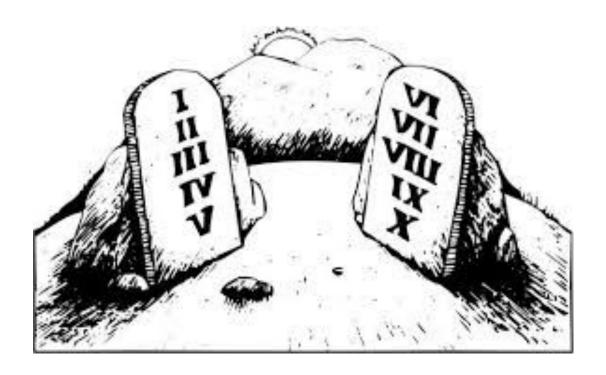
Lent 4

The Lord is Serious About All of His Word.



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

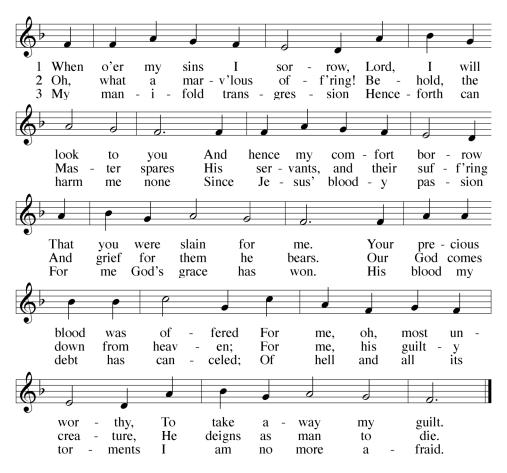
& Prayer before worship

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your might 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. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

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When O'er My Sins I Sorrow



Text: Justus Gesenius, 1601–73, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

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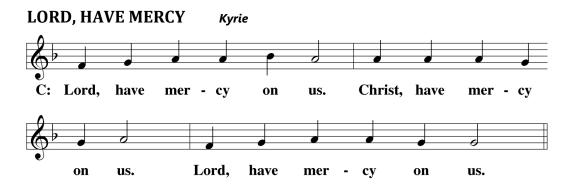
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray. (Pastor says prayer of the day)



BE SEATED

THE WORD

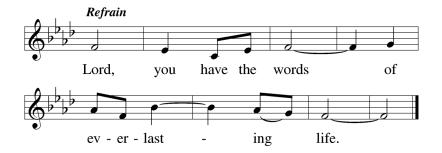


Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. ³You shall have no other gods beside me. ⁴You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. ⁵Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. ⁶But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished. ⁸Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. ⁹Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, ¹⁰but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, ¹¹for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you. ¹³You shall not commit murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 19



The heavens declare the glo<u>ry</u> of God; the skies proclaim the work <u>of</u> his hands.

Their voice goes out into <u>all</u> the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is <u>per</u>fect, giving joy <u>to</u> the heart.

The commands of the LORD are <u>radiant</u>, giving light <u>to</u> the eyes.

They are more precious than gold; they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your <u>ser</u>vant taught; in keeping them there is <u>great</u> reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation <u>of</u> my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re<u>deem</u>er.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain



²²Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

(John 3:14,15)

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M: The Gospel according to John 2:13-22



¹³The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those selling doves he said, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again." ²⁰The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

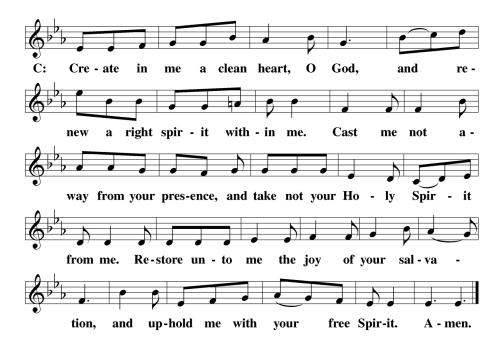
HYMN OF THE DAY



SERMON: Psalm 19:7-14

WE WANT NOTHING MORE THAN THE WORD

- I. We want to hear it
- II. We want to live it



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M/C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

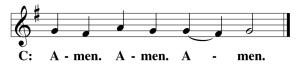
M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

