

Today's Scripture Readings

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And 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 loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ

Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

John 3:14-21

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarian Luke Konkel.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *Joann, mother of Roxanne Taylor, recovering from a fall.*
- *Hayley Buchholz, Rebekah Rindt, and all expectant mothers, for health and joy in their vocations.*
- *Karl Eippert, recovering from a broken hip.*
- *Joan Eippert, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Jayne Cotter, for a successful surgery.*
- *Jessica Dolezal, receiving treatment for recurrence of cancer.*
- *Mark Seider, brother-in-law of Andy & Val Schmitt, for the successful diagnosis and a treatment plan for a chronic respiratory condition.*
- *Tom Rozegnal, grandfather of Lorraine Harrill, receiving radiation treatment.*
- *Marion, Terry Ourada's mother, sick with cancer.*
- *Sarah Grisar, daughter-in-law of Dave and Bunnie Grisar, continuing battle with cancer.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout our country and world.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*
 - our Seminarian Luke Konkel;
 - John Wille our district president;
 - Matthew Harrison, synodical president;
 - the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel, for salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood;
 - our circuit congregation, Zion in Glenbeulah and Rev. Don Johnson;
 - our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and
 - our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

JESUS IS LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS, THAT WE MAY LOOK TO HIM AND LIVE

The people sinned by speaking *“against God and against Moses,”* and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which *“bit the people, so that many people of Israel died”* (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to *“make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,”* so that *“if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live”* (Num. 21:8). Thus God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith *“may have eternal life”* (John 3:14–16). By His cross, *“the light has come into the world,”* not for condemnation, but *“that the world might be saved through Him”* (John 3:17–19). While we *“were dead in the trespasses and sins”* in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live *“with Him in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 2:4–6).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — Mark 10:45 *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #430 — *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Ex. 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52 **T:** Ex. 2:23—3:22; Mark 14:53-72 **W:** Ex. 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15 **Th:** Ex. 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32 **F:** Ex. 5:1—6:1; Mark 15:33-47 **Sat:** Ex. 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20 **Sun:** Ex. 8:1-32; Heb. 1:1-14

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Lent 5 (March 17, 2024):*

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45; Psalm 119:9-16

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 22*

Day 1 — *A Rebel Rises*

Day 3 — *Last Words*

Day 2 — *The Rebel Falls*

Day 4 — *A Wise Request*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 10, 2024

Greeters — *Pennie Scallorn & John Kaiser*

Elder — *Jeff Ourada*; Usher — *Mark Mathe*

Altar Guild — *Kayla Schommer, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Kari Marks*

Cantor/Soloist — *Hayley Buchholz*; Acolyte — *Bryce Dolezal*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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