

CALAMUS LUTHERAN PARISH

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name. Please consider using the prelude as a time for meditation and silent prayer. This is the ideal time for quiet preparation as we come to worship God.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

C: Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

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.

GATHERING HYMN: "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"

(LBW 501)

**1) He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**2) Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**3) Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]**

**4) And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]**

WORD

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

L: A reading from Numbers.

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. ⁵The 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.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The 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. ⁸And 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.” ⁹So 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**²Let 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.

**¹⁷Some 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.

**¹⁹Then 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.

**²¹Let 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

L: A reading from Ephesians.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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. ¹⁸Those 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON – Pastor Roberta

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

(ELW 445)

1) **Wash O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart’s delight.**

- 2) **We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.**
- 3) **Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
waterwashed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer,
Recreate us, God transform**

BAPTISM

Through Holy Baptism, **Benjamin Allen**, son of Marinna and Kevin Kroh, will be received into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Welcome to the Calamus Lutheran Parish, Benjamin!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**)

MEAL

OFFERING

*An offering plate will not be passed.
Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Please proceed forward at the direction of the usher.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available during Holy Communion.

Indicate to the Assisting Minister if this is your preference.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING

Sending Hymn: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(ELW 779)

- 1) **Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound–
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2) **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
- 3) **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

4) **The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

5) **When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Alternate Worship Texts: *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright ©2021 Augsburg Fortress

Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Organist: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

Usher: Joe Morehead

Acolyte: Faith Will

Lector: Melisa Jacobsen

Communion Assistant: Dan Burke

Cleaners: Amy and Shane Glover

Those to keep in prayer this week: the residents and staff at Maggie's House, Ole Olson, Betty Schau, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Ruth Braet, Barb Johnson, George Tulley, and Vicki Sharp; the homebound: Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Norman Boussetot, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Geri Schutt, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

God Squad is meeting Tuesday afternoon to clean the stage at Faith. They are looking for any used paint you may have to decorate the stage area at Faith. Please contact any God Squad member to let them know if you have paint to donate.

Mid-week worship during Lent can be found on the parish website on Wednesdays.

– 40 Days of Lent – 40 Days of Giving – 40 Jars of Peanut Butter – Jars of peanut butter (creamy or chunky, any size, any brand) are being collected for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. Please put the jars of peanut butter on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

This Week At A Glance

Week starting March 14

Today	8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith
Tuesday	2:30 p.m. – Teens meet at Faith to clean the stage
Wednesday	Lenten Worship online (www.clparish.org) No confirmation class on March 17
Sunday	Noisy Offering 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service at Our Savior’s 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Class at Faith 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service at Faith

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