

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they 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.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble**

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

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;**

⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

⁶**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;**

⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

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.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

¹⁴And 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.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: March 10th
Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:15 – Adult SS
9:30 – Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 – Worship
Growth & Sharing Mtg
Following Worship

Tuesday: March 11th
8:30AM – Prayer Group
9:30AM – Tuesday coffee at BLC

Wednesday: 13th
11:30-Lenten Luncheon @ BLC
5:30-Lenten Soup Supper @ BLC
6:30-Lenten Evening Service
Council Meeting Following Service

Sunday: March 17th
Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:15-Adult
9:30 – Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship w/Communion
11:30-PotLuck
4:00-Youth Board Mtg @UMC
5:00-6:30-Youth Group @ UMC

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, Iowa storm victims, those battling COVID-19, Pete Runneberg, Myra Walstead, Elizabeth Dunbar, Bob Winkelmann, Linda Booth, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Lisa Anderson, Rodolfo Rezarin, Ely Kleszczelski, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Helen Dodge, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. The Family of Di Hawley, Family of Lois Jirgens.

Lectors: Becky Baker
Ushers: March 10th-Shirley Kruse & Julie Dawson
March 17th Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$2814.50 Worship 28
Sunday School \$ 3.00 Youth SS 6 Adult SS 0
Lent \$130.00 Lent Soup Supper \$ Lent Evening Service 24

Birthdays: March 11-Dorothy Smith

***Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

Altar Flowers:

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (as able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56
*HYMN *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **LBW 343**
*GREETING P.57
*KYRIE P.57
*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59
*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

Lenten Reading **Candles**
Saying Good-bye Pastor Klappenbach/Becky Baker
FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9 *(bulletin – responsively)*
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10
*Lenten Sentence P.63
***THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**
*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63
CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **LBW 479**
APOSTLES' CREED P.65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / Processional "Offertory Psalm" P.75
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
Response: Hear our prayer.
**THE LORD'S PRAYER* P.76

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION
*HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **LBW 448**
*DISMISSAL

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March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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