

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT

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## INTRODUCTION

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. 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.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Arr. Turner

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN #779 (vs. 1-3)

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

## 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.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

- P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- C: **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . .
- C: **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.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

Reader: **Bob Keppel**

R: <sup>4</sup>From 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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Reader: Bob Keppel**

R: <sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **John 3:14-21**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>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.**

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #342 (vs. 4-6)

*There in God's Garden*

### **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **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 to the dead.  
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 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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## OFFERING—INVITATION—God’s Work Continues

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### BLESSING

**P:** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C:** Amen.

### HYMN #779 (vs. 4,5)

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

### DISMISSAL

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Arr. Keveren

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be called in to the church office 1(937)667-3110.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Pastor Jeff & Jackie Glawe in memory of their daughter Jordan's 30th birthday.*

## **Worship March 6 & 7**

**Total Attendance:** 67

Total Unified Giving: \$5,015.00

Total Building Fund: \$ 591.00

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Unified Giving: \$21,581.52

Expenses: \$20,908.45

### **January 2021**

Building Fund Giving: \$1,688.31

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

**Building Fund Balance as of January 31, 2021:** \$28,648.29

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of January 2021 on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAST DAY** to order Easter plants is tomorrow March 15.

### **MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: OESTERLIN SERVICES FOR YOUTH**

There are 15 residents at Oesterlin between the ages of 12 and 18. There are 8 guys and 7 girls. Below is a list of items they could use.

- ◆ Gift cards: \$10 used as behavior incentives—McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, Jimmy Johns and \$25 at Walmart.
- ◆ Ear buds
- ◆ Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash (Axe, Dove, Old Spice)
- ◆ Adult coloring books with detailed designs & colored pencils with a sharpener
- ◆ Plastic plates, bowls, and cups
- ◆ Towels & Wash Cloths
- ◆ Yarn to crochet with (many girls crochet as a coping skill)

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—1 Pint can save 3 lives!**

On Tuesday, March 16 from 1 pm to 7 pm Zion will host the Red Cross in a blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall. COVID Antibody testing is being completed on all donations. The American Red Cross has excellent social distancing and sanitizing protocols in place. Down load the American Red Cross Blood Donor App or jump online at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your time. Please see the flyer hanging in the hallway as you exit the fellowship hall.

## **NEWADDRESS**

**Please make the following change in your directory:**

Mike & Nancy Clark

118 Southview Dr,

Hoover, Alabama 35244

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EASTER**

**April 1 Maundy Thursday 7 PM worship**

**April 2 Good Friday 7 PM worship**

**April 3, Sat. Easter Vigil 5 PM worship**

**April 4, Sun. Easter 8 AM & 10 AM worship**

## **CELTIC MUSIC by Lori Sebastian**

With St. Patrick's Day in March, I pulled out some Celtic music books. I am not a Western European scholar, so when I considered what Celtic music referenced, I thought primarily Irish music. However, upon further research, I learned historically Celts occupied a good bit of Western Europe. Modern day when we think of Celts, it refers to 6 specific regions: Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and 3 other areas: Cornwall (a ceremonial county in England), Brittany (a western peninsula in France), and the Isle of Man (which is in the Irish Sea).

The two pieces I am playing for service - Sunday, March 14 - are Celtic. The prelude is an Irish tune: Slane (*Be Thou My Vision* – ELW 793 or *Lord of All Hopefulness* – ELW 765). The postlude is a Scottish tune: Candler. Initially, Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote text “Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon” that was set to this specified Scottish tune. Later the text *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*, written by Charles Wesley, was set to the Candler tune. Wesley's poem titled [Wrestling Jacob](https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/387) contains 14 stanzas that are 6 lines each. It describes Jacob wrestling with an angel at Peniel, in which he receives his new name: Israel. For those interested in the full text, check this link: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/387> While the Celtic hymn tune Candler does not appear in our Lutheran hymnals, I wondered how many Irish, Scottish and Welsh tunes or lyrics are in our hymnal? More than I expected! Due to time and space, I decided to focus primarily on the Scottish and Welsh lyrics and tunes.

The first Welsh hymn tune I discovered was CWM Rhondda – named for the Rhondda Valley in Wales. It was a tune written by Welsh composer John Hughes in 1907. We know it by the words: *God of Grace, and God of Glory* (ELW 705), but it also



appears with 2 other texts in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). Another Welsh traditional hymn tune is Ar Hyd Nos (*All Through the Night*). It appears in Evangelical Lutheran Worship 3 times with various texts although one common text includes *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* - ELW 543. Another Welsh hymn tune is Llangloffan (*Bless Now, O God, the Journey* – ELW 326 or *O God of Every Nation* – ELW 713). One of my personal favorites would be the Welsh tune: The Ash Grove (*Sent Forth by God's Blessings* – ELW 547 or *Let All Things Now Living* – ELW 881). An extremely common Welsh ballad is St. Denio (*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – ELW 834), with lyrics written by Scottish minister Walter Chalmers Smith. This transitions us nicely into our Scottish hymn tunes and texts.

*The Lord's My Shepherd* (based on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm) first appeared in the Scottish Psalter in 1650 with text attributed to English Puritan Francis Rous. There are two Scottish tunes to which it is sung: Crimond by Jessie Seymour Irvine and Brother James Air by James Leith Macbeth Bain. As ELW 778, *The Lord's My Shepherd* is set to the tune Brother James Air. Written by Scottish minister John Bell, a more contemporary Scottish text appears in ELW 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me?* That text (The Summons) also has a traditional Scottish tune: Kelvingrove. Did you know that the popular Scottish hymn tune Buinessan – often recalled by the text *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556) was first a Christmas carol titled *Child in the Manger?* In addition, Scottish tune Dundee appears in our hymnal twice (ELW 758 – *You Are the Way* or ELW 863 - *My God How Wonderful Thou Art.*) One other familiar hymn text to Dundee is *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*. Given we are in the Lenten season, perhaps some would be surprised to learn that Scottish born Anglican Henry Francis Lyte penned *Abide with Me* – ELW 629; Lyte also penned *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* – ELW 865.

Although Lutheran hymnody draws many hymns from German, English (British), and American roots, it was well to learn we have 2-3 dozen Celtic hymns in our hymnal. Several months ago, I played a piece by Sherri Hansen titled “In Christ there is No East or West”, and she featured several musical styles to illustrate: Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, and American. It would be interesting for a composer to write another version of this tune incorporating Celtic, Eastern European, Asian, and African tunes.

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