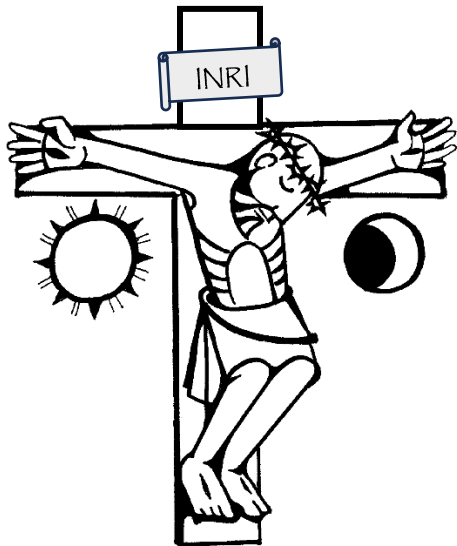


Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Yr B



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SYMBOLS Week 4 – INRI

JOHN 19:19, 20b Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ...and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

MUSIC: VS. 1 + LENT 4
Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery No. 334

v.1 **Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

Lent 4 **Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light. Give us hearts to live more nearly, as your gospel shining bright, as your gospel shining bright.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your Holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than take care of your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, releases us, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 783

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

- 1 Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we give, for you chose to serve creation, died that sinners all might live. Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day by day follow where your steps are leading, find adventure, joys exceeding!**
- 2 Hold me ever in your keeping, comfort me in pain and strife; through my laughter and my weeping, lift me to a nobler life. Draw my fervent love to you; constant hope and faith renew in your birth, your life and passion, in your death and resurrection.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

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

The lifting up of the serpent

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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

C: **Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

L: gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: **Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

L: They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

C: **Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

L: You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

C: **Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

L: Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Saved by grace through faith

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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Stg 4, S151b

Return to the Lord your God



Re-tum to the Lord your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-



slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

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

The lifting up of the Son of Man

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴Just 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.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN *Lift High the Cross* No. 660

Refrain **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

APOSTLES 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 P: Hear us, O God
C: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING--OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
C: **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN No. 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain**
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain**
- 3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain**
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain**

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
C: **As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG vs. 1&2 No. 723

Canticle of the Turning

1 **My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

2 **Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 3/10	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-4th Sun in LENT Coffee -- Sunday School
MON 3/11	1:30 PM	Literary Guild
WED 3/13	5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER LENTEN WORSHIP EDYOU
THU 3/14	1 PM 7 PM	LOVE DAY AA
SUN 3/17	9 AM 10 AM 10:15	WORSHIP-3rd Sun in LENT Coffee -- Intergenerational BINGO in the fellowship hall

// WED MAR 13 LENTEN WORSHIP - "Signs of Lent" 6:15 Downstairs. This Wk: ONE WAY. We are reminded that there is only One Way to God and only one name by which we can be saved. That Way and that Name, is Jesus.

// SAT. MARCH 16 MEETING - Intern Brittany will have a representative from the North Carolina Synod visit the internship site. The representative would like to speak to the internship committee. This meeting is set for 1 p.m. on March 16 at First Lutheran in the Joy Room. The meeting will be approximately an hour. If you are on the internship committee, please attend if possible - the representative would like to speak with as many as possible from the committee.

>> LOOKING AHEAD >>

Wed Mar 20 Soup Supper, Lenten Worship, Council, + Youth Escape Room Challenge Gr. 7-12
Fri Mar 22 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE !
Sun Mar 24 PALM SUN: Procession w/palms, Sun. School Sings, FLCW / Youth Brunch (needs volunteers) & Youth Palm Activity.
Easter Plant Slips are available at church - & in the March newsletter. DUE DATE: **Sun March 24 !**