



# Lent | Fourth Sunday

8:30 am & 10:45 am March 10, 2024

## New to COS?

If this is your first time at COS, please sign our guestbook:



## Kids Church

Rooms 100-104 after the children's message until the end of the 10:45 am service. Pre-school-4th grade.

## Nursery

Room 101. Drop off either before the start of 10:45 am worship or after the children's message. Children are welcome to stay in the service too.

## Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console.

## Hymn 570:1-4 God Loved the World So That He Gave

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\Upsilon$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\Upsilon$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn Response 570:5-6

If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
this is the anchor of my faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

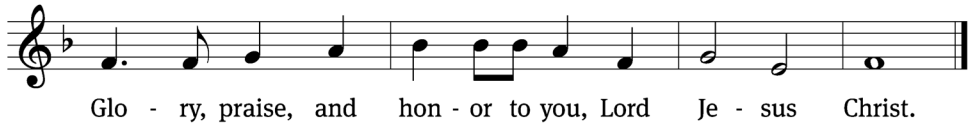
Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

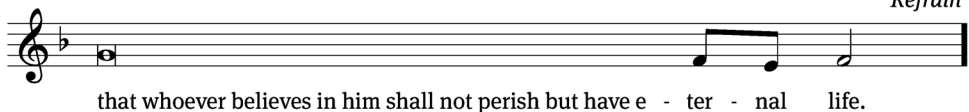
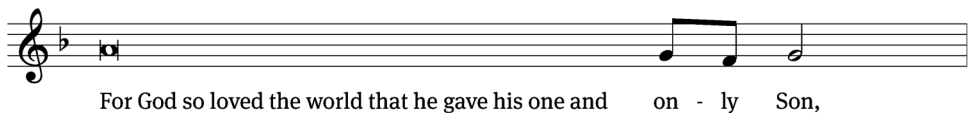
John 3:16



Refrain



Tone



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## Gospel

John 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

*The children in the 10:45 am service are invited to the chancel steps for a message.*

**Hymn 811**    My Faith Looks Up to Thee

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for ... .] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

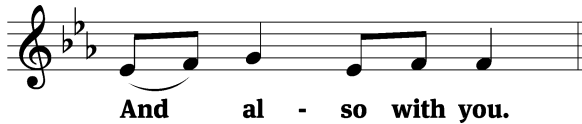
## Offering

Offerings may be given via the QR code ([cosrock.org/donate](https://cosrock.org/donate)) or the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.



### Stand

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

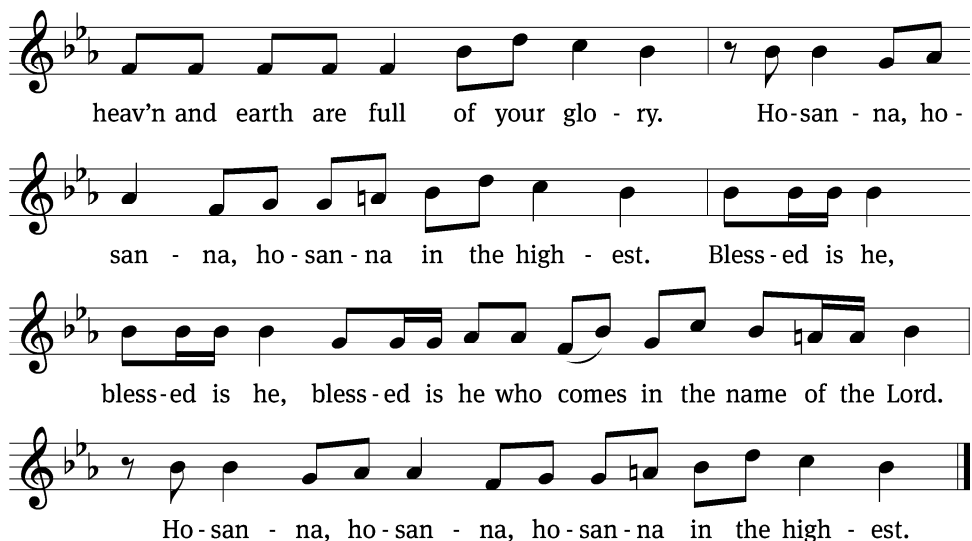


## Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy





heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

As we remember his death and resurrection, we thank you for gathering us together to receive his body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

