



4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude

(8:30) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

setting by Ken Bauer

(11:00) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

setting by William Broughton

Welcome + Announcements

Call to Worship

Look to the Lord your God, and live.

Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.

**For though we were once dead in sin,
now, by the grace of God, we live.**

Let us worship God.

***Gathering Hymn** | Ten Thousand Reasons *red hymnal, #559*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession** | adapted from Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let all return to the Lord, that God may have mercy. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins, first silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(11:00) Choral Response | Merciful God *setting by Craig Courtney*

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Numbers 21:4-9 *Bible*, pg. 122

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | As Moses Raised the Serpent Up *red hymnal*, pg. 674

Gospel Lesson | John 3:14-21 *Bible*, pg. 864

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Look at the cross, and live... Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) Amazing Grace *setting by Paul Edwards*

(11:00) Amazing Grace *setting by Mark MacKinnon*

***Offertory Response** | Doxology *red hymnal*, #965

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Amazing Grace *red hymnal, #691*

1: All

2: Women & Children

3: All

4: Men

5: All

*Charge + Blessing

***Postlude** | Amazing Grace *setting by John Carter*

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Daniel deBeer + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Logos Choir, Karen Raynor (piano), Lisa Shileny (flute)

Lee Rabe, *assistant director of music*

Saxophone Ensemble

Brass Ensemble

Patti Benson, *worship leader*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Further explore how the view that the cross is not about punishment or payment, **but healing**, differs from our traditional understanding of the meaning of the cross.
- ◇ Discuss with someone how the cross in John is not Jesus' moment of humiliation or defeat or abandonment, but rather is the moment of Jesus' greatest glory, and his elevation, as he completes the mission for which he was commissioned and sent.
- ◇ Invite a neighbor/friend to our Lenten potluck dinners and devotions—and give them a ride to church on Thursday.

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The **flowers** this morning are given by Dick and Marylu Watkins in thanksgiving for the blessing of 55 years of marriage.

Lenten Suppers: We will hold our annual Lenten Suppers on Thursdays through Lent, sharing a potluck meal at 5:30 pm and then moving to a time of devotions and prayer from 6:15 to 6:45 pm. The famous *spark* mac and cheese will be served, but please bring a generous dish to share as well. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

St. Andrew celebrates another successful blood drive! In addition to all the amazing pies baked by talented volunteers, 39 registered donors contributed 31 units of blood this past Sunday. That is an all-time high for St. Andrew. Since 2009, it is estimated that St. Andrew has potentially saved 428 lives through our blood drives. Please be sure to thank the Deacons for all their hard work, and please pray for those who will be receiving the blood we donated. Thank you!

Lunch with Leaders: Lunch with Leaders will be held today following the 11:00 worship service. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the life and ministry of St. Andrew or who is exploring the idea of becoming an active member is invited.

Session Listening Post: There will be another Session Listening post today between worship services in Room 128 (the large conference room at the back of the Sanctuary).

