

March 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Collaborative Worship with Zion Lutheran,
Bethlehem Lutheran & Good Shepherd Lutheran

Fourth Sunday in Lent



GATHERING

✧ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.* ✧

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am To Worship

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore
You Hope of a life spend with You.

So, here I am to worship, here i am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

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WELCOME & PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

Receive this good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

Holy God, why is it that we look but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after", a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light and name we pray. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

WORD

✧ *God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.* ✧

SCRIPTURE SONG

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

MESSAGE

Pastor Rhia

SONG "Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW #612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,
for you are strong and trustworthy.
Let all generations see your blessing,
for your name is holy and your mercy is great.

For doctors, nurses, researchers, long-term care workers and
all who care for those who are ill,
we pray, Lord, **for your mercy shows no bounds.**

For employees of stores and manufacturing plants who are
working long hours to provide us with necessities for life,
we pray, Lord, **for your mercy shows no bounds.**

For parents and kids who are adjusting to life and learning at
home, and for teachers who are preparing for our new
circumstances,
we pray, Lord, **for your mercy shows no bounds.**

For government leaders and all who have to make difficult
decisions,
we pray, Lord, **for your mercy shows no bounds.**

For those who are hospitalized and those who long to be
with their loved ones who are ill but cannot. For those who
are grieving the recent loss of loved ones and have had
funerals and family gatherings disrupted,
we pray, Lord, **for your mercy shows no bounds.**

Show the strength of your hand,
quiet our fears.

Comfort those of us who are afflicted,
with your mighty, healing hands.

Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;
for your mercy shows no bounds. Amen

OFFERING

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God.
Sharing what we have so abundantly received,
we bring now our tithes and offerings to God,
with gladness and gratitude.

OFFERING SONG “Create in Me a Clean Heart “

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation.
And uphold me with your free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together. **Lord, you have given so much to us.
Help us to show in our deeds the faith you have planted
within us. Make us ready to serve you and other people
with all that we are and all that we have. Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

SENDING

✠ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. ✠

BLESSING

The love of God pursues you,
the light of Christ enfolds you,
and the Holy Spirit keeps you,
as you dwell in the house of the Lord
your whole life long.

SENDING SONG

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

SENDING WORDS

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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