

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 5:30pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 8:00am & 10:45am



## **As We Gather – Confess to the Other Person**

From the time that Adam and Eve first fell into sin, God's people have been in conflict - with Him and with one another. Throughout the Bible, God tells us how He reconciled us to Himself through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, His only Son. He further instructs us how to respond to our conflicts with others. We hope and pray that this sermon series and Bible Study "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" will be helpful to you on your faith journey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**



**GATHERING HYMN, LSB 419**

**“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection and examination*

- P** Let us confess our sins unto God and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- C** I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and for the Holy Spirit so that I may amend my sinful life.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## KYRIE

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING, Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be

kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE READING, Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 5:20-26**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said] “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN, LSB 649

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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SERMON

“I Confess”

Pastor Dan Bodin

APOSTLES CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select “South Shore”), give online at [sstwbl.org/give](http://sstwbl.org/give), or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.*

*Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Welcomed by the Lord, we come to present before Him the prayers of His people, trusting in His wisdom and grace to grant us all things in Christ for our good and for the good of all people. Blessed Lord, Grant us Your Spirit so that we, who know Your mercy in Christ, trust in Your eternal mercy in Jesus Christ for this life, for our forgiveness, and for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all things, You have granted Your people Your presence and grace from age to age, that where Your Word dwells, You are present with forgiveness and life. Grant to Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name the grace of Your Spirit, that we hear Your Word and believe it, keep it in holy hearts, live it out in faithfulness to Your baptismal gift, and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Lord, You hold all things in Your hand, including all the might of man. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will guide and govern Your people according to Your commands and protect the weak and most vulnerable, including the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed, and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, You are holy and righteous and have clothed us with the holiness and righteousness of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us to desire and strive for holiness of life, doing the good You desire and avoiding the evil that contradicts Your gracious will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, grant to all the sick and suffering, the troubled in mind and heart, the grieving and dying the full measure of Your grace and strength, *especially* . . . Guard them against the temptation to doubt or despair, and keep them by Your Word through the days of their affliction when all the ills of this mortal life shall cease and we shall live fully the abundant life of Your promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Father of all mercies and God of our salvation, give to us all things good and holy and true, and build us up in these things, that knowing Your saving grace in Christ, we not fall victim to pride, temptation, or doubt, but endure all the changes of this mortal life with hope and peace through Jesus Christ, to whom we commend ourselves and all our prayers, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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*5:30 and 10:45 continue with Communion*

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN, LSB 851

## “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



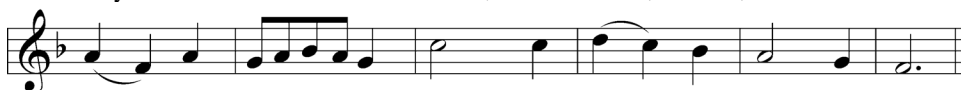
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## GROWING IN THE WORD

**C** First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. – Matthew 5:24

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN, LSB 706

## “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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# ***TRINITY TIDINGS***

**March 10, 2024**

**The Flowers at the Altar** today are given to the glory of God by Cindy Schaaf in memory of her mother Gladys McClellan.

**Easter Garden of Victory** – order forms are available on the cabinet by the office. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER.**

Stewardship will have the annual **S.O.U.P Sunday** collection on March 16-17.

**Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt:** Event is Saturday, March 23 at 10:00AM until noon. Activities include indoor Easter egg hunt, indoor mini-golf, bingo, additional games, kids craft corner and refreshments!

**The Book Nook** has available to purchase Easter greeting cards, napkins and other greeting cards for all your needs. Come visit us!

**Sabbatical Fundraiser THANK YOU!** Because of your generous support, we have already raised 30% of our target goal, and my family and I greatly appreciate it. We don't know who gave, or how much you gave, but are so thankful for your support. If you would like to contribute, visit [sstwbl.org/sabbatical](http://sstwbl.org/sabbatical). The fundraiser is running now through April 8! Thank you and God bless! +Pastor Dan Bodin

**Red Cross Blood Drive** is this Tuesday March 12 (*wrong date in newsletter*).

**The Planning Board** will meet on Monday, March 18 at 7:00pm. Reports are due in the office by Thursday, March 14.

**The 2024 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board in the commons (across from confirmation pictures).

