

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024



## HYMN

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

## + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS +

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18–20

- P** Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
- C** **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Amen.**

### WHILE WE WERE SINNERS

Romans 5:6-8

- P** In Baptism, God unites us to the death of His Son, Jesus, so that we might die to sin.
- C** **“For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly.**
- P** But God shows His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

*Silence for reflection & contemplation*

### BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Romans 6:1-5

- P** “What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase?
- C** **Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer?**
- P** All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death.
- C** **We were therefore buried with Him by this baptism into His death, so that just as He was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.”**
- P** Amen. And if we have been united with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in the likeness of His resurrection.

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

- C** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## PRAYER OF BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY

*526 You Are the Way; through You Alone*

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1–9, 22–30

### Repent or Perish

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

### The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

### The Narrow Door

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

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

## SERMON

## 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## OFFERING

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## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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

**C** And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to show signs of peace with each other. Give a handshake, fist-bump, or a wave - saying, "Peace be with you."*

### AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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537 Beautiful Savior

Jesus Paid it All

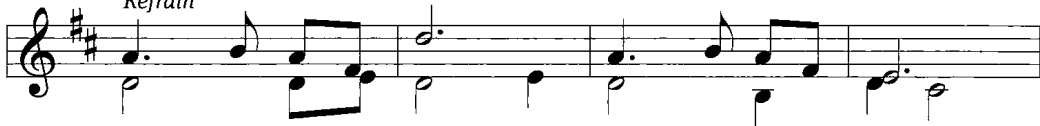


1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!  
2 Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone  
3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;  
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."  
can — change the lep - er's spots and — melt the heart of stone.  
I'll — wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my — lips shall still re - peat.

*Refrain*



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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## THE DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

## CLOSING SONG

*922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing sts. 1–4*



**Go in Peace + Serve the Lord  
Thanks Be To God!**

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*Palm Sunday*  
**BRUNCH**

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, March 24 – 10:30am**

To Benefit Our Summer Youth Mission Trip

**CONTINENTAL BRUNCH INCLUDES**

*Egg Bake  
Crumb Cake  
Fresh Fruit  
& More*

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# HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**W**elcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're with us to worship today, and hope God's Word will refresh you. We pray you might find peace and comfort in the forgiveness Christ freely gives. We believe you'll be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit who gives and strengthens faith through the Word and Sacraments. You're always welcome to worship with us, and join any activities we host. We are excited you are here, and pray God's richest blessings upon you today.

## GUESTS & VISITORS

We'd love to know that you were with us today. Scan the QR code below to check-in online, and we'll connect with you soon! *You can also use the check-in card you'll find in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher anytime.*

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We love kids in Church! There is a kids station as you enter the sanctuary, which has books and bags for younger children to borrow. Coloring pages and children's bulletins are for anyone to use. *Please return books and bags when you are finished.*

## OFFERINGS & GIFTS

Giving back to God in thanks for all He provides is an important part of worship and our ministry to the community. If you have something to give, place it in the offering plate as it goes by. **You can also safely give online** using the QR code below or visit [holycross.life/connect](https://holycross.life/connect)

## HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ when He says He is truly present in the bread and the wine of Communion. Those who are baptized, and believe the promise of Christ; that His body and blood are given for you, for your forgiveness—are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

**If this is not what you believe, or aren't sure whether to receive or not—we ask that you refrain until you've spoken with the Pastor.** You are invited (kids too!) to receive a blessing. Come forward, with your arms folded across your chest, and the pastor will bless you.

*\*Gluten-free bread (individually wrapped) is available for those who need it. Simply ask the pastor when you come forward. White grape juice is also available in the center ring of the communion tray.*

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## PRAYER LIST

### Holy Cross Members

Sabine Bonnar, Adele Buck, Cheryl Connic, Roberta Crocker, Donna DiLalla, Gary Jackson, Audrey Paray, Barbara Schneider, Maura Senft, Monika Seyal, Kim Testani, Laurie Vaitkus, Barbara White; our homebound— Myrtle Anderson, Thomasina Petrahai, Anita Schoch, and Effie Solaz.

