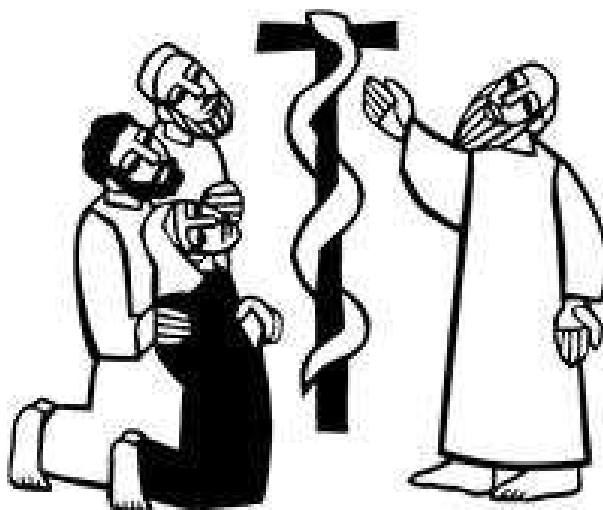


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Holy Communion Setting Seven  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 11, 2018 —8:30 and 11:00am

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:00)

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn #335

GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*The assembly may respond: **Thanks be to God.***

PSALMODY: #107:1-3, 17-22

*Read or sung responsively.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the | Lord proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

They loathed all man- | ner of food  
and drew near | to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried | to the Lord  
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*The assembly may respond: **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Turn Back to the Lord

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GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Holly Shipley  
Minister of Faith Formation

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #666

CREED (8:30)

**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.**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

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*Jacob Elliot Goodson*

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION: "Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn #595

*Verse 1*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

+ MEAL +

OFFERING: *God So Loved the World*

*John Stainer*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
That who so believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But that the world through him might be saved.*

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

*Music during distribution:*

Lamb of God

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #473

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Hymn #779

"God Loved the World"

Hymn #323

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

Hymn #660

ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:30)

DISMISSAL

*As a sign of our Lenten fast, there will be no postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.*

***We invite you across the street for a brief "Liturgy of Thanksgiving" for our Ministry Center.***

# The Greatest Gift of All

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:14-17



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