

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans-
gressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans-| gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your
sight,*
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in
your | judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

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.

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March 14th, 2010

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
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Worship
Sun. 10:30 am

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14th, a.D.2010

Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service, Setting Three on page 184.

The Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

“Glory be to God on high” on page 187 is **omitted** during Lent.

“Alleluia” on page 190 is **omitted** during Lent.

Old Testament: Isaiah 12: 1-6

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Holy Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

HYMNS: 609, 915, 571, 619, 725

Choir Anthem: Cross of Jesus

Organist: Paula Hohmann

Choir Director: Sandra Doyle

Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words “given and shed” and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance: March 7th:97; Comm:81; Offerings March 7th: \$3,723.08; Building Fund: \$135; CLWR: \$59; Memorial: \$20; Debt Reduction: \$50; East District Offering: \$100; Envelopes: \$10; Lent: \$259; Total: \$4,356.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES: Persecuted Christians and Missionaries in India; Ryan Aho-Grootendorst (tests); Jean Farnell (pancreatic cancer); Paul Dool (friend of Shane Kelly, terminal disease); Tim Kritsch; Reta Curran (knee replacement); Ida Lisowski; Noah Grew; Anne Reid; Grant Miller's mother; Amy Galloway-O'Neil; Jeannine Longchamps and Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's aunts); Doug Seim; Fred Beisner (Kingston); Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey);

Penny McLeod (cancer); Warren Maschke (Bowmanville Hospital); Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner and mother Katie Zytner (brother and mother of Wendy Scully); Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi (mother and sister of Gordon Vollmer); Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch; Heather Schweyer.

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “*still a long way off*,” He saw us and “*felt compassion*” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only-begotten Son for us, making “Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy, and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). As He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, so we “*will trust, and will not be afraid*” (Is. 12:2).

EASTER LILIES: Anyone who would like to give a donation towards our Easter Lilies please see Gail Tiegs or Viena Whalley.

MARCH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON You are cordially invited to join us after service on Palm Sunday to celebrate the March birthdays, baptismal birthdays and anniversaries as well as the confirmation of Anna Hetzel.

From the Family of Joyce Bebee:

Thank you members of Grace Lutheran Church for your love and concern for our mother and grandmother. Mom is battling Alzheimers but is currently doing well at the nursing home she is in. For those who want to visit or just send a note, mom's new address is:

Community Nursing Home, Port Perry

16941 Simcoe Street, Box 660

Port Perry, Ontario L9L 1A6 Room 225

If visiting, the location is the southeast corner of Reach Street and Simcoe Street, South Building. The nursing home requires that visitors sign in and out in the visitors log book on a table inside the front door to the left. Regards Jennifer, Brian, Sandy and David Bebee

MILK BAGS WANTED: The Ladies of Grace are collecting large milk bags to make into sleeping mats for the poor. These bags are cut into strips and are crocheted into sturdy mats on which to sleep. The mats are sent wherever needed in third world countries. **Check out the sample mat in the narthex.** Please make sure to rinse and dry them before bringing them in to Minnie Harfmann or Anne Carson.

GRAFFITI GONE: Church council approved the removal costs of the graffiti on the south and west walls of the church and one of our members removed the graffiti from the portable. Thanks to all!

MISSING OFFERING ENVELOPES: The box of offering envelopes for 2010 is missing. If you have any information of its location call the church office.

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Separate envelopes will be available from the ushers as you enter the church and should be used for this Mission donation. We ask that you place your own envelope number on the outside of the envelope. Please look at how you can support this Mission goal, and remember that no amount is too small. The Lord's blessings to you all.

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