



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Worshipping. Loving. Serving.



Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 10, 2024

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

- arr. Robert Hobby

✠ GATHERING ✠

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand as able

P In the name of God, ✠ who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, ✠ your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Christ, Our Hope

- ELW 604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured;
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



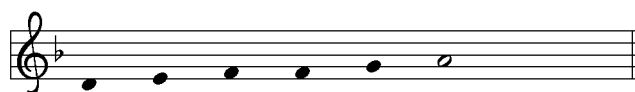
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



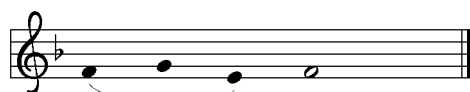
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together,
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.

You may be seated

✠ WORD ✠

THE FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21-4:9

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.

L The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**
¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death’s door.
¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**
²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.
²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**
²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2-1:10

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.

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand as able



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third chapter.

ALL Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

[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. 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Judy Lewis Drysdale



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

All **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 INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. At the end of each petition, the leader will say, "Hear us, O God," with the congregation responding: ***"Your mercy is great."***

✠ MEAL ✠

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

You may be seated

OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

- John Stainer

God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to
condemn the world, but that the world through
Him might be saved.

OFFERTORY

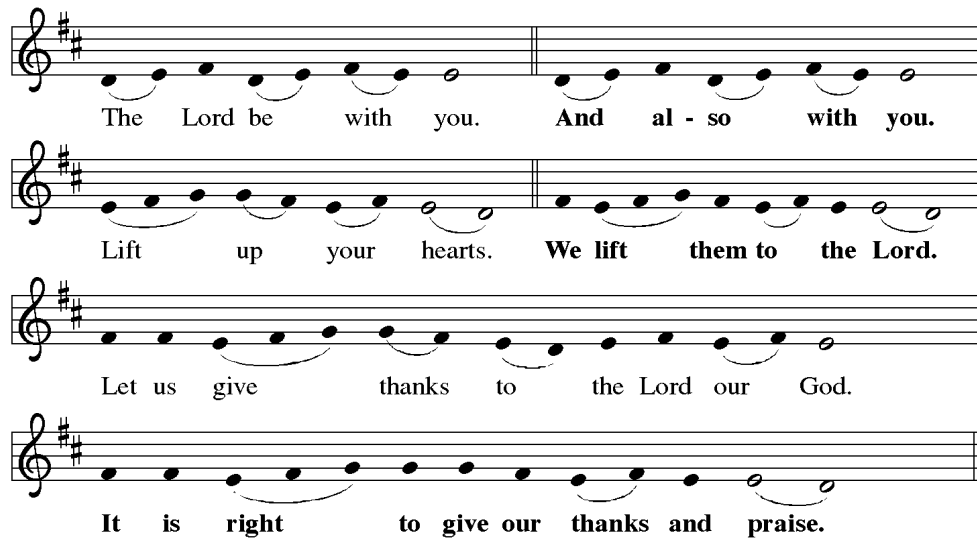
Stand as able

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray together,
Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. 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.

