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The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 10, 2024

**Prelude:** Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Walther)

**Confession & Absolution**

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**Introit**

*Psalm 122; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a*

*The choir sings the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation.*

*The choir chants the Psalm, followed by the congregation singing the refrain as noted.*



Re - jice with Je - ru - sa - lem, and be glad for her,



All you who love her, That you may



nurse and be sat - is - fied From her con - so - ling breast.

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

<sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem! **Refrain**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David. **Refrain**

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May they be secure who love you!

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!” **Refrain**

<sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be - | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Refrain**

**Kyrie**

*The hymn of praise (Gloria in Excelsis) is omitted during Lent*

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**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

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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.

**Collect for Lent**

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-13**

*[Following the reading]*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*We are omitting the Gradual this year, since the verses comprising it are included in our longer settings of the Introit.*

**The Epistle: Galatians 4:21–31**

*[Following the reading]*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Tract**

*Psalm 125:1–2, 5b*

**Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for - | ever.**

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!**

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- *Since the Lord’s Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord’s Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther’s “Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament” (LSB 329-330).*

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**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church & School**



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**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Johnson  
**Kantor:** Dr. Katie Moss  
**Choir:** St. John's Adult Choir

**Thanks to all who serve this week:**

**Altar Guild:**

Brenna Koehler and Julie Mazurowski

**Acolytes & Processionals**

8:00 am: Andrew & William Wandersee,  
Everett Radintz, Mason Schmidt  
10:30 am: Mason Brastad, Evan Pulju  
Alexis & Olivia Brastad

**Worship Assistants:**

8:00 am: Andrew Heinen  
10:30 am: Jeremy Koosman

**Ushers:**

8:00 am: Duane Abraham, Floyd Lieske,  
Cory Olson, Jerry Rogge  
10:30 am: Rob Borcharding, Tim Lodholz,  
Tadd Parris, Craig Schutte

**Next Weekend: Judica**

Holy Communion

Sun. 8:00 am – Common Cup  
Sun. 10:30 am – Common Cup

Holy Scripture & Hymn of the Day

Genesis 22:1-14

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 8: 42-59

LSB 420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**The Holy Gospel: John 6:1–15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: [sung] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Following the reading]

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: [sung] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed** p. 191

**The Small Catechism: The Ten Commandments** p. 321

**Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure** **LSB 743**  
*sts. 3, 5 – choir (introduction and choral setting by J.S. Bach)*

**Sermon: The Virgin Bride of Christ – The Church Is Our Mother**

**Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God** p. 192

**Offering: Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Walther)**

**The Prayer of the Church**

**The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar** **pages 194-202**

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**Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread** **LSB 625**

**Distribution Hymn: O Living Bread from Heaven** **LSB 642**

**Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary** **LSB 423**

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**Closing Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden** **LSB 672**

**Postlude: Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Manz)**

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