



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Lent 4

Theme of the Day:
Rethinking Religion: Rethinking the Solution to Sin

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

574 The Tree of Life

CW 574

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Please stand.

Musical staff with notes and lyrics: O Lord, o - pen my lips,

Musical staff with notes and lyrics: and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Musical staff with notes and lyrics: Has - ten to save me, O God;

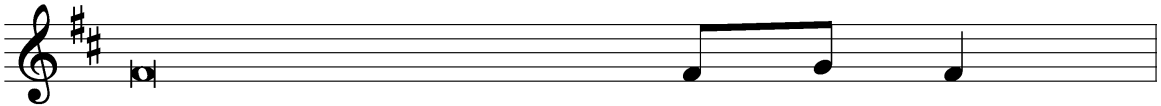
Musical staff with notes and lyrics: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

Musical staff with notes and lyrics: Lent Christ destroyed the dev - il's pow'r:

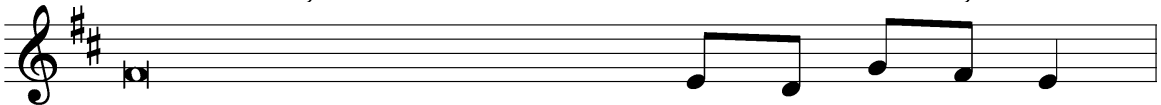
Musical staff with notes and lyrics: praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

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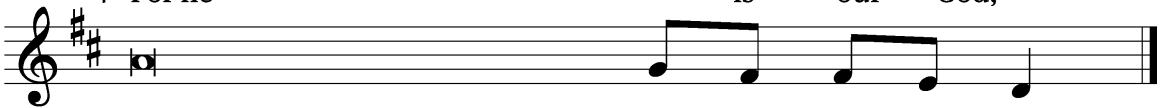
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

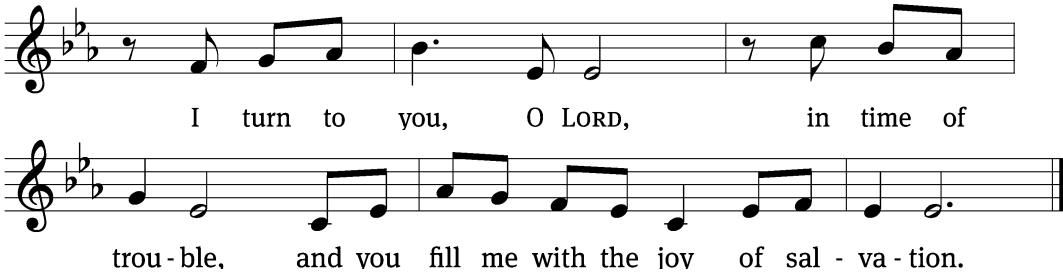
Please be seated.

The Presiding Minister will sing the 1st refrain. He will also sing the odd verses. The congregation may sing where bolded and all subsequent refrains.

32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalm 32A

Refrain



I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Tone



P: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

**C: Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.**

P: When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

**C: For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.**

P: Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. Refrain**

P: You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

**C: Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

God’s solution to sin is offered by grace and received through faith.

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 3:14–21

Christ is the solution to sin. Whoever believes in Christ shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

570 God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570

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Sermon Text:

Numbers 21:4–9

The LORD promised a solution for the bite of venomous snakes. That solution perhaps seemed nonsensical. Yet, all those who trusted God’s promise lived.

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” ⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Theme: God has an unlikely solution for sin.

- 1) For our soul’s sin: the problem**
- 2) For our problem: faith in his Word of Promise**

575 By Grace I’m Saved

CW 575

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Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

Lord, Have Mercy

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Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
 A - men.

409 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 409

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Announcements

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God’s Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Large print bulletins are available upon request, with the Hymns for the service printed in them. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

GOD ON TRIAL This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth. Join us to see what God did for us on Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK: We will continue our Bible Study on Worship this morning. This week we will look at “When I Don’t feel like it”.

CRUMBLING STEPS Use at your own risk -- At its meeting the church council would like to remind everyone that the steps on the northeast side of the church are crumbling. Those would be the steps that lead directly to the sanctuary from the parking lot. While the damage is minimal, it is strongly recommended that you don't use those steps as an entrance or exit until the work is completed.

EASTER BREAKFAST The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for help for this year's Easter Breakfast. **Sign-ups and an RSVP** lists are available in the back of church and in the basement. Sign up to come to Easter Breakfast, bring something, or sign up to volunteer!

LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION OF OHIO (LSGOO): A presentation was shared with the voters on January 31 detailing a great opportunity for members to support our school ministry by directing a portion of Ohio income tax obligations to the LSGOO. A summary of the program is available at the back of the church. A slide presentation was also shared via email. Contact Principal Falck if you have any questions.

EGGS AND EASTER: Jesus is Risen: Bring your children/grandchildren to learn about Jesus's resurrection and celebrate Easter at Mornings18 with Mommy on Monday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 16. Play with colorful rice and Easter grass, make tissue paper butterflies, hop like bunnies and explore colored salt. After snack, we will have an indoor Easter egg hunt. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

LENTEN MEALS Lent began on February 14th with Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm and will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm through March 20th. Church Council will be hosting on March 13th, and Mark Burkholder on March 20th. Thank you to everyone who signed up to host!

