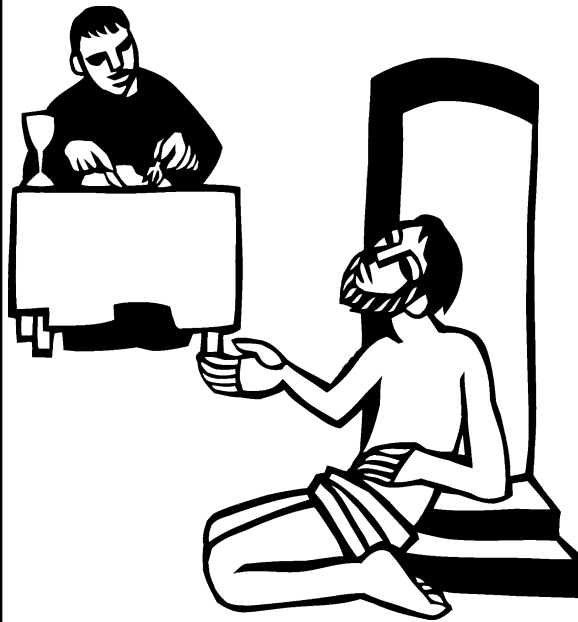


4th Sunday in Lent

with Holy Communion

8:00 & 9:30 am March 14, 2021



In this particular season of Lent, there is a pronounced need for a neighborly kind of love. We need love to cross political divides, and to cross the divide from despair to hope for children in foster care. We need love to unite our scattered community of faith until we are able to safely gather.

While we practice neighborly love, it will never be perfect. But we can practice. Let's set aside Lent to practice neighborly love and wait for God's Easter love to cross the deepest divide from death to new life.

~ Welcome To Worship ~

Here, God prepares us for a life of
Showing Up With Love for the Neighbor Near and Far

If you are new here, **welcome!** We are so glad you've come to worship today in-person or online. If you are worshipping in the building, here are some helpful tips:

Bathrooms are located out the side doors. A handicap bathroom (with a changing table) is across from the nursery.

Children are always welcome. Worship activity bags are in the entryway. The nursery is temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19.

Hearing-impaired. If it is difficult to hear any of the service, please ask an usher for a personal amplifier.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. At this time, we are communing only by bread (no wine). Please ask the server if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Worship all week by liking "Devotions from the Badlands" on Facebook, provided by area ELCA clergy.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND

Presiding: Pastor Lisa Lewton Preaching: Pastor Joe Natwick
Vocalist: Julianne Skaff Organist: Barb Arneson

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the road to Jericho,

Assembly: in the city of Jerusalem.

L: In a field, a woman's house, and on a farm with two brothers.

A: With rich and poor, and those without sight.

L: We are thirsty for new life.

A: And hungry for a place to belong.

L: Here, the Holy Spirit calls us together, the people of God, to drink bottomless mercy and feast at the welcome table.

SONG OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

"Most Merciful God" By, Greg LaFollette

by Gregory W. LaFollette
CCLI #7117244

$\text{♩} = 100$

A1 D Bm G Gm

Most Mer-ci - ful God, we con - fess that we have sinned a - gainst You.

D Bm G A

5 By what we have done, by what we have left un - done.

B1 G D A G

9 We have not loved You with our whole heart, our whole heart.

G D A G

13 We have not loved our neigh - bors as we've loved our - selves.

A2 D Bm G Gm

17 For the sake of Your Son, Je - sus Christ, have mer-cy and for - give us.

21 That we may de - light in Your will, Your will.

25 And walk in Your ways, in Your ways, in Your ways.

29 To the glo - ry of Your Name, of Your Name, of Your Name.

33 Most Mer - ci - ful God, we hum - bly re - pent. Help us to walk in Your ways.

37 Most Mer - ci - ful God, Most Mer - ci - ful God. A - men.

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FORGIVENESS

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✚ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Cry Mercy" By, Greg LaFollette

[Congregational Arrangement]
by Gregory W. LaFollette
CCLI #7117247

♩ = 132

Intro

Am G C C/E F 3

Verse

7 Lord have mer - cy. (Lord have mer - cy.) Christ have mer - cy.

13 (Christ have mer - cy.) Oh lord have mer - cy on us.