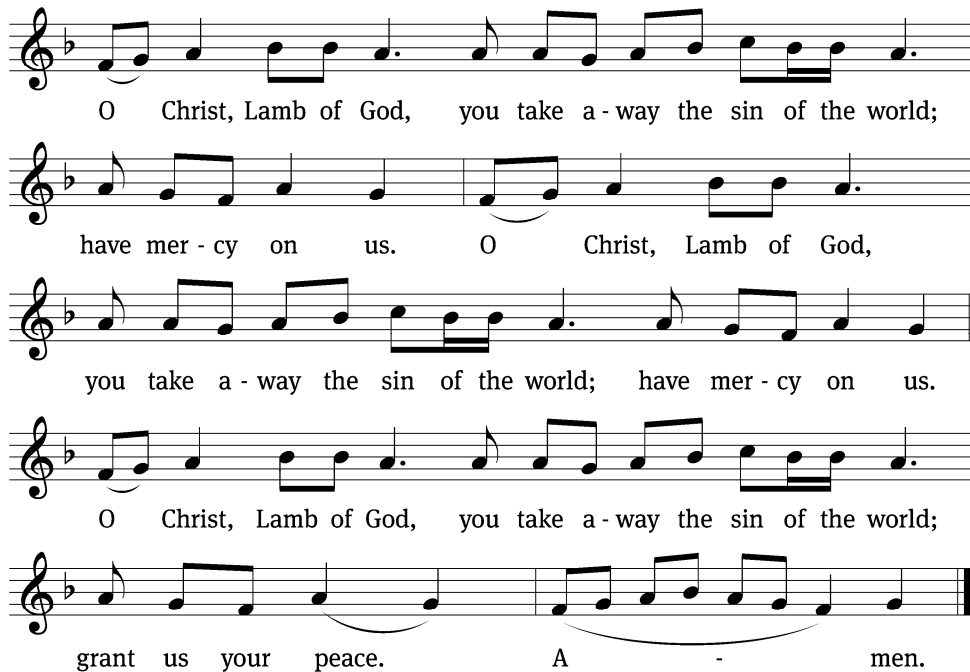
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

*Be seated*

### Distribution

*Reception of the Sacrament at COS is reserved for those who share our confession of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. We ask those who do not hold membership in this or another WELS congregation to give us the chance to teach those doctrines to you via our New Life in Christ Course prior to communing. Speak with one of our pastors for more information or about enrolling.*

*Center purple cups of each tray are reserved for those who have requested alcohol free wine for medical reasons.*



*Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## **Proclamation**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**Hymn 923** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



**BAPTIZED  
INTO  
HIS DEATH**

**LENTEN VESPERS**

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 13

*"A Great Power and a Greater Gift"*

5:30 pm 3/14 Lenten Supper Menu: Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

# Announcements

## **Adult Forum Topic**

*9:45 am Sundays*

Adult Forum meets in the fellowship hall. It is discussion based. Our topics will expand on themes from the Wednesday Lenten Vespers series “Baptized into his Death.” Today we look at what is meant by “the sinful nature and the new creation.”

## **COS 40+ St Patrick’s Day Party**

*6:30 pm Friday, March 15*

We’ve had great success with 20s/30s fellowship events. But why should the kids get to have all the fun? Adults in the 40+ age group are invited to a St. Patrick’s Day party hosted by Ken & Leslie Ruppel on Friday, March 15th at 6:30 pm. Bring a side dish to share. RSVP online at [cosrock.org/4oplus](http://cosrock.org/4oplus).

## **Easter for Kids**

*3:00 - 5:00 pm Sunday, March 24*

We are hosting an Easter for Kids event on Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 pm. This vbs-style event for kids in PreK-4th Grade includes Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and concludes with an indoor egg hunt. Online registration is available at [cosrock.org/EFK](http://cosrock.org/EFK).

We also need teen and adult volunteers to make this event possible. If you are interested in helping, please email Heather Hahm ([cosrock\\_staffminister@hotmail.com](mailto:cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com)). We also need candy (imagine that) and plastic eggs. You can donate either individually or you can donate candy-filled eggs.

## **Preschool Enrollment for 2024/25**

Next school year COS Preschool will again be offering preschool for 3s and 4s, as well as Toddler Time. For more information visit [cosrock.org/preschool](http://cosrock.org/preschool) or contact Linda Gauger ([lindagauger@live.com](mailto:lindagauger@live.com), 616.866.0611).

