

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, March 10, 2024; 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing of the Peace/Invocation

Call to Worship

L: The Lord has called you here this day.

P: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

L: Open your hearts to receive God’s good news.

P: Lord, make us ready to serve you.

L: Come, let us worship God!

P: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

Prayer of the Day (All)

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 Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Will Kruse

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.

Second Lesson

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Amazing Grace

ELW #779 (vs. 1)

Gospel

John 3:14-21

*(Response after the announcement: **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. 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.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon

Beth Flier

Sermon

“In Order That...”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770 (vss. 1-2, 4-5)

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**

Offering *(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



Offertory Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW #714 (vss.1-3 & 6)

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597 (vss. 1-3)

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: **Thanks Be to God!**