

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP IV

MARCH 26, 2025 ~ 11:30 AM AND 6:30 PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE GOOD NEWS OF A SAVIOR WHO GIVES HIMSELF IN OUR PLACE

Opening Voluntary

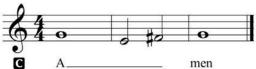


*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

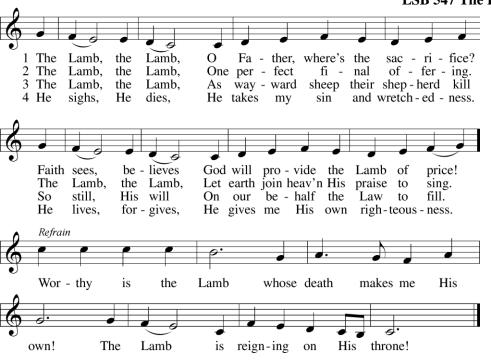
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Psalm Psalm 32

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- **©** For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- P You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.
- P Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
- **P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
- 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.

*Hymn LSB 547 The Lamb



READINGS

First Reading Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Galatians 3:7–14

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Verse [The Alleluia is omitted for Lent]

Romans 10:17

© Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Holy Gospel John 3:16–17

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

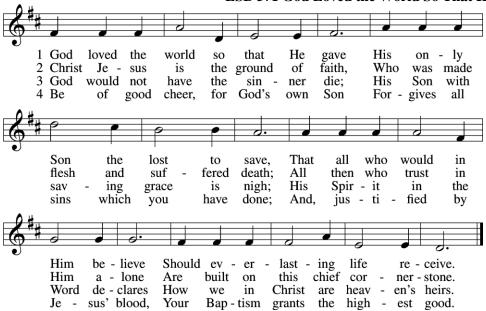
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confirmation Testimonies (6:30)

Lyla McCarty, Grace Robinson, Austin Rutledge

Hymn

LSB 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon "The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place" (Genesis 22:1-18)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

*Passion Reading John 18:28–32

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Responsive Litany

- P Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- **C** Let our cry come to You.

- P Gracious God, heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son,
- **C** But gave Him up for us,
- P Grant us peace and assurance
- **C** In the knowledge of Your saving love.
- **P** For this is love—not that we have loved You but that You have loved us
- **C** And have given Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- P Grant that this Good News spread throughout creation that more people in every place may know that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son,
- **C** That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- P Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

*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.

*Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Luther's Evening Prayer (6:30)

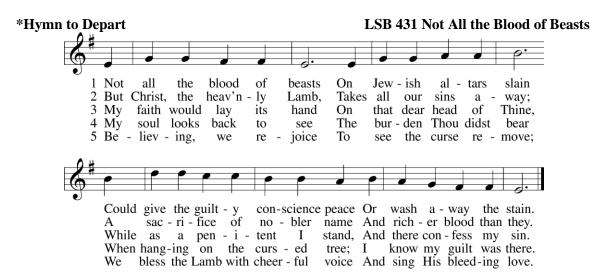
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Benediction

- **P** The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

*Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: 11:30: Sem. Kurtis Hankemeier; 6:30: Sem. Ryan Milbrath

Organist: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: C. Stackle/T.Hutton/W. Schuessler

Elders: <u>11:30</u>: Jonathan Gathman; <u>6:30</u>: Jerry Grant

Ushers: 11:30: Lenten Morning Team; 6:30: Team #16 – Don Hopkins, Captain