

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 11, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "O Day of Rest and Gladness".....LSB 906 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 27:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

C: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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 — ³ 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶ and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ [Jesus said,] “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN “Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion” *LSB* 559

SERMON

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” *LSB* 743

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HYMN “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” *LSB* 920 vs. 1,4,5

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/11/18 - 3/18/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: Evangelism 4:15pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am (Estate Strategy Essentials)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending March 4, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$6717.75; Blessings: \$112.86; Road Sign: \$140.00

Attendance: Thursday: 59; Sunday: 139

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP continues this Thursday as we examine "The Gift of Beauty".

Join us next Sunday, March 18, during the education hour for a presentation on **ESTATE STRATEGY ESSENTIALS**. Develop an estate strategy to help pass the right assets to the right people, trusts and charities and maximize your giving. Presented by Eric Jacobsen of Thrivent.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"My heart goes out to those struggling with guilt from the secret sin of abortion—a burden carried by millions. These women and men should not be deprived of the forgiveness Jesus earned for them when they have a repentant heart. We need to speak up and let them know they can have the forgiveness Jesus bought for them through His life, death, and resurrection." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*