

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

LBW #448 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

GREETING

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

L: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

CANTICLE (pg. 47 WOY)

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. L: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9

Pew Bible pg. 162

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 107:1-9

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

C: Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

L: He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

L: They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

C: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

C: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

L: For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 1225

After the reading: *Lector says: The word of the Lord.* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE (pg. 48 WOV)

(Please rise as you are able)

C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:14-21

(Spoken before reading) L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Spoken after reading) L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #385 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

(Please rise as you are able)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, **C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

WOV #652 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Family of Elizabeth Page Family of Bonnie Henderson

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rena Shebesta	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey	Joan Mathis
Robert Flessner	Sondra Sipes	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams
Rosemary Bennett	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser	Denny Doyle
Beth Tally	Mary Jean	LouAnn Baugher	Lynn Moser
Roy Huff	Joane Wilson	William Benton	Ruth Benton
Kim Wyre	Steve Ritchie	Ella Osterbur	Leon Rocker
Paul Wolters	Martha Stanfill	Kyrsten Valentine	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Karen Derges	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Gus Robertson	Kathy Anderson
Gordon Peterson	Debbie Peterson	Fred Sommer	Bob & Sue Selby
Jessica Hawn	Merrill Wattjes	Velma Armstrong	Sandra Ackerman
Kathleen Cooper	Joan Percival	Irene Galindo	Michael Markarian
Joyce Williamson	Courtney Schoolcraft	Pat Gallahue	

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Mildred Flessner
Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Kelly Williamson	Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod
Kasey Fenimore	Justice Long	Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen
Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti		

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sue Coffin, DeAnn McMorris
Kyndall Cox, Jack Flesner
Richard & Marleen Peavler
Jackie Roelfs, Marcie Rodgers
Leah Graves
Joyce Holland
DeAnn McMorris
Sam & Joyce Holland, Rob Wyre

WELCOME TO WORSHIP “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). May you sense that divine love through this time of worship. Welcome.

VISITATION TEAM Our church volunteer group called **VIP** reaches out to church members who are not able to attend our church services. Our role is to **V**isit, **I**nteract and **P**ray at our visits. Each volunteer would be doing visits that would involve about 2-3 hours a month. An informational meeting will be held next Monday, March 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Come to this meeting by entering through the church office to join us. Please come if you are thinking about doing some type of volunteering. Learn more specifics about and possibly join this church community outreach. Questions? Call or text Mary Peters at 217-778-4327 or email me at petersmaryk@gmail.com.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICES are held in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. each weekday morning during Lent. The service is based on the LBW Morning Prayer, runs about a half hour, and allows for those employed or with other obligations to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner. Please try to attend at least one of these services!

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL & STUDY continues this Wednesday evening, March 13th, in the ALC Youth Hall. The light meal/fellowship time begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help provide soup, sandwiches and desserts for these meals. The entire evening of fellowship and study lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours. If you have questions, please contact Sally Bauer at 217-778-5232.

PRAYER CONCERNS In an attempt to keep our prayer list current, we are asking that an update be given to the church office by next Monday, March 18th, for anyone that you have placed on the prayer list. After this date, the prayer list will be consolidated to include only the names of those that we have received updates on. Please understand that we are in no way trying to have you remove your name or a loved one's name from the prayer list. We want to keep all names on the prayer list that are still in need of prayer. We are just trying to make sure that our list remains current. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

EDEN PARK CEMETERY Reminder to all lot owners - spring clean-up will start on March 15th. Any decorations that you want to save must be removed by March 14th. You are welcome to place flowers back at the grave sites after March 22nd.

BLOOD DRIVE The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held at American Lutheran Church next Wednesday, March 20th, from 12:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall.

30 PIECES OF SILVER During Lent, we would encourage you to give 30 Pieces of Silver... 30 dimes, quarters, dollars or a check as an extra gift of love for the cause of Christ. Please be sure to mark the outside of the envelope “30 Pieces of Silver”.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 116

CANTEEN RUN Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are still available on the table in the Narthex for you to take home today!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORMS are located on the bulletin board outside the Narthex. Please call the preschool office at 217-893-8773 with any questions.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS (gently used clothing, new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade -size 5T to Men's & Women's size small) for Northview Grade School are to be placed in the tub located in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 11

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
5:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, March 14

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, March 15 OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM



EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31ST

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign your name below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 24th. The lilies will be displayed in the front of the Sanctuary on Easter morning.

The cost for each lily is \$15.00. You may place the money in an envelope and mark the outside of the envelope "LILY" (be sure your name is on it) and place it in the offering plate by Easter Sunday.

**(Please write your name below as you would like
it to appear in the bulletin.)**

NAME: _____

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 – March 16, 2024

Prayer: God of all mercy, Father in Heaven, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Leviticus 17:1-18:30	Psalm 99	Mark 6:14-29
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-37	Psalm 100	Mark 6:30-43
Tuesday	Leviticus 20:1-27	Psalm 101	Mark 6:45-52
Wednesday	Leviticus 21:1-24	Psalm 102	Mark 6:53-56
Thursday	Leviticus 22:1-33	Psalm 103	Mark 7:1-12
Friday	Leviticus 23:1-22	Psalm 104	Mark 7:14-23
Saturday	Leviticus 23:23-44	Psalm 105	Mark 7:24-37

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen



Funeral Meals

Funeral meal donations are an important ministry that we provide to our families after the loss of a loved one. Needed are salads and desserts to be provided for the funeral meals.

We are updating our list of people who are willing to make donations for these meals. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, April 7th, if you would be willing to provide for these meals.

Please fill out this form even if you have filled one out before. The names and numbers we receive from this insert will be the ones that we call.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____