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Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel

to help people

Grow

in the Gospel

and

Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

April 2, 2025
Lenten Midweek 4



LORD, HAVE MERCY

**FOR TREATING OTHERS LIKE TRASH,
NOT TREASURE**

“Let us make mankind in our image” (Genesis 1:26). God’s intent was that being made in his image, mankind would not only live in close communion with him, but that we would reflect God’s love and care in our dealings with each other. The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments are all about different aspects of healthy human relationships: respect and obedience for those God places in a position of authority; valuing and defending the life and well-being of others; expressing relational bonds, particularly marriage, in appropriate ways. God wants us to treasure our fellow man. Yet, in virtually every type of relationship that can exist—parent and child, husband and wife, employer and employee, neighbor and neighbor—we invent new ways to hurt one another.

Breaking these Commandments shows how we feel about our fellow man. More, that disobedience speaks volumes about how we really feel about our God. Jesus said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. . . Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me” (Matthew 25:40,45). This week we see that Jesus is the only one who lives up to God’s expectations of how we should treat each other. So, in Lenten faith, we cry out to him, “Lord, have mercy for treating others like trash, not treasure!”

Stand

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve you present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Sing Verse 1 and Refrain of Lord, Have Mercy

Hymn

Lord, Have Mercy CW 652



1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly



count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you



those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.



For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you



scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
bled for a world's be - tray - al. You



thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how



deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain I*
pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*



Refrain I
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son U and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sing Verse 2 and Refrain of Lord, Have Mercy

Be seated

THE WORD

Passion History

Luke 23:1-25

Pontius Pilate declared Jesus to be a man of integrity who had done no wrong. Still, Jesus was punished in our place, so that we might be mercifully spared.

¹ Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. ⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

C: ¹⁸ But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”

M: ¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again.

C: ²¹ But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

M: ²² For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

C: ²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

M: ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. (NIV)

4K - Grades 2 (11 am)

God loves me dearly, gives me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Refrain

*Therefore I'll say again; God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.*

He sent forth Jesus, that true Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.

Refrain

God Loves Me Dearly

Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.
Refrain

German folk tune
1949 Concordia Publishing House

Choir (7 pm)

He became a lamb, He became a lamb,
When the Father needed a sacrifice,
He sent His Son and He became a lamb.

Scarred, bruised, suffering for sins not His own.
Scarred, bruised, willing to give up His throne.

He Became a Lamb

God so loved the world that He sent
his only begotten son to pay the price,
A sacrifice, a lamb.

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Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

St. Paul describes the way we are called to reflect God's love and mercy in all our relationships.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

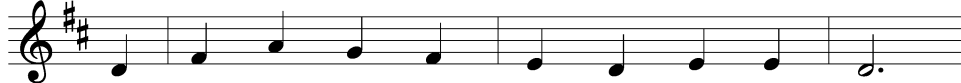
⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know

in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

Hymn

From High Atop the Mount CW 635 sts. A, 4th–6th, B



A From high a - top the mount where Mo - ses stands,
 4th Your par - ents must be hon - ored and o - beyed;
 5th You shall not hate or hurt or harm or kill;
 6th A man shall be u - nit - ed to his wife;
 B Your life, O Christ, is count - ed as our own;



thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
 dis - hon - or them and you dis - hon - or me.
 treat all your neigh - bors as your dear - est friends.
 the two I join must not be torn a - part.
 our guilt was cru - ci - fied in none but you.



“I am the LORD, and these are my com - mands.
 How well it goes for all who have dis - played
 I give the gift of life to whom I will,
 Make de - cen - cy the hall - mark of your life;
 In keep - ing your com - mands our love is shown—



In all you do, o - bey my ev - 'ry word.”
 re - spect for those who hold au - thor - i - ty!
 and I as well de - ter - mine when it ends.
 let pu - ri - ty pre - vail with - in your heart.
 now work with - in us both to will and do.

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Devotion

4th – 6th Commandments

Lord Have Mercy: For Treating Others Like Trash, Not Treasure

Confession of Faith

from the Small Catechism

M: The Fourth Commandment:

C: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

M: The Fifth Commandment:

C: You shall not murder.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in their body but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.

M: The Sixth Commandment:

C: You shall not commit adultery.

M: What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

WELS Connection

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This CW 526



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



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when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,
free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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