



4th Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

Welcome – We will be sharing in Communion, please prepare bread and wine/juice.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in the Triune name of God: who gives us their Word, whose promise makes us one people, who seals us with the Spirit. C: Amen

(Invitation to confession and moment of silence)

L: God, we confess: we have sinned.

C: We have turned away from you, away from one another, into ourselves. We have allowed our love of you to be overshadowed by the fear of other things: death, suffering, weakness, and want. We do not love one another as you first loved us. Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well. Amen.

L: Siblings in Christ, listen to this good news: God knew of our brokenness even before we knew it ourselves, and God's promise rests on grace, not our response. Aligned with the ancient promise of a Messiah, Jesus Christ came among us, to live and die and rise again.

For his sake, God forgives us all our sins. For his sake, God renews all God's promises. For his sake, God remakes us as the body of Christ for the sake of the world. C: Amen!

Opening Song – All the People Said Amen (Lyrics will appear on screen)

Prayer of the Day – O God who so loves this world, sometimes we come to you by night or in crisis, and the encounter is not what we hope. Sometimes you leave us with more questions than answers. Sometimes our pain doesn't kill us, but it still hurts us. In such times, sit with us patiently, God, and give us faith to trust your promise that you came not to condemn the world but to save it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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. ¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷Indeed, 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.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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**

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

¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

¹⁸**they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.**

¹⁹Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

²⁰**he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**

²¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

²²**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Ephesians 2:1-10

You 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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Children's Message and Sermon

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Song of the Day – Center

Apostle's Creed

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 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 God's People

Each petition ends "*God of promise,*" please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow instructions



Offering Song – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Offering Prayer – Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Receive our response to the gifts you have given us and accompany us with your faithful love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion * Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, amen.

Announcements

- Join us for Lent worship on Wednesdays at 7pm (in person or on Zoom, click this link): <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/94496768288?pwd=Qk11cmFvUWtyU0s5cFQ3akNNYnZSQT09> This week we reflect on the Bible stories that speak to us.
- Don't forget to register for your PFD at my.alaska.gov and PICK.CLICK.GIVE!
- Help us adequately prepare for Easter Worship in our building by letting us know if you'll be in person (call the church 488-6720, or [click here for our Google survey](#), also on our website under "the latest" tab)
- Sign up for the next round of Farm to Table food boxes, pick up Wednesday 11am

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Held in the promises of God, go to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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