

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Undefeated by Dysfunction



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**CHRIST** Lutheran Church

*"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul."* Hebrews 6:19

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## Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

**OPENING HYMN**      *Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains*..... 102:1-4

1. *Enslaved by sin and bound in chains,  
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,  
And doomed to everlasting pains  
We wretched, guilty captives lay.*
  
2. *Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace,  
Nor all the world's collected store  
Suffice to purchase our release;  
A thousand worlds were all too poor.*
  
3. *Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,  
An all-sufficient ransom paid.  
O matchless price! His precious blood  
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.*
  
4. *Jesus the sacrifice became  
To rescue guilty souls from hell;  
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb  
Beneath avenging justice fell.*

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

C: A - men.

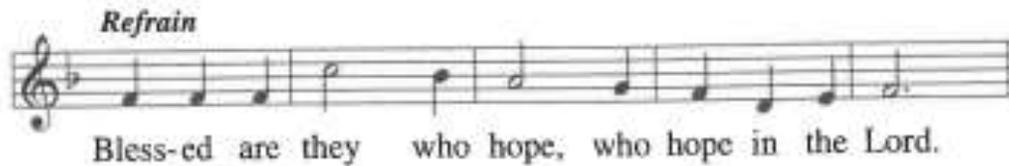
The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a hyphen indicating a syllable that spans across two notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 37:1-11*

<sup>3</sup>Jacob lived in the land where his father had resided as an alien, that is, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the account about the development of the family of Jacob: When Joseph was seventeen years old, he was tending the flock with his brothers. He was just a boy compared to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons, because he was the son born in his old age, and he made him a special robe. <sup>4</sup>His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, so they hated him and could not speak to him in a friendly way. <sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers, so they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Please listen to this dream that I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field, and suddenly my sheaf rose up and stood upright. Then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "So will you really reign over us? Will you really have dominion over us?" They hated him all the more because of his dreams and what he said. <sup>9</sup>Then he had another dream and told it to his brothers. He said, "Listen, I had another dream. This is what I saw: The sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me." <sup>10</sup>He told it to his father and to his brothers. His father rebuked him and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have dreamed? Will I and your mother and your brothers really come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" <sup>11</sup>His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept what he had said in mind.



As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

*Refrain*

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*

let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 8:1-10*

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. <sup>5</sup>To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. <sup>6</sup>Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

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

(John 3:16, EHV)

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:17-28*

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, <sup>18</sup>“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. <sup>19</sup>They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.” <sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. <sup>21</sup>He said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.” <sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are.” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup>When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* ..... 486

- 1. Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.***

2. *Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.*
3. *Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?*
4. *Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you,  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.*
5. *Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.*

**SERMON:** Genesis 37:1-11

## **MARVEL AT A FATHER'S LOVE**

- I. Jacob's love caused problems
- II. God's love caused salvation

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**M/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**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



**CLOSING HYMN**      *Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains* ..... 102:5

**5. *Amazing goodness! Love divine!  
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore  
The matchless grace nor yield to sin  
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!***

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