

# FORGIVING

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## CHALLENGE



# SIN



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here today! Please fill out our friendship book and come back to join us again. If you have children we'd encourage you to take a risk. Try sitting up front. We love having children in worship! Children also love to see the action. In the event your child becomes **overly** "restless" and begins to disturb either you or the people around you, we have a nursery available during worship services and the education hour. An usher can help you locate the nursery. **Thanks for being here!**

# EASTER 4 - APRIL 21, 2024 - DIVINE 2

## WELCOME & THEME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*stand*

OPENING HYMN “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” LSB 607, vv. 1-3  
*(Refer to the hymnal for the melody, if desired, as this may be an unfamiliar hymn.)*

## INVOCATION

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*sit*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and His sake forgives you all your sins. Speaking in the Lord’s behalf as your pastor, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” LSB 607, v. 5

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;  
**C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;  
**P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;  
**C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 51:2-15

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup>Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. <sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>Peter answered Him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” <sup>35</sup>Peter said to Him, “Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!” And all the disciples said the same. ...

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

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

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*sit Children's Message in A202 for children age 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on **vibrate** so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)*

SERMON HYMN

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB 606

SERMON

The Forgiveness Challenge: Sin

OFFERING *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Loving Shepherd of the Sheep"

by Burkhardt

CELEBRATION SINGERS

Keaton Connell, *director*

*stand*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *after each petition:*

**P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**C** His steadfast love endures forever.

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*sit*

## AGNUS DEI

**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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION & HYMNS *(See page 11 for communion information.)*

- LSB 609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”  
 LSB 611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”  
 LSB 622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

*stand*

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “How Shall They Hear, ’ Who Have Not Heard” LSB 831, vv. 1-2, 5  
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**We enter to worship; we exit to witness!**



## REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. *If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.*

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

## REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS:

**To our guests** – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

**Offerings can be given in the following ways –**

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down the pew.
  - Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
  - Drop off or mail to the church office.
  - Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on "Give."
  - Give offerings/donate from your smart phone.
- Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



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## THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE



**PHASE 1:  
SIN**  
APRIL 21



**PHASE 2:  
CONFESSION**  
APRIL 28



**PHASE 3:  
ABSOLUTION**  
MAY 5



**PHASE 4:  
RESTORATION**  
MAY 12



**PHASE 5:  
SANCTIFICATION**  
MAY 19

### THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING:

Preacher.....Pastor Gary Timm  
 Liturgist.....Pastor Keith Piotter  
 Organist.....Cathy Longerman  
 Acolyte.....Julia Ehler  
 Reader.....Ron Spiva  
 Children's Message.....Kristyn Mahler  
 Projectionist.....Tammy McCartney  
 Livestream/Sound Tech.....Charles Buckelew