



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**March 14, 2021**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

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## Order Of Service

### Gathering

*Pastoral Greeting*

*Announcements*

*Prelude Music*

### Experiential Liturgy

*Confession and Forgiveness*

*Peace*

*Litany for the Human Race*

*Prayer of the Day*

*Reflective Music*

### The Word

*Lessons*

*Sermon*

*Reflective Music*

### Response to the Word

*Creed*

*Living the Creed*

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Offering Prayer*

### Communion

*Lord's Prayer*

### Closing

*Closing Hymn*

*Benediction*

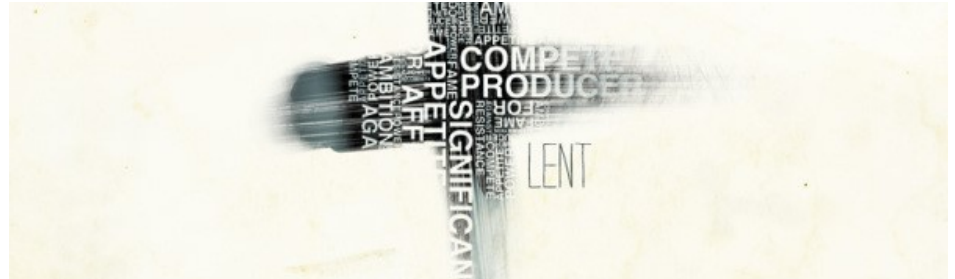
*Dismissal*

*Postlude*

*Worship Assistant: Chip Algren*

*Usher: Linda McGuire*

*Musician: Janice Algren*



Numbers 21:4-9 *Sin has consequence, God has redemption*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10 *God's grace opens the way for our living according to Christ Jesus*

John 3:14-21 *Believing in the sign of the Son of Man leads to living in the light*

## Prayer of the Day

Redeeming God, it would be fitting for you to let us fall to our sin, and the curse of our human nature be our ultimate end. Yet, in your divine love, you find ways to restore us to new life even as we continue to condemn our own selves. Draw us into the body of Christ, that we may see him in us, and within the healing only Christ can ultimately bring. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Please keep in your prayers:

Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Darrell Thirtyacre, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root, Diane Bradley, Matthew Council, Rose Youngquist, Kathi Cruce, Rob Kerschke, Gary Gaskill, Charlotte Volz,

The family and friends of Bev Coulter

*Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.*

### **Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> From 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. <sup>5</sup> 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 detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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.” <sup>9</sup> So 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 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup> Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; <sup>18</sup> they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; <sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. <sup>21</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. <sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>2</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in 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. <sup>3</sup> All 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. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### **John 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> “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. <sup>18</sup> Those 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. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But 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.”