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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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***Please stand as you are able**

About worship: Today in the Old Testament reading you will hear of the Lord sending “fiery serpents” among the Israelites. The ESV, KJV, and RSV all translate it the same way. The translation is literal and refers to the burning produced by the serpents’ bites. This is why the NIV translates “fiery serpent” as “venomous snakes.” When you hear “fiery serpents” think of “venomous snakes.” (The only other alternative translation that I found was “dragons.” While a dragon is certainly a “fiery serpent” I think that if God had sent dragons among the Israelites they way they are in *Harry Potter* or *The Hobbit*, the book of Numbers would have said a little more about it!)

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Sharp

Opening Hymn

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

LSB 580

***Confession and Absolution**

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***Service of the Word**

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***Introit**

see insert

***Kyrie**

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***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Heb. 12:2

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising

the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

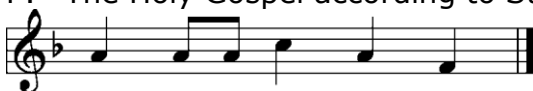
* Verse

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*Holy Gospel

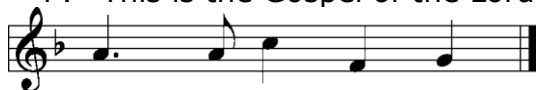
John 3:14-21

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

(stand for final stanza)

Sermon

"Faith"

John 3:14-21

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P:Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Offering

***Offertory** LSB p. 159
***Service of the Sacrament** LSB p. 160ff

Hymns During Distribution

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440
"God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392
"If Your Beloved Son, O God" LSB 568
(stand for final stanza)
"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

***Post Communion Collect** LSB p. 166

***Benediction** LSB p. 166



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion" LSB 559

Welcome: God has promised to be our God and to let us be his people. May we focus confidently on the blessing of such a loving relationship as we worship God today. **Guests,** Please sign the guest register in the hallway and/or the yellow card found in the pew rack, drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher and please come worship with us again.

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GOD'S BLESSING TO THOSE CELEBRATING

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK... Today **March 15th**- Jamie Stierwalt; **16th**- Chad Benner, Rebecca Taylor; **17th**- Lindy Aden, Joe Sonsteng; **19th**- Jessica Armstrong; **20th**- Morgan Rothermel; **21st**- Michael Joines, John Paul, Kane Luth.



Prayer Requests

Prayers for our Sick and Shut-ins... Don Luth, Myron Luth, Dolores Hageman, Anya Knecht, Dennis Freeman, Deanna Dohme, Lizbeth Zumkeller, Juanita Schweineke, Aaron Farmer.

LAST 2/25 Wednesday 78 gathered in God's house. Plate- \$125.03; Home- \$365.00;
SUNDAY: 3/1 Sunday 47 gathered in God's house. Plate- \$114.00; Home- \$1100.00; Mission; \$20.00; Car Fund- \$60.00. SS attendance/ offering- 6/\$1.00; ABC- 26/\$71.00. 3/4 Wednesday 70 gathered in God's house. Plate- \$71.00; Home- \$1020.00. Last Sunday 130 gathered in God's house. Plate- \$282.00; Home- \$4215.00; Car Fund- \$30.00; Cap. Imp.- \$310.00. SS attendance/offering- 24/\$19.96, ABC attendance/offering- 48/\$31.00.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

- TODAY:** Board of Ed 8:00am
- Divine Service w/communion..... 9:00am
- SS/Adult/ Young Adult Bible Class10:15am
- Coffee/Donut fellowship10:15am
- High School Bible study 7:00pm
- MONDAY:** Knitting group 1:30pm
- TUESDAY:** DCE CID @Immanuel 9:00am
- WEDNESDAY:** Adult Bible Class 9:00am
- 6th grade Confirmation 4:30pm
- 7th & 8th grade Confirmation 5:30pm
- Soup/salad supper 5:30-6:30pm
- Lenten service 7:00pm
- Youth Group 8:00pm
- THURSDAY:** Choir 7:00pm
- SATURDAY:** Confession Study 7:00am

SUNDAY:

Outreach class..... 9:00am
 Blood Pressure screening 8:30 & 10:15am
 Divine Service 9:00am
 SS/Adult/ Young Adult Bible Class.....10:15am
 Coffee/Donut fellowship.....10:15am



We will have the Soup/salad supper from 5:30-6:30pm Wednesday. We have put a cookie signup sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the date that you can bring 2 dozen cookies.



The donut sheet for April is on the bulletin board. Please pick a Sunday that you can pick up the donuts at **Homer Country Market** and join us for fellowship after church.

The Fourth Lenten Banner

Sackcloth sets the background for the fourth Lenten banner. The reason for Jesus' death hits home as we ponder our own sins and how heavily they lay upon the Savior. Admitting to ourselves, to each other, and to God the personal problems and sins we battle helps us bear one another's burdens (as we are commanded to do in Gal. 6) and gives us strength to take up our crosses and follow Jesus. Take note also of each rusty nail that is tied to a tassel at the bottom. These help us to remember the corruption that enters our lives. Sin bends and twists and "rusts" heart and lives, and all of us experience its terror and tribulations. But because of Him who was nailed to a cross, we can also experience a peace which the world cannot give and hope for a sin-free life to come. The nails on the bottom of the banner make a happy tinkling sound when they hit against each other. The Lord restores to us the joy of His salvation.



Baby Bottle Total

Thank you so much for participating in the baby bottle fundraiser for **Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center**. The members of our church gave **\$728.85!** That's a lot of change! We appreciate you so much. If you did not get to participate in the fundraiser, you have another opportunity to help **PRC** in April. The **Walk For Life** is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 @ 9am. Please see Bob and Sally Goetting for details or visit the **PRC** website at **www.hopeforafuture.com**.





CONCORD MATTERS and GOD WHISPERERS on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE. Be sure to check out **Concord Matters** (Sat@10am and Tues@2pm) is a round table discussion on the Lutheran Confessions from the Book of Concord, and **God Whisperers** (Thurs@2pm) is an offbeat program that discusses the everyday life of Christians with humor and intelligence. Listen at kfuo.org! Follow us on [Facebook.com/KFUORadio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio).

Accumulated TV's

There are 5 TV's that have accumulated in the basement. If anyone would like one- check it out and take it. TV's that are left will be removed later this week.

Pray regularly that God will bless your friend and your friendship. Pray that God will open the door of the Gospel. ***Pray...that God will open to us a door for the word.***
Colossians 4:3

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