The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024 **Divine Service, Setting Five, p. 213**

Prelude

Invocatior	n, Confession, and Absolution (stand)	p. 213		
 Introit (4:30 and 8:00) The LORD is My Light Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 				
Introit	The Lord is My Light (10:30)	Sunday School (LSB 723)		
Children	The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?	,		
Solo	There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His house forever, To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life.			
Children	The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?	,		
Solo	Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way. I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living.			
All	The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my Whom then shall I fear?	[,] all,		
Kyrie				

congregation responds to each petition with the following:



- Ρ In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. С
- Ρ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- Ρ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- Ρ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- Ρ Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (sit)

Old Testament The Bronze Serpent

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And 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 loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- Ρ This is the word of the Lord.
- С Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle By Grace Through Faith

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Ρ This is the word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God. (stand) С

Verse of the Day (4:30 and 8:00)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Verse of the Day (10:30)

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, that all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive. John 3:16

Ephesians 2:1–10

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Hebrews 12:2

Numbers 21:4-9

Sunday School

Holy Gospel For God So Loved the World

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Response (10:30)

Sunday School

- *Children* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- *Solo* When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
- *Children* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- *Solo* I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.
- All Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- **Sermon** (*sit*) "Jesus surpasses Hermes"
- Hymn of the Day "God Loved the World"
 - All God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
 - Solo Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
 - All God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh; His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
 - All Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
 - Solo If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

John 3:14-21

LSB 571, soloist sts. 2, 5

	And Holy Spirit, Three in One!		
	To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!		
	be praise now and eternally:		
Apostles' C	reed (stand)	inside back cover of hymnal	
Prayer of th	ne Church	p. 215	
Offering (si	<i>t</i>)		
Preface (sta	and)	p. 216	
Sanctus		LSB 960	
	Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spirit did behold High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright, With robes that filled the temple courts with Above the throne were flaming seraphim; Six wings had they, these messengers of Him With two they veiled their faces as was right, With two they humbly hid their feet from sig And with the other two aloft they soared; One to the other called and praised the Lord: "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne of	ı. İht,	
Pax Domin		congregation responds "Amen"	
Ever p All sin	of God, pure and holy, who on the cross dids patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer is Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!		
Distributio	n (<i>sit</i>) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	LSB 425	
Post-Communion Hymn (stand)LSB 617, st. 1O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!			
P We C An P Let	nunion Collect and Benedicamus e give thanks to You, almighty God one God, i nen. t us bless the Lord. anks be to God.	p. 218 now and forever.	
Benediction congregation responds "Amen"			
Closing Hy	mn "Amazing Grace"	LSB 744	

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Glory to God the Father, Son,

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