

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 11th, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

Setting 3, p. 138



Assisting Today:

Reader: Michael Koch
Assistant: Norman Richter
Cantor: Sharon Wirth
Counting: Ian McGill &
Ken Roeske

Next Sunday:

Reader: Matthew DiGiuseppe
Assistant: Ian McGill
Cantor: Jessica Malina
Counting: Ian McGill

Piano/Organ/Choir Director: David Santry
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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: (ELW p. 94)

OPENING HYMN: *What Wondrous Love is This?* (ELW 666)

GREETING: (ELW p. 138)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 138)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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. Amen**

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9 - A reading from 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (ELW)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 - A reading from 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, ⁷so that in the ages to come 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 the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Return to the Lord* (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Faith Looks up to Thee* (ELW 759)

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER (ELW, p. 234)

APOSTLE’S CREED: (ELW p. 235)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Create in Me* (ELW 186)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL: (ELW p. 144)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 144)

LORD’S PRAYER: (ELW p. 145)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 146)

Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)



DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectio Divina for Monday, March 12th is John 12:20-33.

WELCOME! to our newest member, Laurent Fortin-Ukrainetz. Please continue to pray for him as we worship God and serve others together in Christ's name.

PRAY for our new council for 2018: Lani Campbell, Barbra Fricker, Wendy Hall, Rochelle Piske, Randy Rodgers, Ken Roeske, Jann Thulien, Brian Wirth and Julia Wirth.

THANK YOU! to Jessica Baird for sharing her testimony and inspiration for service in Christ's name, and for raising awareness around helping others with chronic illness and auto-immune deficiency. Please pray for and support "The Sock Project".

Upcoming events:

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Wed, Mar 14, 9 am, Chances'R' Restaurant.
- **WOMEN'S BRUNCH:** Tues, Mar 20, 11am, Four Seasons Cookhouse.

DESSERT & TRIVIA NIGHT: Join others at Bethany Baptist Church (382 Centrepoint Dr) on Fri, March 23 at 7 pm for an evening of fun. Freewill donations go to Algonquin College's ecumenical Christian Campus Ministry. Register with Jack Wilson at wilsonjohns@rogers.com before March 21st.

INSTALLATION SERVICE: On Sun, April 15th, 4pm, St Peter's Lutheran Church, (400 Spark St.) invite you to join them to celebrate the arrival of Pastor Elina Salonen and to welcome Pastor Ed Bastian as Hon. Assistant Pastor.

MID-WEEK LENT BOOK STUDY: Join us at FLC on Wednesdays at 7pm for conversation, prayer, scripture reading, and song based on the book, "*God For Us*". Download the weekly "Questions for Reflection" using the drop-down menu on the faithottawa.ca website. (Note, there is no study on March 28.)

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