

LBW Setting 3 for Lent

The fourth book in the Old Testament of the bible, Numbers, speaks of the promise God makes to Moses - those who look on the bronze serpent will live. Through our own baptismal lens this Lent we experience this same promise. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the # Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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.

KYRIE

- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: NUMBERS 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

A The First Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] 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.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Spoken responsively

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths:

through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food

and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

 $^{20}\mbox{You}$ sent forth your word and healed them

and rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

A The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Ephesians.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through 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, ¹so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—੧not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

A Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P [Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just 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, 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. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But 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.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



NICENE CREED

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Creed
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- A You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. Empower missionaries and ministries of service in your name. Bless our partners in ministry, our ELCA global partner churches, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

A You sustained your people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought. Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Your mercy endures forever. Deliver all who cry to you, especially those who are hungry or without homes. Give life in places where death seems triumphant; give healing to those who are sick, especially Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth, and comfort to those who mourn. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P By grace we have been saved. Fill this congregation and that of Trinity Lutheran in Hays, Faith Lutheran in Oberlin, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas, Immanuel Lutheran in Kansas City, and Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, Missouri to overflowing with that grace, that we show mercy to others. Nourish any in our midst who are hungry, especially children, and bless our ministries of feeding and shelter. Give us patience and courage when the way seems long. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your blessings upon us are great and everlasting. We thank you for the blessings bestowed upon Jake Kennedy, Trey Horton, and Carol Marker as they celebrate their birthdays, upon Cathy Tunnell and Jane Lewis they remember their baptisms, and upon Roy & Rosemary O'Neil as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Your Son was lifted up that whoever believes might have eternal life. We praise you for all who have died in Christ. Bring us with all the saints into the fullness of your promises. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Blessed are you.
- C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you
- C and also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them up to God.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your

Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE 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

- C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen
- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

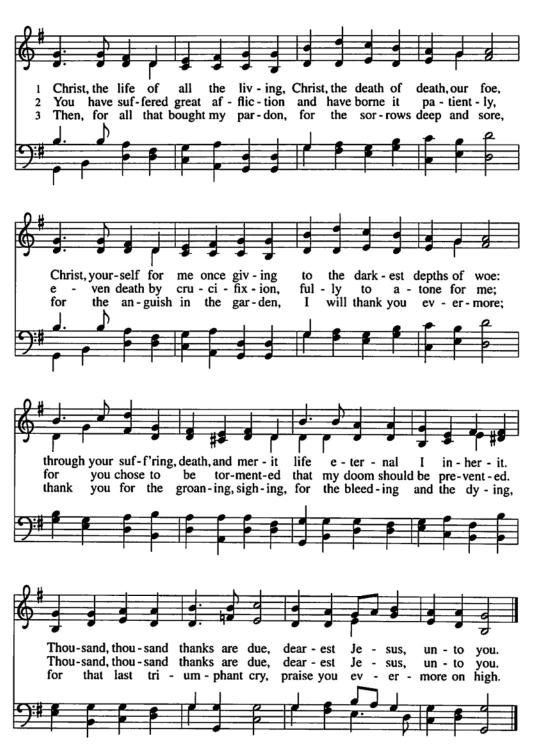
SENDING

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, & Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Central States Synod Assembly June 4 & 5. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Here is a website you may visit for more information: www.css-elca.org/assembly Please call the office, 233-0767, if you would like to serve in this way.



To All Congregations in the Central States Synod, ELCA

Central States Synod Assembly

June 4-5, 2021

The Central States Synod will hold its annual assembly online Sessions begin Friday evening and end Saturday afternoon

Registration materials, forms and information will be available online in February on the Central States Synod website: www.css-elca.org/assembly Agenda items for the assembly will include:

- · Approving the synod budget and voting on resolutions
- · Electing synod council, consultation and discipline committee members
- · Electing churchwide voting members to attend the August 2022 churchwide assembly
- Voting on recommended amendments to the synod constitution Proposed amendments can be found on synod website at css-elca.org
- Deadline for submitting "Voting Member Waiver Request Form" is March 1, 2021
- Deadline for submitting nominations and resolutions is April 15, 2021

More information will be included in the Synod bi-monthly e-newsletters and on Assembly website

Submitted by Synod Secretary,

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Remember our shut-ins!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY						
Today, Mar. 14Online Worship with Holy Communion10:30 AM						
Mon., Mar. 15April Trinity Tidings deadline						
Thurs., Mar. 4 Midweek Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM						
Sunday, Mar. 21Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM						

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
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Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion		
Feb. 14	\$1,500.00	\$155.00	\$1,655.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,137.00	0		
Feb. 21	\$1,940.00	\$1,790.00	\$3,730.00	-\$2,792.00	\$938.00	0		
Feb. 28	\$3,530.00	\$2,940.00	\$6,470.00	-\$2,792.00	\$3,678.00	0		
Mar. 7	\$1,300.00	\$495.00	\$1,795.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$997.00	0		
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Feb 2021	\$10,320.70	-\$16,395.21	-\$6,074.51			
		Jan Feb.	\$27,133.93	-\$25,810.43	\$1,323.50			

Church council met Monday, March 8th with the newly elected members in attendance. Officers elected are: President Diane Bottorff, Vice-president Ted Murphy, and Secretary Monica Spencer.

Mark your calendars! Join Camp Tomah Shinga on **April 17th** for a fun-filled day at their Annual Auction! This year, the auction will include quilts, custom woodworking pieces, game tickets, paintings, and weekend stays in Colorado cabins. All proceeds of the auction will go to the fund for camper scholarships. Every dollar given to Tomah Shinga that day will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$15,000! Be sure to watch our Facebook page for updates. Contact Megan at megwher@gmail.com with questions. Absentee bids available.

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA ANNUAL AUCTION

WHAT?

QUILTS, HANDMADE DECOR/FURNITURE, GAME TICKETS, PAINTINGS, CABIN TRIPS

FOR?

FUND FOR CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEN?

APRIL 17TH 10:30A - EXPLORE 11:30A - FOOD & DRINKS 1:00 P - AUCTION!



The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to

- · worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • Living with Christ • Caring for Neighbors

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