### Family & Friends

Jim Atkinson, Brett Bartling, Millie Bohac, Madeline Darcy, Tom Deloge, Laura Dick, Margaret Dittmar, Norman Dittmar, Susanne Dowling, Bianca Durkin, Janet Enko, Marian Ernst, Will Fleming, Peter & Evelyn Gaug, Mike Goldey, Joao Paulo Silva Gomes, Bev Hahn, Liz Heppermann, George Hermes, Jenny Jablonka, Reinhard Krapalis, Bob Mastroni, John Peter Melle, Carol Messerschmitt, JoAnne Meyer, Ben Milositz, Veronica Musca, Hiedi Nyitrai, Marge Powell, Vincent Riccio, Ryan Rubega, Herbie Ryland, Bill Schiller, Joey Senft, David Sochacki, Kathy Sochacki, Christopher Stead, Mike Tavares, Ken Wilson and Irene Zmarzlak.

*“Lord, hear our prayer on behalf of those lifted before you”*

If you would like to offer prayers on behalf of yourself, or someone you know, visit [holycross.life/prayer](http://holycross.life/prayer)

## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**Communion Wafers** by Dave and Donna Bogen in memory of Daniel Kreuttner.

**Communion Wine** by the Nyitrai Family in celebration of Danny’s birthday.

**Oil for the Candles** by Cheryl Mayeran “in honor of Tyler Mayeran’s birthday, by Mom.”

### Available to sponsor this month:

#### **Bulletins**

If you would like to donate any of these elements that are used in worship in honor or memory of a person or event please see the chart in the hallway or contact the church office.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

In-Person Worship .....84  
Offering .....\$7,095.00  
Weekly Budget ..... \$7,275.00

# HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

March 10, 2024

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

The youth of Holy Cross will be heading to Harrisburg, PA, this summer to serve the community and share the love of Jesus. **Join us for a Continental Brunch on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 10:30am and help support their efforts.** The brunch is free, but we will be collecting a free-will donation at the door. We'll be serving homemade brunch items, including Egg Bake, Crumb Cake, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Fresh Fruit, & More!

Go to [holycross.life/brunch](https://holycross.life/brunch) for more information and register, or sign up in the lobby.

## SPECIAL EASTER FLOWERS

TODAY is the deadline to order special flowers that will adorn our altar on Easter Sunday! If you would like to order a special flower plant(s) for Easter, fill out an order form in a basket on the narthex table. Completed forms with payment should be placed in the Altar Flower mailbox.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

After more than 25 years with Holy Cross Christian Preschool, our Director, Michele Glennon, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Michele has been a blessing in the lives of so many children over the years! We thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her new life chapter. A search committee has been convened to begin the search for a new director. If you have questions regarding the search, please contact Kerry Geffert.

## SING A NEW SONG

Elisabeth Erb is looking for musicians who may be interested in helping expand our musical offerings and accompaniments for worship in a variety of traditional and contemporary styles. If you are a musician and would be interested in singing, or an instrumentalist (ex: violin, flute, guitar, bass guitar, drums, etc.), please speak with or email Elisabeth.

([musicdirector@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:musicdirector@holycrosstrumbull.com))

## COVENANT TO CARE EASTER BASKETS

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who took a bunny tag from the Easter Basket poster. The children in our DCF social worker's caseload will be so excited! Three reminders: wrap the basket in a cellophane bag; attach the bunny tag; due date is next Sunday, March 17. **Baskets may be put on the white banquet table that is set up in the library/conference room.** If you have questions, contact Mary Schrock.

## HOLY CROSS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year at our preschool. Part-day and full-day programs are offered for Pre-K, 4s and 3s. To find out more details, contact our Preschool Director, Michele Glennon: 203-268-6471, [preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com).

## WEEK OF MARCH 10

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**SUNDAY** 9:30am—10:30am -----Worship  
10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class

**MONDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**TUESDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**WEDNESDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool  
6:15pm -----Soup Supper  
7:30pm -----Midweek Lent Service

**THURSDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool  
6:30pm ----- Board of Directors' Meeting

**FRIDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**SUNDAY (3/17)** 9:30am—10:30am -----Worship  
10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class