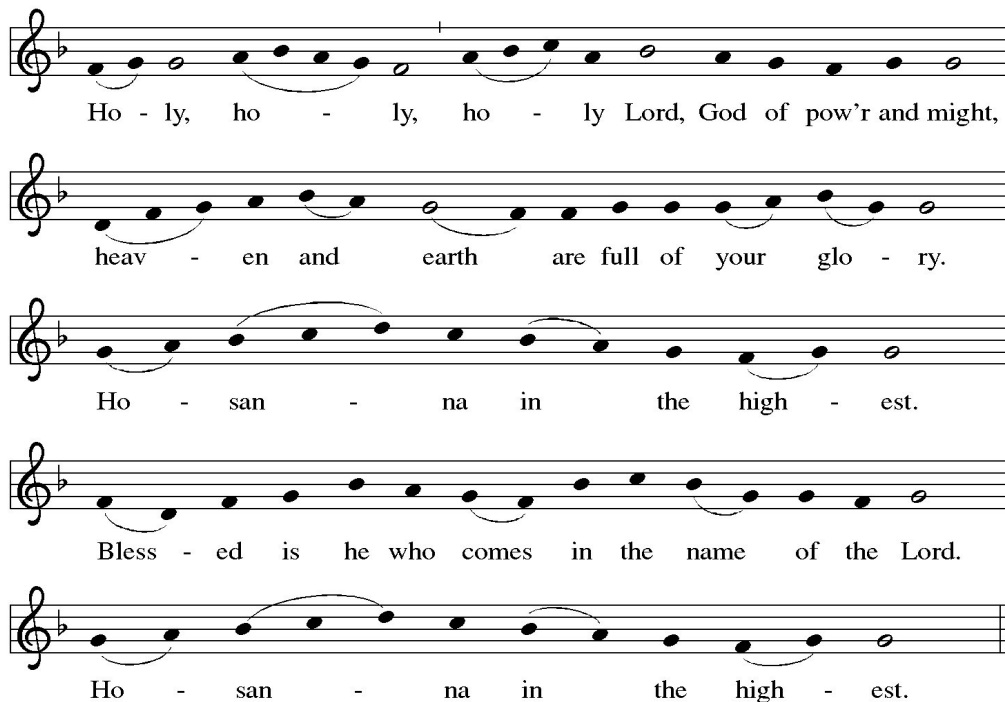
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

All *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

You may be seated

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

- ELW 666

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Stand as able

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

- ELW 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
All We will! Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE

And Can It Be?

- Thomas Campbell

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Peggy Buckner, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Cecelia Driscoll, James Gantt, Pat Hance, Tonya Lawson, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey), Robert 'Chip' Jackson (Linda Goodson), Bill Lewis (father of Pastor Judy), Roger Ballard (Doris Little), Pastor Mark Redding (Kirk Herbertson), John and Alice Ferguson (Larry Blanc), the family of Ken Mast and Danny Sain

We offer our Christian Sympathy to the Family of Danny Sain. Please keep the family, Carolyn Ballard, Betty Mauney and Joan Hannon, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Please keep Ken Mast in your prayers following the death of his father.

Please be with the families as they go through the journey of grief. May they all feel God's loving presence and may the hope of resurrection bring joy to us all.



✝ *Assisting in Today's Worship* ✝

Lector - Don Stroud

Greeters - Marty and Jill Eaddy

Acolyte - Linda Rice

Communion Assistant - Johnnie Gonzales

Videographer - Smitty Little

Councilperson of the Month - Emily Robinson

Altar Guild - Linda Rice and Sue Zimtbau

Ushers - Leon Harmon (Captain), Stephen Lounsbury, Dan James, Ben Robinson, Rudy Rudisill



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Announcements for the Week of March 10th



2024 Community Lenten Services at FUMC

Please join us in the FUMC Fellowship Hall Wednesday's during Lent. Lunch begins at 12 noon (cost is \$6.00) and Worship will be from 12:30 to 1 PM. **March 13 Rev. Elizabeth Tester from St. Luke's Episcopal Church** will be that day's speaker.

2024 Holden Evening Prayer

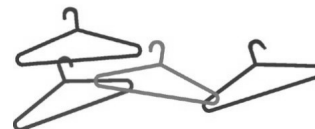


Join us on Wednesday throughout Lent for the Holden Evening Prayer and a devotional let by Pastor Judy. Worship begins at 6:30 PM week in Lent in the Chapel. Topic for **March 13 - Transformative Joy**

Emmanuel Scholarships - If you would like to get an application for the Emmanuel Scholarship please contact the office at lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com or call 704-735-9033.



Battleground Clothes Closet needs - If you would like to donate they are looking for: Hangers, Plastic bins, Hanging racks, and plastic drawers and or crates.



Church
Cleanup



Church Clean up day - Saturday March 23 at 10 am in the North Wing.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sun, Mar 10	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
Tues, March 12	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch at Court Street Grill
	3:30 pm	Aspire Kids– Faith Building (until 7:30pm)
	6:00 pm	Church Council (Parlor)
Wed, March 13	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs, March 14	7:00 pm	AA Faith Building



The Special Easter Offering has been designated to go the
The Good Neighbor Shop.

Donations can be made using the Special Easter Envelope or by using an envelope in the pew and write 2024 Easter.