**Medical Supply Ministry** -- Just a reminder about the SST Medical Supply Ministry. Please share with others that we have medical equipment available. We have a supply of adult incontinence products too. Please check in at the church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available, please contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.

## ***SERVING THIS WEEK***

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 TBD | Eliana Sinkula

Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke and Ann Janneke

Coffee: Glenn and Terry Borkenhagen

Counters: Barb Olund

Readers: 8:00 Darrell Hardy | 10:45 Kevin Froelich

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Jeff Burkart

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Nathan Reeves

AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Carol Reeves | 10:45 Joel Kurpius

Ushers: 5:30 Glenn Borkenhagen | 8:00 Darrell Hardy & Nate Groneberg  
| 10:45 Jeff Butzlaff



**HOLY WEEK 2024  
WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday**  
March 23 & 24 - 5:30pm, 8:00 & 10:45am

**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28 - 11:00am & 7:00pm

**Good Friday**  
March 29 - 11:00am & 7:00pm

**Sat. Easter Vigil**  
March 30 - 5:30pm

## ***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

*(Please include the follow people in your prayers)*

**Those celebrating a birthday:** 3/10 – Chuck Stuemke, 3/11 – Terry Rusch, 3/12 – Dan Peltier, Eileen Spreeman, 3/14 – Ethan Engh, 3/16 – Bridget Lehn

**Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries:** 3/11 – JJ Anderson, Blake Berwald, Bonnie Hass, Willow Selix, 3/12 – Kelly Dewitz, 3/14 – Micah Anderson.

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary:** None

# **ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

## **Monday, March 11**

### **No Preschool This Week**

*Music Committee meets next Monday*

8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

6:30-8:00pm Scouts

## **Tuesday, March 12**

8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

11:00-7:00pm Red Cross Blood Mobile [B22 & K]

11:00am Finance Committee [F8 and Zoom]

1:00pm Trinity Guild [F8]

6:00pm Board of Education [F8]

6:30-8:30pm Women's AA [upstairs]

7:00pm Board of Stewardship

## **Wednesday, March 13**

9:30am Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]

9:30am Women's Bible Study [B9A]

**11:00am LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE**

11:30am Lunch with Jerry/Benefiting Preschool]

11:30am Piano Duets [S]

5:45pm Fellowship Meal

**6:30pm LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE**

7:00-8:00pm Forge (6-12<sup>th</sup>) Confirmation

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, March 14**

8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [F8]

9:30-11:30am [B9] In Use

1:00pm Prayer Shawls [F8]

6:00pm Vesper Bells [S]

7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8]

## **Friday, March 15**

6:00-7:00pm Girl Scouts [2-6]

## **Saturday, March 16 – S.O.U.P Sunday**

9:00am Praise Team Practice

10:00-Noon Grief Share [F8]

11:00-Noon Al-Anon [2-5]

5:30pm Worship with Communion

# PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.  
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

**For those recovering from surgery:** Jennifer Jewell, Tim Lundgren, Merlin Holman, *Dee Dee Hudak*

**For those in hospice:** Rick Carlson, Pastor Norb Streufert

**For those the family and friends who mourn:**

- Harlan Arndt who passed away on February 11. Service will be on March 18 at 11:00. Visitation one hour prior to the service
- Officers Paul Elmstrand, Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth who died in the line of duty on February 18

**God's healing:** Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, Celeste Gifford, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau, Ruby Moskop, Warren, Everett, Gloria (Emmie Boleen's relatives), Evelyn Kleppe*

**Those with on-going health issues:** *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

**God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer:** Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

**Protection of our Armed Forces and their families:** *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Wyatt Kassa*

**For SST Missions and missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

**Federal, State and local government** and all those in positions of authority