



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

If you were to conduct a survey on a congregation's favorite passages from Scripture, both today's Epistle Holy Gospel would likely end up among the most loved, and rightly so. Both of these sets of verses get to the heart of what the faith is all about. They get to heart of what it is that makes Christianity different from all other world religions—things like grace, love, and sacrifice. These big two passages are "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8–9) and "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). These are verses that we should read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest!

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to one of our pastors at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Thank you!

PRELUDE (6:30)	"God's Time Is Always Best"	- Bach/Burkhardt
(9:00)	"Invention" from Sonate I Scott Hoefling, <i>Alto Saxophone</i>	- Bedard

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar +*

❖ **HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

❖ INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

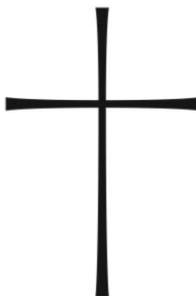
+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* [John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**



OLD TESTAMENT

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. 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." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 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. 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." 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.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

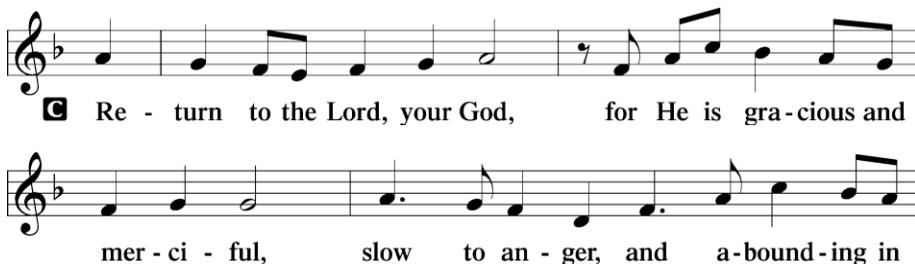
Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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— 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. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ VERSE for LENT



C 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



❖ **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:14-21

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 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. 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. 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. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 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 Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OFFERING + Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (6:30)

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00) *Recitative:* "And as Moses Lifted Up the Serpent" - Stainer
Anthem: "God So Loved the World" - Stainer

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

❖ OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

❖ PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al-so with you.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

❖ AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

SOLO

"Barcarolle" from Sonate I

- Bedard

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543

❖ SONG OF SIMEON

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther 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.

❖ CLOSING PRAYER

A *We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

❖ BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.*



+ *Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.* +

❖ HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

❖ DISMISSAL

A *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE (6:30)

"Prelude and Fugue in g minor"

- Willan

(9:00)

"Humoresque" from Sonate I

- Bedard

Today, over the course of the service, we will be hearing the Sonata I for organ and alto saxophone by Canadian composer Denis Bedard. Trinity member Scott Hoefling will be playing the alto saxophone. This sonata, written in 1994, is in three sections or movements. The first is entitled “Invention”. It is based on two contrasting themes, the first quicker is heard at the beginning, this is followed in the middle of the piece by a slower more melodic theme, at the conclusion, the composer brings both themes together. The second movement, “Barcarolle,” brings to mind a ride on a boat down a river, the organ playing short figurations to represent the water splashing, and the saxophone plays the part of the gondolier, singing a melody. The final movement, “Humoresque”, is just that. A short, comical melody begins the piece, to be followed by a more melodic melody on sax, while the organ plays a series of rapid figurations. The composer brings back the opening theme and the piece ends with a bang. Henry and Scott will also be playing this in a program this afternoon at St. Peter’s Lutheran in Huntington Station, as the church celebrates the 50th anniversary of their pipe organ.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday March 14

7:15 PM Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Saturday/Sunday March 17/18

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday March 21

7:15 PM Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Saturday/Sunday Palm Sunday March 24/25

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion