

4th Sunday In Lent

March 10, 2024

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

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

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.***

*** Gathering Hymn #324**

“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”

*** Greeting p. 147** *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.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 148**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“God So Loved The World”

First Lesson: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

L: 107 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C: 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

L: 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: 17 Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

L: 18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

C: 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: 20 He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

C: 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

ALL: 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

2 And 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: John 6:35-40**

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. **36** But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. **37** All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #187 (TOSB)

"Seek Ye First"

The Sermon

"I Am The Bread Of Life"

(sermon text: John 6:35-40)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #515

"Break Now The Bread Of Life"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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.**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #733**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

***Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in
honor of Grayson's Birthday
By T.J. & Sara Scruggs***

No totals at this time on
the February Food
Challenge.

**Error on March Calendar
The Quilters will meet
1:00pm Thursday, 3/14
They will not meet on
March 28th.**

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Tues. 3/12 7:00am Jr. High Study
10-12 Prayer Shawl
3:30pm Council Meeting
Wed. 3/13 6:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00am Sr. High Bible Study
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
1:00pm Prayer Group
5:30pm Soup Supper
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Choir
7:00pm Lenten Service
Thurs. 3/14 6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. 3/16 7:00am Gideons
Sun. 3/17 9:30am Worship/ Comm.
Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

Mary Hull passed away Saturday, 3/2/24

Her service will be 3/14/24

11:00am

Here at First Lutheran

Harold "Bud" Wedding

Passed away Sunday, 3/3/24

His services were held

Saturday 3/9/24 at

St. John's "On the Hill"

Marvin Dabler, father of Teresa Carlson,

passed away 2/18/24

His services were 2/23

LWR

Personal Care Kits

We are collecting

Nail clippers still this week.

March 17 & 24

Looking for large

Wide-tooth combs.

Lenten Services & Soup Suppers

Begin at 5:30pm

March 13, 20

Sign-up to bring soup.

Only 2 weeks left.

OWLS FELLOWSHIP

Maundy Thursday

March 28th

1:30pm Worship

Cookie Fellowship to follow.

For over 70 yrs. old

Or anyone who would like to

worship at that time.

Our Daily Bread

Devotionals

The company has been called & is sending out an additional order. The first was apparently lost somewhere. They should arrive soon, sorry for the inconvenience.

ELEVATOR KEYS

A new door handle was installed on the outside door to the Elevator Entrance. If you had a key to that door, please turn it into the office for a replacement.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Will be served by the

Old Wheels committee from

8-9am Easter morning

If anyone would like to donate food for this event, please talk to Rick.