



**St. PETER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Order of Worship

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn, 801, How Great Thou Art

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I  
see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
**Refrain**

**(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior  
God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How  
great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my  
Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the  
trees; When I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle  
breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not  
sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it  
in—That on the cross my burden gladly  
bearing He bled and died to take away my  
sin; **Refrain**

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

## Kyrie

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| <b>L</b> O Lord,   | <b>G</b> have mercy. |
| <b>L</b> O Christ, | <b>G</b> have mercy. |
| <b>L</b> O Lord,   | <b>G</b> have mercy. |

## Salutation and Collect

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you. | <b>G</b> And also with you. |
| <b>P</b> Let us pray.          |                             |

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze<sup>[a]</sup> serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- L** This is the word of the Lord **G** **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Gospel Reading: John 3:13-21

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world,<sup>[c]</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> 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."

📖 This is the word of the Lord 📢 **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Hymn of the Day, 571, God Loved the World So That He Gave** Text: Public domain

1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

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.

3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

## **Sermon – by John Albers**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **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**

### **Peace of the Lord**

*(Please greet the people in your family group or near to you with a wave.)*

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

## Verba

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper, As the Grains of Wheat** © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc. ELW #465

**(Refrain) As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill**

**Were gathered into one to become our bread;**

**So may all your people from all the ends of earth**

**Be gathered into one in you.**

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our  
midst,

May we share the presence of your love. **(Refrain)**

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
When all creation shared this feast with you.

**(Refrain)**

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

**C Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Announcements**

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

## Closing Song: 744, Amazing Grace

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1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God