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**Fourth Sunday in Lent — March 6, 2016**

**LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

*(Please turn to page 9 for the 10:30 service)*

**8:00 a.m. Service**

**PRELUDE**    *Cantilena*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.      Merciful Father,

**C we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

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**\* HYMN LBW # 304**    *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

**\* GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

The Word of God is flesh and grace who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.  
So dare to be as Jesus was, who came to live and love and die.

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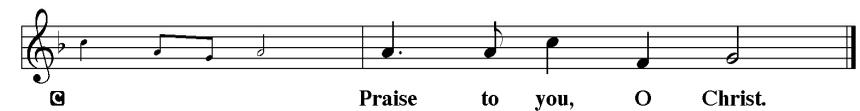
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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN LBW # 106** *In the Hour of Trial*

## SERMON

\* **HYMN WOV # 752** *Here I Am, Lord*

### \* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance**

**with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

A Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

*A brief silence.*

A For campus ministries, we give you thanks, eternal Lord. Equip the students, staff, and ministers to share your steadfast love with their university community and all whom they meet. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A For polluted oceans and rivers, we seek your healing, creative Lord. Restore the

homes of manatees and sea turtles. Teach us to love the earth as you do. Hear us, O God.

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A For all who engage in the disciplines of Lent, we seek your strength and grace, loving Lord. Even as we rest in your mercy, create a new heart within us. Hear us, O God.

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A For all the saints, sinners of your own redeeming, we praise your name, faithful Lord. Grant that we continue to grow as your people by their teaching and example. Hear us, O God.

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*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P O God, we pray that your healing power will be with all who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick (*especially*), that they may know of your vigilant presence in their lives. Hear us, O God.

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P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

\* **PEACE** *(please stand)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** *Breathe* -Choir

\* **OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

A God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*O Lord of Hosts -Choir*

**\* BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

**\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to you  
My heartfelt thanks and praise are due,  
You have so lovingly bestowed  
On me your body and your blood.

Break forth, my soul, in joy and say:  
What wealth has come to me today!  
My Savior dwells within my soul  
And makes my wounded spirit whole!

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN LBW # 524** *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

**\* DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** *Festivity on Come, Thou Fount*

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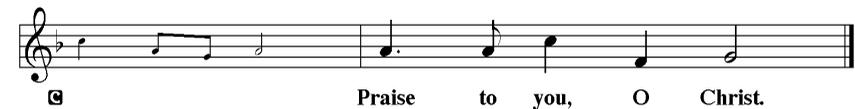
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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *When Peace Like a River*

**OFFERTORY** (please remain seated)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
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**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN LBW # 524** *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

**POSTLUDE** Festivity on *Come, Thou Fount*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Donna Peper in loving memory of Sarah.

**Caring Corner** for March — Food Pantry at Parkside Church in Deshler

canned soups – especially Chicken & Noodle, Chicken & Rice, Chunky soups

cereal, especially “kid-friendly” ones

canned fruit, preferably in juice, not syrup; “kid-friendly”, such as peaches and pears or applesauce

peanut butter

**Hunger Calendars**

“40 Days of Giving” flip calendars are available for your Lenten devotion. “Providing voice to the needs of our neighbors who are hungry...This resource provides devotions, reflections, prayers, and poems to encourage you in your call to action – action to create a world in which all are fed and none go hungry.” What do you think? What can you do?

**Statistics**

2/24 Lent (66) Offerings \$349.00

2/28 78+72 (150) Offerings \$4,018.25 (\$40 Bldg Fd; \$105 Wrld Hngr; \$15.25 Sun Sch)

2/22-2/28 Simply Giving \$105 Gen; \$20 Bldg Fd

**Volunteers needed**

We need readers and sound board operators for APRIL!! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring. Thank you for your willingness to help!

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Readers - 8:00 Bonnie Palamara 10:30 Ron Meyers

Communion Assistant - Ruth Hershberger

Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30 Ryan Kohout

Acolytes - 8:00 Tyson Reynolds & Jessica Yunker

10:30 Carter Burken & Elijah Wolf

Ushers - 8:00 Dave Schwab, Bryce Reynolds, Casey Callaway, Shelly Storch

10:30 Ken Lange, Kurt Rohrs, Alan Storch, Jeff Mires

Altar Guild - Joleen Brubaker & Lauren Helberg

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

**This Week**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Dartball - Florida here

Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

5:30 p.m. Emanubells

6:15 p.m. Choir in basement

7:00 p.m. Worship

8:00 p.m. Living Spirit

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

Ridgeville Township Fire Department is hosting its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast today from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Ridgeville American Legion on Co Rd 19. Free will donation.

**Soup and Pie Luncheon** — Sunday, March 13, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Lutheran Home at Napoleon Auxiliary and Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring a Soup & Pie Luncheon in the Alpine Village Dining Room. Menu: Vegetable Soup, Chili, Hot Chicken Sandwich, Hot Dog, Assorted Pies. A free will offering will be taken. Proceeds will benefit the residents of Lutheran Home at Napoleon.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour next Saturday night!