

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” 482 LBW

Brief Order for Confession and Forgivenesspg 77 LBW

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, we rightly fear your punishment, which we fully deserve for our evil deeds. Renew us each day in the covenant of our baptism and remind us of the salvation won for us through Jesus’ death on the cross. Let us always look to the cross as the sure and certain sign of forgiveness of sins, hope and healing in this life, and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Faith Seeds Shelly Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

**“Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel John 3:14-21

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, Oh Christ”**

Sermon “Chiaroscuro” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “God Loved the World” (*Tune: #352*) 292 LBW

Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “God So Loved the World” Faith Singers

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

The Distribution: “Lamb of God” Page 92 LBW

Communion 197, 210, 219 LBW

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Glory Be to Jesus” 95 LBW

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Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
John 3:14-21

- † What is the artistic technique called *chiaroscuro*?
- † How does *chiaroscuro* describe our human condition?
- † Why is it that people “love darkness rather than light”?
- † What is God’s solution to our persistent *chiaroscuro* toward Him?

