



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 14, 2021**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” **902**

**Confession and Absolution** **151**

**Introit** **Ps. 27:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1**

**[P]** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**[C]** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**[P]** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**[C]** though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**[P]** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**[C]** 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.

**[P]** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**[C]** he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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]** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**[C]** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Kyrie** **152-3**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** **156**

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** *(sung)* **And also with you.**

**[P]** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful

goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (*sung*) Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9 ESV

<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 serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

**P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**C** the founder and perfecter of our faith.

**P** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame.

**C** and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10 ESV

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through

faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**Verse** **John 3:16**

*Spoken by all:* **For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**Holy Gospel** **St. John 3:14–21**    **ESV**

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

**C** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> [Jesus said:] “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>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, 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.”

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

**Apostles’ Creed** **159**

**Hymn**      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” **425**

**Sermon** **Numbers 21:4-9**  
“Lifted Up for Life”

**Prayer of the Church**

*Spencer Hesel, Carolyn Geesman, Barney Olson, Everett Rettig, Martin Chergosky (Carolyn Kolander’s father), Lorna Nielsen, Kathy Miller (Neil Miller’s, Susan Flurer’s and Patti Einertson’s sister-in-law), Delbert Milbrath (Steve Milbrath’s uncle), Travus Mekosch, Kim Nesmoe.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Final petition concludes:*

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" **571**

## **Collect**

**P** Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**

**Benediction** **166**

**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.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**

**Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" **543**

## **Postlude**



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