Chorus

20 Oh we cry mer - cy

25 we cry mer - cy. D.S. al Fine

31 we cry mer - cy

36 Oh we cry mer - cy

41 we cry mer - cy

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Divine Word, you sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

Stepping Into the Story

"Poor Man Lazarus", sung by the Choir



– Word –

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:19-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Joe Natwick

HYMN OF THE DAY: #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer response: **#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the offering each week,

Please help build the prayer cross next to the pulpit.

- ♦ Write a prayer on a slip of paper provided at the ends of each row and drop it in the basket on your way to Communion.

- ♦ If you are worshipping online, leave a prayer in the comments or click on the "Lent Prayer Cross" button at www.stjohnelc.org, and your prayer will be added to the creation in the sanctuary.

OFFERING MOMENT VIDEO ~ *Offering a home for foster care.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: Bread for the Journey, V. 1-2



* 1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
* 2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla
Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places. Out of love, you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, so that we may journey with our neighbor to springs of new life. In the name of the one who is our bread and our meal, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

A: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

A: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

A: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen



*All are invited
to the table today.
Come as you are*

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

Communion Distribution Hymn: #697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;
dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L: May the Lord show you the way of love, that you might show up with love for your neighbor near and far. We end as we began, in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Prayer After Communion" By, Greg LaFollette

♩ = 164

by Gregory W. LaFollette
CCLI #7117248

Intro C F C G C F C G

Our

V1 C F C G Am F

5 Fa - ther we give you thanks and praise that when we were

C G C F C G F G

8 still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home.

V2 C F C G Am F C G

13 Dy - ing and liv - ing, de - clar - ing your love, He gave His grace and

C F C G F G

17 o - pened the gates of glo - ry to us. So may

CH F C G/B F C G/B F C

21 we who share Christ's bo - dy live his ri - sen life. We who drink His cup bring life to

G F F G Am To Coda

27 o - thers. We whom the Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.

V3 C F C G Am F C G

34 Keep us firm in the hope that You've set be - fore us so

C F C G F G

38 we and all Your chil - dren shall be free. And the whole

Br F G C G/B Am G

42 earth live to praise Your name through

1. D.S. al Coda 2.

C G C F C G C G

46 Christ our Lord A - men. May A - men.

C F C G C F C G C

51 A - men. So may

CH (a Capella)

57 we who share Christ's bo - dy live his ri - sen life. We who drink His cup bring life to

63 o - thers. We whom the Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Walk in the way of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**



Lent is a season of repentance and renewal; a 40-day invitation to leave behind our old ways and be made well through Jesus' death and resurrection. Each week, we will focus on one of the five essential elements of well being: career, social, financial, physical, and community.

LENTEN WORSHIP—WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM (onsite & Livestream)

LENTEN BOOK STUDY—WEDNESDAYS @ 5:45 PM (onsite & Zoom: 822 1150 8128)

- **Lenten Devotionals** are available in the Mission Corner, E-News & on the website.
- **Easter Memorial forms** are available on the sanctuary entrance tables, E-News & the website. Funds will be utilized to assist Foster Care families.
- **Blanket and/or Backpack Collection**—leave your donated items at the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side). These items will be given to foster children as they are needed.
- **Add a link to the Prayer Chain!** Paper links are located in the pews, or submit your prayer online to be added to the cross.



Sunday, MARCH 28th:

PALM SUNDAY — 8:00 am & 9:30 am Worship

(onsite; 9:30 am is also livestream & radio broadcast)

Wednesday, MARCH 31st:

"Come Walk with Me" Community Cantata—7:00 pm

(onsite & Livestream)

Thursday, APRIL 1st:

MAUNDY THURSDAY—7:00 pm Worship

(Livestream only)

Friday, APRIL 2nd:

GOOD FRIDAY—7:00 pm Worship

(Livestream only)

~ EASTER SUNDAY : April 4th ~ 8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am

All services will be onsite! Masks and distancing will be expected.

The 9:30 am Worship will also be broadcast on KDIX radio and available on Livestream.

Happy 90th Birthday to Carol Connell!

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Dave Gabbert

Tech: 8:00 am Richard Benz

Ushers: 8:00 am Bruce Jessen

Caleb Swisher

Camera:

9:30 am Renee Boomgaarden

9:30 am Owen Bittner

9:30 am Easton Hugelen

Paula Loegering

Grant Bittner