## **Camp Lor-Ray**

*In 30-Ju 2, 1st-3rd grs*

*Jul 7-12, 4th-6th grs*

*Jul 14-19, 7th-9th grs*

Kids Camp is coming at our WELS-ELS Camp Lor-Ray located near Michigan’s Adventure, just north of Muskegon. Check out the registration info and volunteer staffing info at [CampLor-Ray.org](http://CampLor-Ray.org). Questions [CampLorray@gmail.com](mailto:CampLorray@gmail.com).

# Announcements

## **Palm Sunday Worship**

*6:30 pm Thursday, March 21; 8:30 am & 10:45 am March 24*

On this weekend we join the throngs praising Jesus with “Hosanna.” Worshippers all receive palm branches. Children in attendance will be invited to join the procession. Holy Communion.

## **Holy Thursday Worship**

*6:30 pm, March 28*

We gather around our Savior to worship him with the disciples in the Upper Room and to receive the Sacrament as we near the end of our Lenten journey. Holy Communion.

## **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**

*7:30 pm, March 29*

Our annual Tenebrae worship is again on Good Friday. This service is structured around the Seven Word from the Cross. This moving service descends into the darkness as we ponder our Saviors dying love. Worshippers leave in silence.

## **Easter Worship**

*8:30 am & 10:45 am Sunday, March 31*

Easter is the most important Sunday of the year for Christians. Worship takes us to the empty tomb and invites our songs of praise to the risen Christ. There are two worship services to choose from, an earlier one at 8:30 am and a later one at 10:45 am.

## **Easter Breakfast Buffet**

*9:30 am Sunday, March 31*

The annual Easter Buffet will be available anytime from 9:30-10:30 am. In addition to the usual terrific food. Seating in the fellowship hall.

## **LWMS Convention via Charter Bus**

A luxury charter bus is being organized for transportation to the Lutheran Women’s Mission Society convention in Sioux Falls, SD - June 27-30. The cost will be \$300 or less. The bus will leave Southwest Michigan on June 26; with arrival at the Convention at 5pm June 27. The QR code has important information. Or, please contact coordinators Mary Rosenbaum 269-201-5971 or Suzannah Deneau 269-214-7015 for more information.



# this week @ COS

birthdays & anniversaries

## Sunday, March 10

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/  
 Adult Forum  
 10:45 am Worship  
 5:00 pm Youth Group Game Night

## Monday, March 11

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  
 9:00 am Preschool 4's  
 9:15 am Preschool 3's  
 6:30 pm New Life in Christ

## Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am Preschool 4's  
 9:15 am Preschool 3's  
 6:30 pm Board of Elders Meeting

## Wednesday, March 13

9:00 am Preschool 4's  
 9:15 am Preschool 3's  
 5:30 pm Lenten Supper  
 5:30 pm Catechism Classes  
**6:30 pm Lenten Vespers Worship**  
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Brad & Kathy Clark [31]  
 Irene Budde

## Thursday, March 14

9:00 am Preschool 4's  
 9:15 am Preschool 3's  
 6:30 pm Worship

Elijah Eggert  
 Alexandra Schuiling

## Friday, March 15

9:00am Preschool 4's  
 9:15 am Toddler Time  
 6:30 pm St Patrick's Day 40+ Party\*

Emma Eggert

## Saturday, March 16

## Sunday, March 17

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School/Little Lambs/  
 Adult Forum  
 10:45 am Worship

Brooke Dahlke

*\*meets offsite*



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Pastor Steve Hahm

## Sermon

Pastor Tim Gauger

## Offerings

Derek Rummel

Lynn Rummel

## Altar Guild

Jill Weber

Rebekah Becker

Rosemary Winicki

Laurie Marquis

## Snow Patrol

Brian Steinberg

Ben Mayse

8:30 am

## Streaming

Andrea Eggert

Eli Eggert

## Acolyte

Cole Greenland

## Lector

Mark DeWitt

## Communion

Mark DeWitt

Dean Herried

## Usher

Ben Mayse

Brian Steinberg

## Coffee Set Up

Cleve Kasper

Kathy Kasper

10:45 am

## Acolyte

Arienne Bey

## Lector

Derek Rummel

## Communion

Tim Dahlke

Derek Rummel

## Usher

Dan Moore

Pete Stemmler

## Coffee Clean Up

Pete Stemmler

Tammy Stemmler