



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~ March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgement on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbor(s). I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us His own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

AMEN

*GATHERING HYMN "Lamb of God" ELW 336

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON – NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: *Numbers 21:1-9* PB 122

1 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. **2** Then Israel made a vow to the Lord and said, "If you will indeed give this people into our hands, then we will utterly destroy their towns." **3** The Lord listened to the voice of Israel, and handed over the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their towns; so the place was called Hormah.

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. **5** 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." **6** Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. **7** 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. **8** 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." **9** 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. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: *Psalm 107:1-22* PB 487 (read responsively)

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. **2** **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble** **3** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **4** **Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;** **5** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. **6** **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;** **7** he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. **8** **Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.** **9** For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. **10** **Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,** **11** for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. **12** **Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.** **13** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; **14** **he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.** **15** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. **16** **For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron.** **17** Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; **18** **they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.** **19** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; **20** **he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.** **21** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. **22** **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 2:1-10* PB 949-950

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. **3** All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved—**6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7](#) so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8](#) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—[9](#) not the result of works, so that no one may boast. [10](#) For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

L:The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *John 3:14-21* PB 864

[14](#) And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15](#) that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. [16](#) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

[17](#) "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18](#) Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19](#) And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. [20](#) For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. [21](#) But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Wonderful Love Is This" ELW 666 vs.1,3,4

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* ELW 686 vs.1
We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

*APOSTLE’S CREED ELW pg. 217

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. **I BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

*THE LORD’S PRAYER ELW pg. 221

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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “*I Love to Tell the Story*” ELW 661

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to serve, and to share the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
We will—Thanks be to God!

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 3/10/2024—4th Sunday in Lent

9:00am—Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 3/13/2024

1:30pm—Confirmation Class

5:45pm – 6:45pm—Lenten Supper

7:00pm—Lenten Service

Thursday, 3/14/2024

9:30am—**NEEDLES UP!!** (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 3/17/2024—5th Sunday in Lent—Winfred to preach

9:00am—Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.: FURNACE FUND
- Noisy offering: Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- Lent Information: Lenten Wednesdays: *Mar. 13, 20.* Meals will be provided & served by the OSLC Youth Group.
Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm; Service Time: 7:00pm
- Mission Action Month: March: See sheet in the Narthex (on coffee table), or your March Inviter for the specific “*weekly action*”
- Easter Lilies and Flowers: For more information refer to small sheets on the coffee table in the Narthex, or your March Inviter.
- Special Sundays in March: Palm Sunday Service: March 24th @ 10am; **Maundy-Thursday Service:** March 28th @ 7pm; **Good Friday Service:** March 29th @ 8pm; **Easter Sunday Service:** March 31st @ 10am

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon) Ron Petsinger
Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know
Christ as their Savior and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave
Voight, Gordy Peterson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie
Aamodt)*

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv
Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Eathan & Garrett

Reader: Matt Pernat

Prayer: Matt Pernat

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Reinholds (coffee only)

Serving Next Sunday (3/10/24)

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Reader: Volunteer Encouraged

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: Nelsons & Belyeas

Wednesday Night Service: Mar. 13, 20

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Readers: Confirmation Students

Prayer: Volunteer Encouraged

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services.

We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers. (worship leaders encouraged as well)

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All are welcome and encouraged!

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“Excited by faith, we are called to serve all;
gathered to **WORSHIP**, inspired to teach, **we**
are our Savior's!”

SERVING IN MARCH

Reminder: **If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.*

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church

1st Sunday-Mar. 3

~~COMMUNION: Kristi Williamson & Diann Rudolf
FELLOWSHIP: D. Rudolf & K. Williamson~~

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 6

2nd Sunday-Mar. 10

FELLOWSHIP: Reinholds (coffee only)

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 13

3rd Sunday-Mar. 17

COMMUNION: W. & S. Knudson
FELLOWSHIP: Nelsons & Belyeas

Lent Wednesday-Mar. 20

H O L Y W E E K

4th Sunday-Mar. 24—PALM SUNDAY

USHERS & READERS: Refer to the “clipboard of fun” in church
FELLOWSHIP: Stovers & Knudsons

Maundy-Thursday-March 28

Service @ 7:00pm

Good Friday-March 29

Service @ 8:00pm

5th Sunday-Mar. 31—EASTER SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

***All Lenten meals will be provided and served by the
OSLC Youth Group***

Meal time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Church Service time: 7:00pm