HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: 8:00 am: Ah, Holy Jesus Bach

10:30 am: *Largo* Pergolesi

Augustus Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Ah, Holy Jesus

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Ah, Holy Jesus



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.

- P In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the ♣ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Vieme to, Panez Bože náš



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

G Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

A reading from Numbers.

From 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. 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." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 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. 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." 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.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 (The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for ¹ he is good, and his mercy en- ¹ dures forever.

²Let all those whom the LORD has re-|deemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.

³He gathered them out | of the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

- ¹⁷Some were fools and took to re-| bellious ways; they were afflicted because | of their sins.
- ¹⁸They abhorred all man- | ner of food and drew near | to death's door.
- ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble, and he delivered them from | their distress.
- ²⁰He sent forth his | word and healed them and saved them | from the grave.
- ²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy and the wonders he does | for his children.
- ²²Let them offer a sacrifice | of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with | shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

A reading from Ephesians.

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— ⁴and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ¬so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁵not 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.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

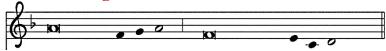
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

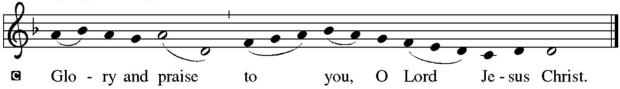


The choir sings the Verse.



God so loved the world that he gave his | only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have e- | ternal life

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

P The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"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. ¹⁸ 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. 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."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: God Loved the World Printed on the next page.

God Loved the World



Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 into hell.
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 INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

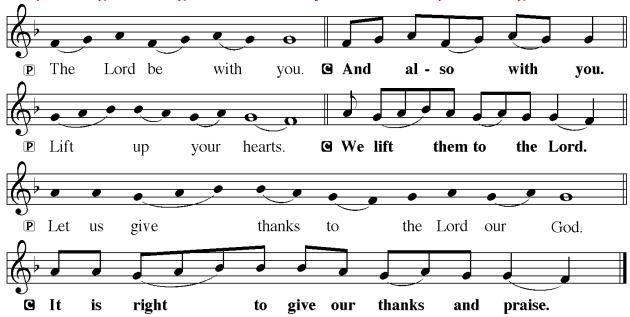
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

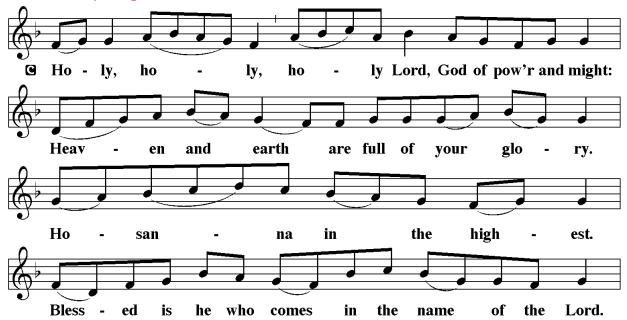
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;

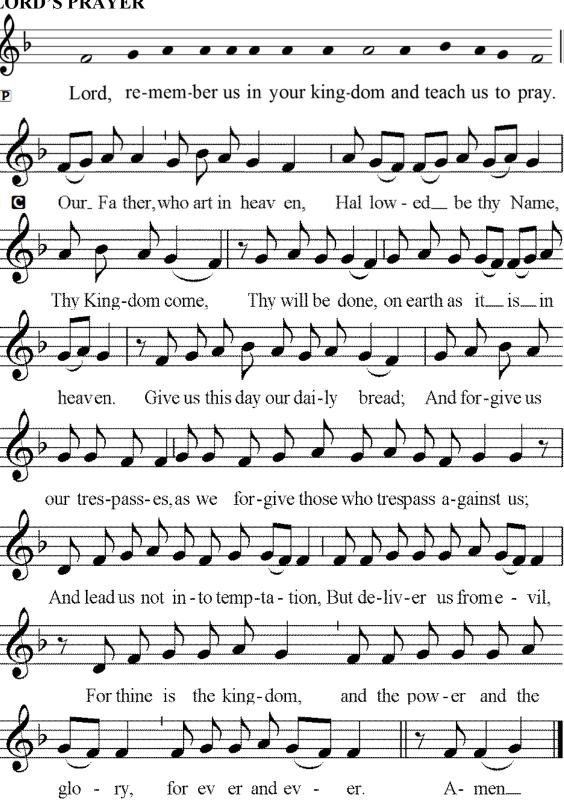
BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY → BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

