



ONE THING I ASK  
OF THE LORD:  
THAT I MAY GAZE  
ON THE BEAUTY  
OF THE LORD  
AND TO SEEK HIM  
IN HIS TEMPLE  
ALL THE DAYS  
OF MY LIFE.

*Psalm 27:4*

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 31, 2019

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

*Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**God's amazing grace is received by faith.** Today we see the sincerity of our Savior's love. God keeps waiting to show his children mercy. God is ready, even anxious to forgive us. He pleads that we come to him and be saved. Such constant and free forgiveness doesn't make sense to human logic. But God's ways are greater than our ways. The repentant sinner rejoices at being found in the loving embrace of the Father's full, free, and "foolish" forgiveness.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, help us appreciate the precious privilege you've given us to be part of your kingdom. Use your gospel to strengthen our faith and to create it in others. Amen.

# REMEMBER YOUR LOVE

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## GATHERING RITE

*The cantor introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated. The cantor sings the verses.*

STAND

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

C: Amen.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.

S:



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

C: *Refrain*

M: *As watchman who waits upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.  
I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word.*

C: *Refrain*

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: *Lord Jesus, who mourns his wand'ring children:*



M: Lord, have mer - cy. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: *Christ Jesus, our Savior and our Brother:*



M: Christ, have mer - cy. C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: *Lord Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost:*



M: Lord, have mer - cy. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**C: Amen.**

C:



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Judges 10:6-16

Israel turns from the Lord to idolatry. The Lord disciplines them. Israel pleases to God and repents. The Lord rescues. The cycle repeats. It's foolishness and thank God it is!

<sup>6</sup>Once again the people of Israel committed evil in the eyes of the LORD. They served the Baals and the Ashtartes, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sihon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. In this way they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.

<sup>7</sup>So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites, <sup>8</sup>who shattered and crushed the people of Israel that year.

For the next eighteen years, the Ammonites oppressed all the people of Israel who were in the territory east of the Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. <sup>9</sup>When the Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to wage war against Judah and Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim, Israel suffered great distress.

<sup>10</sup>Finally the people of Israel called out to the LORD, “We have sinned against you, for we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.”

<sup>11</sup>At this, the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not deliver you from Egypt, from the Amorites, from the Ammonites, and from the Philistines? <sup>12</sup>When the Sidonians and Amalek and Maon oppressed you, and you called out to me, I delivered you from their hands. <sup>13</sup>It is you who have forsaken me and served other gods. Therefore, I will no longer deliver you. <sup>14</sup>Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen! Let them deliver you in the time of your distress!”

<sup>15</sup>But the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned. Do with us whatever seems good in your eyes, but please save us today.”

<sup>16</sup>When they removed the foreign gods from their midst and served the LORD, he could no longer refrain from relieving the misery of Israel.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

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# Psalm 115

## *Refrain*



Not un-to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

## *Psalm Tone*



Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness.  
Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"  
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:  
He will bless the house of Israel,  
he will bless those who fear the LORD—  
small and great alike.

## *Refrain*

May the LORD make you increase,  
both you and your children.  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to man.  
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,  
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

**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.**

## *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

James 4:7–10

When hearts, weighed down by sin, return to the Lord in humble submission, the Father quickly comes to us with the uplifting assurance of forgiveness in Christ Jesus!

<sup>7</sup>So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. <sup>9</sup>Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Even though our sin should separate us from the family of God, he welcomes the repentant sinner back into the family with the full rights sons.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>He told them this parable: <sup>11</sup>... “A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many

days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”

<sup>20</sup> “He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

<sup>29</sup> “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But

when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!

<sup>31</sup> “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Sinners Does Receive* | **304 vv. 1-5**

## **SERMON**

“God’s Foolish Grace” | **Judges 10:6-16**

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## **TE DEUM**

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## **OFFERING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts,  
purely out of thanks to him.*

*If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*Please record your visit on the Connection Card.*

*STAND*

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## Current Sermon Series:

We are all voluntary victims of Satan's seductions. Look at your life and you'll find far

too many times of shame and sin when Satan successfully placed a temptation before you and you didn't say no. You may wonder why you did it, but the truth is you did it. Satan knows our every weakness. He custom tailors temptations for individuals. This Lenten season, we examine some of those tailor-made temptations. We also examine how the Holy Spirit specifically equips us through Word and Sacrament, and by applying forgiveness and teaching sanctification, that we are able to fight those temptations.



### March 31 – Continuing the Cycle of Sin

April 07 – Living with Past Guilt

April 14 – Not Bowing the Knee

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## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE

In the Bible's biographical account of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, there are several striking "three word" statements. Join us to grasp an understanding of these powerful words. Our Lenten worship will feature an inspiring message, dynamic music, and a place to wonder at the height and depth of Jesus' love.



<b>April 3</b>	<b>Take Him Away!</b>	<b>Pastor Pederson</b>	Cross of Christ
April 10	Is It I?	Pastor Kaesmeyer	Cross of Christ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### EASTER FLOWERS

Today is the last day to sign up!



### TREATS AFTER THE LENT SERVICE

this week will be provided by the Choir.

**EASTER 4 KIDS** will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 -11:00 am. Be sure to start telling your friends and family to save the date.

**CEAP APPRECIATED** everyone that donated food and/or cash for our local program. We collected **\$95 and 73 pounds** of groceries. The \$95 will be used to purchase about \$475 of food for their shelves!

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## Calendar Week

### Today

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

### Monday

Men's Growth Group	7:00 pm
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### Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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### Wednesday

Worship	7:00 pm
Choir	8:15 pm

### Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am
West General Board	7:00 pm

## Serving in The Lord

### Ushers

Today:	Jean Sulzle Jackson George
Next Sunday:	Dan Gabrielson Tom Gabrielson

### Organist

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Wednesday:	Sasha Schallert
Next Sunday:	Janice Budach

## Blessings from The Lord

### Attendance

Mid-Week Lenten Service - 64
Bible Study – 17
Sunday School – 7
Sunday Service – 54
Tuesday Bible Class – 8

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