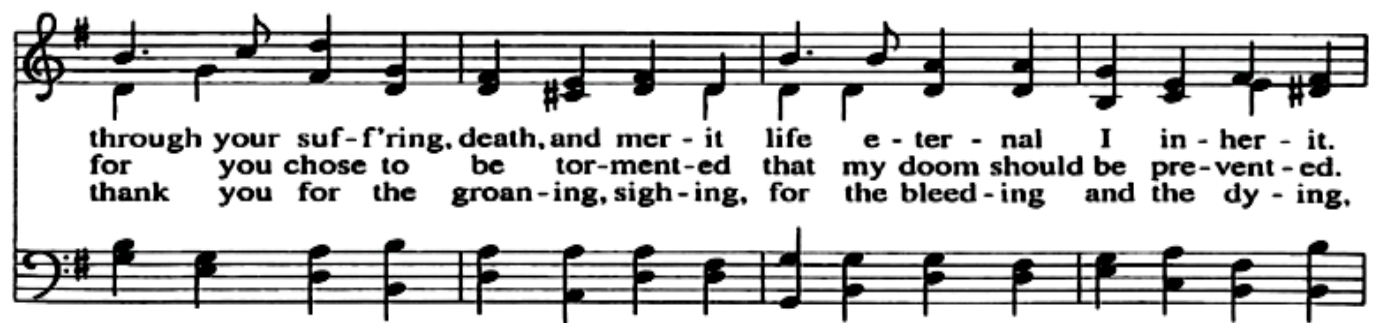
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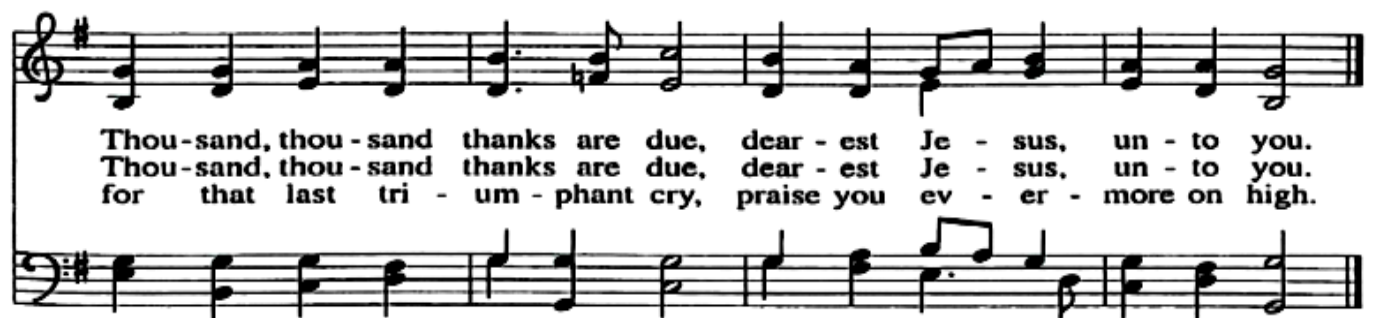
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

John Fillo & Nic Peters

Participants in Worship

Pastor

Gary N. McCluskey

Worship Assistant

Loni Lehnhardt

Lector

Keith Cornell

Director of Music

Aiko Yamada Mancini

Video and Audio Production

Terry Pochert

Brian & Aiko Mancini

Musicians

John Fillo, bass and guitar

Nic Peters, cello

Nils Peterson, voice

Sarah Sejen, piano

Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice and piano