



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

John 3:16

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”** **427**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 3:16

P God so loved the world,
C that He gave His only Son,

P that whoever believes in Him should not perish
C but have eternal life.

P Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,
C and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful,

and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven by the genuine love of Jesus.

KYRIE

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

945

Choir: 1. O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

2. O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

3. O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C 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 Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“My Life, My All”

arr. Sorenson

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

571

SERMON

“Who Needs a Raise?”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Prayer”

Arnold Sherman

“What Wondrous Love Is This” 543

“When I Behold Jesus Christ” 542

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” 422

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