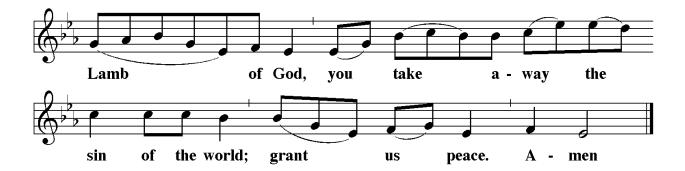
Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)





ANTHEM: There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Benson

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; And if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

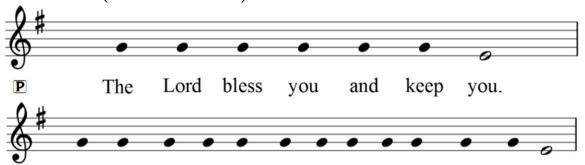
A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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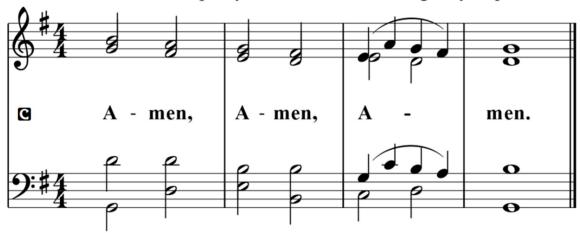
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

During Lent, a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

The liturgical color purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

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2024 Mid-Week Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.

The readings will be around the Last Supper (Do this in remembrance of me.)

3/13/2024 at Thomas Paine UU Fellowship

Theme: "Come to the Way of Grief and Pain" The readings are Jesus' journey to the crucifixion.

3/20/2024 at Augustus Lutheran Church

Theme: Combined CTM Choir Cantata "An Invitation to Come"

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Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Lewis, Allison, and Amanda Christy in memory of parents Troy and Kathy Christy.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Jim and Sally Lorah in loving memory of son, J. Scott Lorah.

Pancake Lunch

Sunday, April 7th

After the Late Service

Free (your donation benefits youth ministry)

All are Welcome!

Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA



On Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm, the 35-voice Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Choir directed by Laurie Mueller will sing a collection of anthems and readings titled, "Come to Me, A Lenten Invitation" here at Augustus. The themes are: An Invitation to Come, Come and See the Triumph (Palm Sunday), Come and Serve (Jesus washes the disciples' feet), Come and Remember (the Last Supper), Come to the Way of Grief and Pain (Jesus' journey to the cross), Come and be Forgiven (Jesus dies on the cross), Come to Jesus (an invitation). Lauren Exley (from St. James Episcopal) will accompany us on the piano, and flute, oboe, and cello are also featured. To enhance our experience, Sherry Jessee has created a beautiful slideshow which will be shown during the singing of the anthems. It will be a very special service, reminding us that Jesus always invites us to come to him, just as we are. Please tell your friends and come!



2023 Easter Flowers

Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

Please include payment with your order.

Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund
Orders can be left in the church office or mailed to:

Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-715-4850 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: March 17, 2024

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Augustus Lutheran Senior Youth Group Easter Fundraiser

Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Crème Eggs and Thin Mints Orders due by Wednesday, March 20th Order Pick up on Sunday, March 24th

Thin Mints	Peanut Butter	Coconut
\$5.00/dozen	Eggs	Crème Eggs
Amount	\$5.00/half pound	\$5.00/half pound
	\$10.00/pound	\$10.00/pound

☐ I will pick up after the 8:00 service ☐ I will pick up after the 10:30 service Thank you for supporting the Senior Youth Group!





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