

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING 7 +

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above” (#746) F. Mendelssohn

GATHERING Pg. 175

P Bless the Lord who forgives all our sin.

C His mercy endures forever.

CATECHETIC MOMENT Pg. 1160

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pg. 321

GATHERING HYMN God Loved the World (verses 1-3) No. 323

GREETING Pg. 175

KYRIE (Spanish) Pg. 175

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 *Sung*

O give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;
for his steadfast love en- | dures forever.

Let the redeemed of the | Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in |
from the lands,

from the east and | from the west,
from the north and | from the south.

Some were sick through their | sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities en- | dured affliction;

they loathed any | kind of food,
and they drew near to the | gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord | in their trouble,
and he saved them from | their distress;

he sent out his | word and healed them,

and delivered them | from destruction.
**Let them thank the Lord for his | steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to | humankind.**
And let them offer thanksgiving | sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with | songs of joy.

Psalm Prayer

P We confess Your mercies, O Lord, which You constantly display towards our need, asking You, that You, who are exalted in the Churches, and sits at the right hand of the Father on His throne, mayest grant us to understand and ponder the secret of such great loving kindness; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins ...

A The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Turn back to the Lord... Pg. 179
Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up ...

P The gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**
Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **No. 779**

APOSTLES CREED Inside Hymnal Front Cover

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand as you are able.*

The response to the intentions this week is “hear our prayer.”

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A We pray for the church. Direct and guide us in following your will. Grant us clarity in the midst of confusion, and give us courage in the face of challenge. Make us passionate to share the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A For the world you so deeply love. For wilderness places. For deserts and mountains, fruit trees and gardens. For places devastated by flooding or drought, by wind, fire, or earthquake. Restore damaged habitats and protect fragile environments. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A For the nations especially Ukraine and other countries in conflict. Teach us to honor one another as you command. Protect refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A For those in need. For those who lack meaningful employment or stable housing. For those who live with mental illness. For those who have chronic pain, and for all who are grieving, sick, or injured. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A For this assembly. For those preparing for baptism. For parish nurses and all who provide health care in our community. For those who make quilts and gather supplies for global relief ministries. For ministries of prayer and visitation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill. We lift up Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. We pray: **hear our prayer.**

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- For the Eastern Synod, pastors, people, and the Bishop Michael Pryse
- for the Northern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and the Dean, Rev. Anna Thede

- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- for all being called by God into ordained ministry
- for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Calgary
- for New Life Congregation, La Alambra, Bogota, Colombia
- for the Lutheran World Federation, its President, General Secretary, and staff
- for the Lutheran Church of Estonia, the pastors, and people
- for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, the Bishop, their pastors, and people
- for our Anglican and Moravian partners

For all these, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all virtually gathered for this service, those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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OFFERING

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY HYMN “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up” O Waly Waly
Setting of the altar from the credence table.

Reception of Offerings

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

A We pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Spanish)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version II)

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE FRACTION

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. **Amen.**

Lamb of God *Sung*

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *Please be seated.*
Assistants and those in special need commune first.

COMMUNION HYMNS What Wondrous Love is This **No. 666**
Beneath the Cross of Jesus **No. 338**

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER

A We pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

THE BENEDICTION *Please stand as you are able.*

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Lift High the Cross **No. 660**

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE “*Lift High the Cross*” (#660) *arr. D. Burasow*

WELCOME to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor. Online worship is provided for those unable to attend in-person.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher: Shelly Ford, Nale Poromon
Lector: Shelly Ford
Assistant Minister: Art Wildeman
Altar Guild: Helen Sandau
Refreshments: Mariette Erasmus, Nicky Mutschlechner
Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

3 March	Last Week	Budget 2024
Current	\$3,313	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 10	
Building Fund	\$ 10	
Other	\$ 1,130	
Attendance	37	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	10 Mar	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	11 Mar	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	12 Mar	1:00 PM	HLW Bible Study
		7:00 PM	NAPS
Wednesday	13 Mar	9:30 AM	12 Step Program
Thursday	14 Mar	1:00 PM	K.S.G.
		7:00 PM	AFG Area
Friday	15 Mar	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	16 Mar	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
		1:00 PM	K.S.G.
Sunday	17 Mar	10:30 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS – The March issue is now available.

HIGHWOOD LADIES' BIBLE STUDY – All ladies are welcome to join us in our bible study on Tuesday 12 March at 1:00 PM downstairs. Rides can be arranged with Pat, Clarice, or Helga. Bring a friend if you like, as we all learn from each other.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES SAS – AGM Saturday, 16 March 2024 at 10:00 am. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Parish Hall 66-7 Street NE, Calgary. Poster is downstairs.

HOT SHOTS MOVIE AND LUNCH – FATHER STU – True Story
Tuesday, March 19 10:00 am. Sign-up downstairs.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY – Donations are gratefully accepted towards the subscription costs which are only \$13.25 each per year.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? Contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

FREE SENIOR SESSIONS – Kirby Centre – see posters downstairs.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK

24 March Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

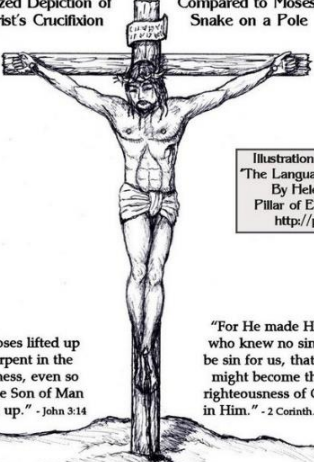
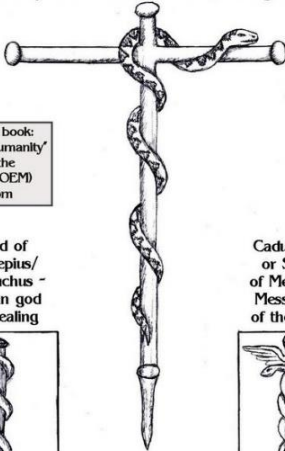


27 March Spy Wednesday 7:00 PM

The Triduum

28 March Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

29 March Good Friday 10:30 AM

31 March Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

<p>Stylized Depiction of Christ's Crucifixion Compared to Moses' Snake on a Pole</p>  <p>“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.” - John 3:14</p> <p>“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” - 2 Corinth. 5:21</p>	<p>The Nehushtan, or Snake on a Pole Made by Moses (Numbers 21:5-9; 2 Kings 18:4)</p>  <p>Illustration taken from the book: ‘The Language of God In Humanity’ By Helena Lehman of the Pillar of Enoch Ministry (POEM) http://pillar-of-enoah.com</p> <p>Rod of Asclepius/ Ophituchus - Pagan god of Healing</p>  <p>Caduceus, or Staff of Mercury, Messenger of the gods</p> 
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