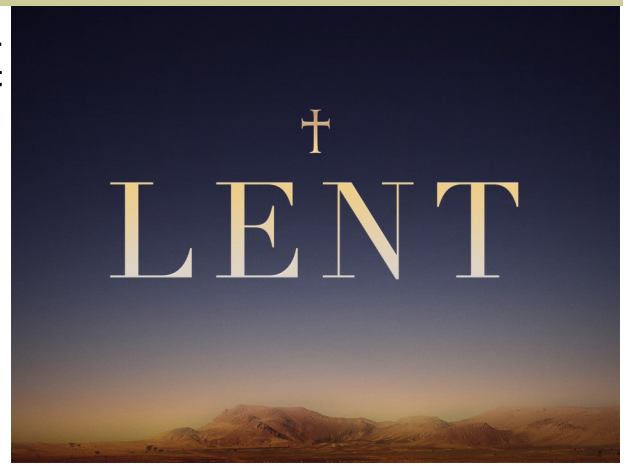




Sunday, March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday in Lent



## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life imparting Spirit, you were praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength-'ing, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Psalm 89:1-4, 26

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever,  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

‘I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”

He will say to me,  
‘You are my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

L: Word of God; word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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**Message:** Pastor Dwight Rudquist

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Hymn of the Day: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and free the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go;  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

**Prayers**

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

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## **Benediction & Dismissal**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”



## PRAYERCARE

Verna Grover, Del & Carol Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Cleo Stomberg, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson, Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, and Deb & Jerry Rhoads and family of Marilyn Burnes, Darlene Mueller, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Geri Swenson and the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, the family of Doris Fors, the family of Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, the Hackmann family, the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Petersen, Julie Valez, Arne & Miriam Lagus & Family, the family of Margaret Dale, and Marcielle Rogers.

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## Intergenerational Faith Formation:

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Our "bucket list" faith practice for Lent week 4 is **PRAY**

- Send your prayer partner a note this week! Youth mailer packets are available at the church until Tuesday, March 16th - if you have a youth prayer partner and would like to pick up their packet to mail out, stop in the church office Monday or Tuesday!!!
- Featured March Books: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Swedish Word of the month:
  - English: good morning
  - Swedish: god morgon

### 1000 lb food shelf food drive

How do we meet the goal? If 40 households donate 5 lbs of food each week for 5 weeks during Lent, we will meet the 1000 lb goal. What is 5 lbs of food, and what food is needed?

Week 1 - Canned fruits and vegetables

Week 2 - Flour, whole grain pasta

Week 3 - Sugar, rice

Week 4 - Canned tuna, chicken, soups

Week 5 - Peanut butter, vegetable oil

How to join in: Set up a cardboard collection box at home and add 5 lbs of food to the box each week. Watch it grow. Pack up your box and drop it off to one of the delivery trucks at church on Palm Sunday.

### Video Credits

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