



**MIDWEEK—LENT 2**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

*\*congregation stands*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the subject of all the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments. But some passages say puzzling and seemingly impossible things about Him. Consider Psalm 41:4: “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You.” David, the writer of this psalm, was indeed a sinner who needed God’s gracious forgiveness. How puzzling it is that we would apply this confession of sin to our sinless Lord! But Paul writes, “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In your Baptism, your sinless Jesus has joined Himself to you and has fulfilled all the words that testify of Him.

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–6, 8*

- P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
C **O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.**  
P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.  
C **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**  
P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.  
C **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

- P Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness.

**ABSOLUTION**

- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.  
 C **Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And also with you.**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY****OLD TESTAMENT READING***2 Samuel 12:15b–23*

<sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house.

And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. <sup>16</sup>David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup>And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. <sup>18</sup>On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." <sup>19</sup>But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." <sup>20</sup>Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. <sup>21</sup>Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." <sup>22</sup>He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' <sup>23</sup>But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM***Psalm 41*

- A Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
 C **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**  
 A the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;  
 C **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**  
 A The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.  
 C **As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**  
 A My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"  
 C **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

A All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.  
C **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**  
A Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.  
C **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**  
P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.  
C **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 1:29–32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN  
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OFFERING**

**UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED  
I HAVE SINNED  
MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN**

**LSB 453, vs. 1, 5, 7  
Psalm 41:4  
LSB 430, vs. 1, 3**

## \*THE LITANY

- P O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**
- P O Christ,  
C **have mercy.**
- P O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**
- P O Christ,  
C **hear us.**
- P God the Father in heaven,  
C **have mercy.**
- P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
C **have mercy.**
- P God the Holy Spirit,  
C **have mercy.**
- P Be gracious to us.  
C **Spare us, good Lord.**
- P Be gracious to us.  
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:  
C **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and  
passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:  
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of  
judgment:  
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- P We poor sinners implore You  
C **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in  
the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred  
and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany  
Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:  
C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted  
and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

## **\*LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
C **Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LSB 426

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### Serving Our Lord

		February 28, 2024	March 6, 2024
Supper	5:15pm-6:15pm	Quilters	Crafters
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Kurt Vallin
Reader	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Tim Morris
Usher Team	6:30pm	Ben Swenson	Brian Nack
Acolyte	6:30pm	Dana Vallin	Dana Vallin
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Tim Morris
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas