

## 4 LENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"Now is the Time of Grace" (cardstock)*

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

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

**Amen.**

*You deliver your people from their distress.*

**Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west;  
from the north and from the south.

**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;**  
**through their sins they were afflicted.**

They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

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

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

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

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

*Saved by grace through faith for good works*

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in 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. All 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. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through 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 ages to come 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 the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God; Word of Life. **R/ Thanks be to God!**

*The lifting up of the Son of Man*

**John 3:14-21**

[Jesus said:] “Just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“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. Those 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. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **R/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: **ELW 343** *“My Song is Love Unknown”*

PRAYERS

WE PLEDGE GOD’S PEACE TO EACH OTHER

CONSECRATION OF BREAD AND WINE

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to  
the Lord, our God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE and WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Here is bread for the journey - a feast for hungry hearts. All are welcome!

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**ELW 341** *"Now Behold the Lamb"*

**ELW 336** *"Lamb of God"*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE:

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: **ELW 737** *"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"*

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

