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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship – 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

AS WE GATHER – *From the start of His public ministry to its conclusion, Jesus performed many miracles. In bringing sight to the blind, He gave them a new vision of the world and opened new possibilities for them. As the One who brings the light of salvation to His people, Jesus opens new possibilities for our lives. As our perfect substitute, He takes the weight of sin from us and lightens the burdens we bear. Both lightened and enlightened, we rejoice in the miracles we experience each day by His grace.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Prelude in G Major”

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME [Please fill out prayer request cards.]

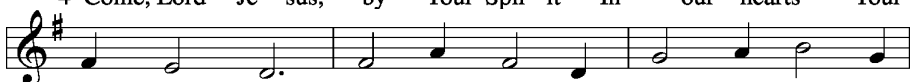
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♯ OPENING HYMN

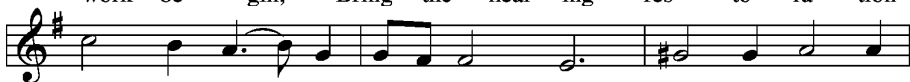
Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
With the Fa - ther's "Let there be..." Light and life burst
"Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness

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hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24-26

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
- C** **Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!**
- P** *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*
- C** **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.*
- C** **Eternal God, we confess that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. By nature we are sinful from the very beginning of our life. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**
- P** *God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.* **C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

- P** *My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.*
- Women:** **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.**
- Men:** *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 high upon a rock.*
- Women:** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**
- Men:** *I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*
- All:** **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.**
- P** *My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. As we follow in His steps, give us wisdom, patience, and courage to minister in His name to all who suffer and are in need; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:14–21

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P / **L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8–14

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P / **L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE FOR LENT

Psalms 36:9; Hebrews 12:2

All: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

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

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord Is My Light

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "The Lord Is My Light". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my



To Stanzas

strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?



1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His



house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the



Lord All the days of my life.



2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev-'ry day I will



seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth-er may for -



sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me.



3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -



long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the



Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

SERMON

“GRACE OVER KARMA”

John 9:1-41

- I. Karma is the popular idea that good or bad deeds bring blessings or curses.
- II. But we are saved by grace, God’s gift in Jesus, and not by karma.

APOSTLE'S 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 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.

OFFERING

“Voluntary in G Major”

by G. F. Broadhead

OFFERTORY

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

1. Oh, how He loves you and me, _____
 2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, _____

Oh, how He loves you and me, _____
 His love for sin - ners to show, _____

He gave His life, what _____ more could He give?
 What He did there brought _____ hope from de - spair.

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me, _____

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** *Your kingdom come. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Strengthen us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil thanks, that our own wills be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need [including . . .], praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER


- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- 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.**

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 His peace.* **C** **Amen.**

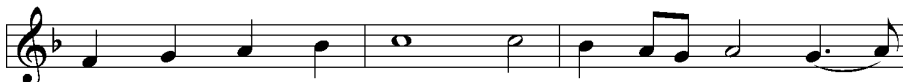
CLOSING HYMN

O Son of God, In Galilee



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each

(continued)



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

[Birthdays: Casey Bennett, Melissa Maestas, Lydia Creager]

POSTLUDE

"Processional"

E. Batiste

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

April 2: ***"Freedom in the Spirit"***; Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Hour Speaker
 Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. (Romans 8:1-11)

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