



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020
Landmarks of Lent: "Pool"**

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

2 Cor. 6:2 NIV; Gen. 3:19; Joel 2:12; Ps. 51:17; John 3:16-17

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

C **But we are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

P "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

C **The sacrifice the Lord desires is a broken and contrite heart; it will not be despised.**

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.**

P "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Verse of the Month *Psalm 51:12*

C "Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Each reading concludes:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

Lutheran Service Book 421, verses 1, 4-5

Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev’ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

Ev’ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I’m faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev’ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul’s salvation.

O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

Sermon Landmarks of Lent: “Pool”

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

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