



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God’s daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God’s workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Glory to God in the Highest”

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, while we were still dead in sin, You came as one of us to die for us and bring us to eternal life.

People: **Give us strength of faith to look up to You each day of our sojourn until we see You face-to-face in eternity;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

‡ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ‡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

From 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. And 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.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And 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. And 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.” So 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalms 107:1-9

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

People: **and He delivered them from their distress.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

People: **whom He has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Pastor: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

People: **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.**

Pastor: He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

People: **Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

Pastor: For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

**People: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in
the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in 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— among 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. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED

(Back of the Hymnal)

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”*

LSB 811

SERMON *“A Well Fed Heart”*

John 6:1-15

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

When the Israelites became impatient, they spoke against God and against Moses. Let us pray for all who are in positions of authority in our nation and others, that God would give them wisdom to seek ways to meet the needs of their citizens, providing for equal justice and stability for everyone within their borders.

People: **And let us pray for police and armed forces, that God would protect them as they maintain security and peace.**

Pastor: Many people follow the course of this world carrying out their desires, by nature children of wrath. Let us pray for people who influence our culture and society but without faith in our Savior, that God would open their eyes to look up to Christ on the cross, working faith in their hearts, and making them alive together with Christ.

People: **And let us pray for lay and clergy leaders of the Church here and around the world, that God would give them strength and opportunity to spread the Gospel with joy.**

Pastor: When the Israelites were in the wilderness without food and water, God provided manna. Let us pray for all who lack adequate food, clothing, and shelter, that He would provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to channel the resources He provides to where they are most needed.

People: **And let us pray that all who manage God’s bounty, serving Him so that it moves from mine to tool, from farm to table, from warehouse to storefront, and from street to home.**

Pastor: The psalmist remembered that when “they cried to the LORD in their trouble, . . . He delivered them from their distress.” Let us pray for all who are troubled in body, mind, or spirit, both those near and dear to us, [*especially* . . .], and those known only to God, that He would bring about healing, relief, comfort, and peace as fits His gracious plans for them. And let us pray for ourselves and all who care for the sick and dying, that we serve our gracious God using the gifts He provides. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

****5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE****

HYMN

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

CCS 29

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

(Sung two times)

EVENING VERSICLES

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EVENING PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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****9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ****

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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(Sung two times)

HYMN

“I am the Bread of Life”

CCS 85

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1. I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst,
No one can come to Me unless the Father draws him. **Chorus**

**Chorus: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up.
And I will raise him up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world;
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live forever, He shall live forever. **Chorus**
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you. **Chorus**
4. I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
He who believes in Me,
Even if he die, he shall live forever. **Chorus**
5. Yes, Lord I believe that You are the Christ,
The Song of God;
Who has-as come, into the world. **Chorus**

HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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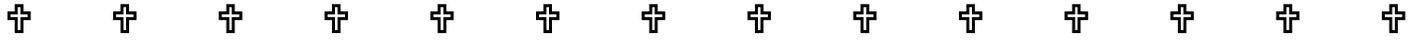
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5:30PM WORSHIP

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9:00AM WORSHIP

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