ABOUT COMMUNION SERVICES IN MARCH: In the month of March, we will have several opportunities to celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship services. In addition to the regular communion Sunday Worship services on March 3rd and 17th, we will also celebrate communion on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7 pm, and Easter Sunday, March 31, at both services. The Communion Service on Easter has been moved up from the 1st Sunday in April. We will have no communion on April 7th, because that will be the MLS Concert Choir concert. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor or the elders.

WELS & ELS SINGLES RETREAT We invite all singles (widowed, divorced, or never married) to join us at the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for a weekend of fellowship and fun! The retreat will be April 26-28, 2024 at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, TX. Our theme is "Living In Our Season". The price is \$150. You can register at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat. Any questions can be sent to texasingleswels@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY is meeting tomorrow, Monday, March 11 at 6:30 PM in the church basement for the first part of the Bible study using the book *Leave No One Behind-- Pursuing the Next Generation with God's Love* by Pastor Mike Novotny. There are still copies of the book available if you would like to join us for discussion or just read the book on your own. Suggested donation to cover the cost of the book is \$3.00. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

RISEN SAVIOR On Sunday, April 14, Risen Savior Lutheran in Mansfield has invited us to celebrate the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Allen Schleusener. The service takes place at 4 pm on April 14. A catered meal will also be served. If you are planning to attend the service, please email Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com or the church secretary. You can also call or talk to Pastor Nowak. Please RSVP by March 31. They are also looking to have a choir. If you would be interested in singing for this, please let Pastor or Junior Weihrauch know by March 24.

A COOKBOOK CAPER? Before the TLS 75th Anniversary cookbook goes to print, the committee wants to make sure all the recipes are properly credited to their authors. There were some recipes that were submitted without names, and we need help to solve the mystery! You'll find two copies of the recipes in the narthex and on the table near the door in the basement. Flip through and make sure your recipe has your name! If any changes to names or recipes are needed, use the provided pencils to edit them in. The copies will be available until March 10th.

Thanks to everyone who has resent recipes and checked through the printed stack in the back of church. It has been really helpful and appreciated! There was an email that went out about a week ago that had a list of missing recipes, so most of you probably got that. Thankfully, more than half of those recipes have been recovered! Thanks! There is a list of the remaining recipes in the back of church, if you want to just run through that and see if there's anything you can send in before this Sunday, as the book goes to print next week. Thanks again for your continued patience and help with this project. You can email Megan or the school office or drop them in the back of church.

REGISTER SOON: Trinity is hosting an Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 12:10 PM. The egg hunt is for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children (through 8th grade). Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register by Wednesday, March 13 at tlcjenera.org (click on the "Upcoming Events" icon) or pick up a registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

OPEN HOUSE The congregation is welcome to the school for an Open House on Tuesday, March 19th, from 4:30-7:30. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, and drink will be served from 5:00-6:00. Bring your friends, neighbors, etc. to learn all about our school! Principal Falck will be available to talk about Ed Choice. You can tour the school, visit the classrooms, and talk with teachers and families!

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help at Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. We still need an adult to lead both music and games! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, or group leaders.

LIMA FOOD BANK IN MARCH: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing “senior boxes” or “emergency boxes” for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY CONCERT CHOIR CONCERT: April 7 -- The Concert Choir from Michigan Lutheran Seminary will be singing for our worship services on Sunday, April 7. The choir is wrapping up their spring break tour to the Washington D.C. area. MLS is one of our synod's prep schools where students begin their studies for the preaching and teaching ministries. We will gather a door offering to help with their travel expenses. Please use this as an opportunity to invite a friend or relative to church with you!

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL 75TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AND PROGRAM: On Sunday, May 19th, we will gather to celebrate God's grace in giving us the privilege to share the Gospel through our Lutheran School for the past 75 years. Pastor Silas Schmitzer will be our guest preacher at both the 8:00 & 10:30 service. A meal and program will follow the second service, beginning around noon. Watch for information about how to RSVP for the meal so we can get an accurate count. Questions? Contact Principal Falck.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sun: Gen 41:28-57, Mark 11:20-33

Mon: Gen 42: 1-34, 38, Mark 12:1-12

Tue: Gen 43:1-28, Mark 12:13-27

Wed: Gen Gen 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44

Thu: Gen 45:1-20,24,28, Mark 13:1-23

Fri: Gen 47:1-31, Gen 48:1-49:28, Mark 13:24-37

Sat: Gen 49:29-50:7,14-26, Mark 14:1-11

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of March 3rd)

Total Worship Attendance: 226, Early: 91, Late: 135; Adult Bible Class: 38; Sunday School: 29; Teens: 0
Online worship service views for February 25th: 50; Midweek Lent 3: 107; Mornings with Mommy: 69

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through March 23rd are the members of Steve Bormuth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, March 24th, will be the members of Gary Mitchell's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

Ruth Marquart – early
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

Next Sunday:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early
Richard & Ruth Johnson – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (March 10th through March 17th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

Mon Preschool Playtime 10:00; Women's Ministry Bible Study 6:30; Elders 7:00

Tue Pastor Circuit Meeting 9:00

Wed Lenten Meal 5:30; Lenten service 7:00; Choir after service

Sat Easter for Kids 9:30-12; Easter Egg Hunt 12:10

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon MLS Play @ Zion

Wed Chapel 8:20

Fri End of 3rd Quarter

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