

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Refugees  
Ukraine and its people  
Those with private  
concerns  
Recent shooting  
victims & their families  
Hurricane/Flood  
Victims  
People of Israel  
Innocent Victims in  
Gaza

## WELCOME & 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.*

### PRELUDE

*"What Wondrous Love is This?"*

John Carter

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan McCarthy

*Children are invited to come to the front of the nave for a time of worship and learning.*

### \*GATHERING HYMN

*"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"*

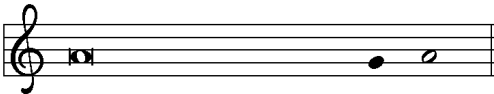
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### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



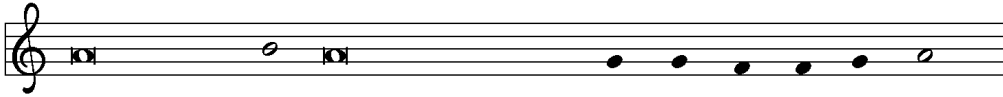
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

### **\*SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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, so that all our deeds 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 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.*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death’s door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds 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.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in 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. <sup>3</sup>All 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. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## \*HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

[Jesus said:] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **KIDS’ COOKIE BREAK**

*Children are invited to the social hall for an activity and a snack.*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

## **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lift High the Cross”*

ELW 660

## **\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We begin our prayer together in worship each week. Please continue our prayer Monday-Saturday by praying each day for the concerns of the church, the world, and all those in need. Please pray for those on our prayer list daily.*

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.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Make your church a sanctuary for all. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Deepen our love for you and for one another and teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Inspiring God, your love brings new life. Bless the Girl Scouts of America and breathe new life into every adventure and learning for all involved. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Abiding God, your love saves. We give thanks for your promise that we will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**



## \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Those gathered offer a sign of Christ's peace with those around them. This may be a handshake, a hug, a wave, a smile, etc.*

## OFFERING

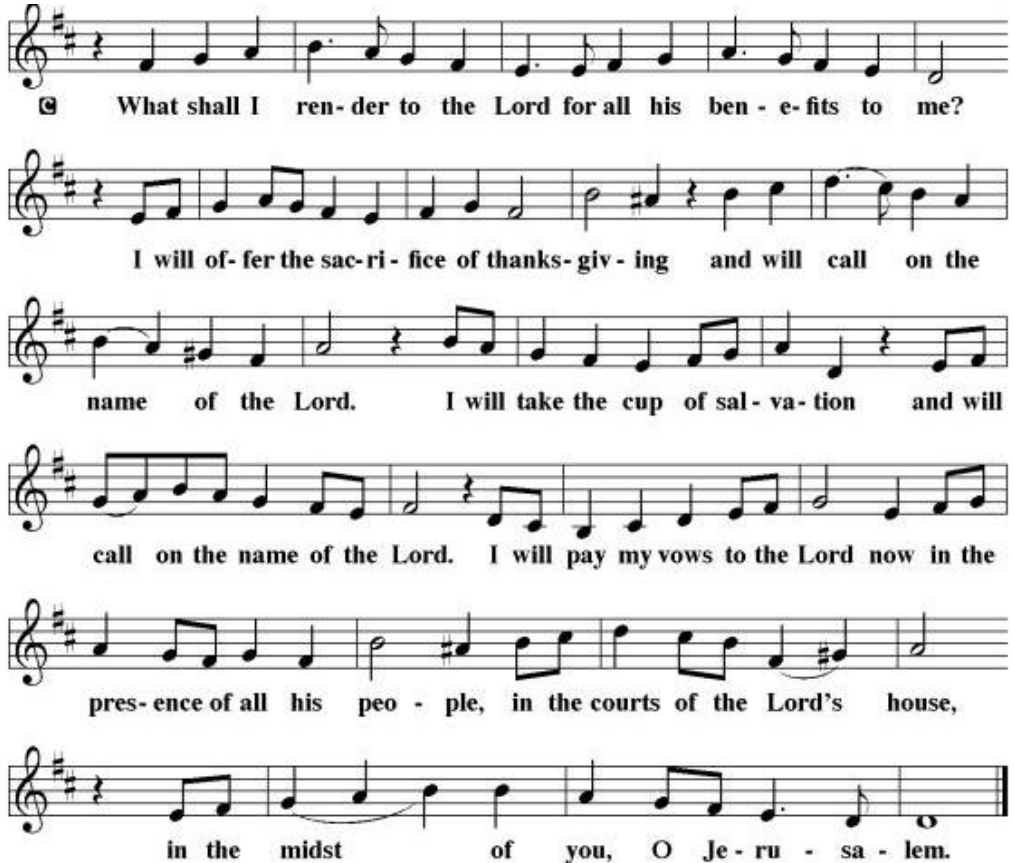
*The season of Lent invites us to deeper discipleship and closer relationships with the Lord and with each other. Thank you for dedicating your life to Christ's work and to our neighbors here in East Berlin and around the world. This Lent, let us renew our focus on giving of ourselves in the name of Love.*

## OFFERING

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Mark Hayes

## \*OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered so 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.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

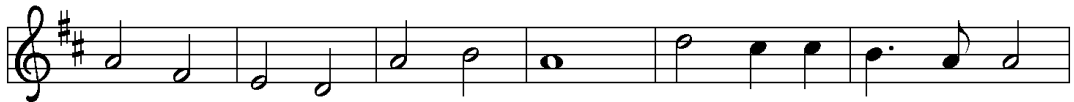
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



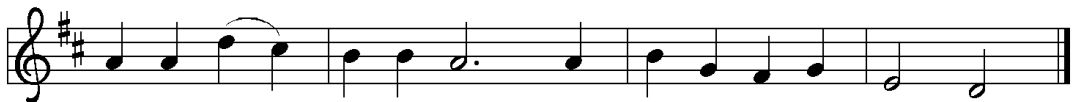
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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**

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.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We believe Christ himself invites you to this holy meal. All believers are welcome to receive the sacrament at his table. Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets.*

## \*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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

ELW 779

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

ELW 666

*"God Loved the World"*

ELW 323

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.**

**As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## \*ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BENEDICTION**

Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“God Loved the World”*

Healey Willan

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**Announcements**

*To Serve God And His Church  
During The Coming Week*

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	6:00p.m.	East Berlin Singers Rehearse
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	2:00p.m.	Prayer Shawls
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Monday.....	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tuesday.....	5:00p.m.	Laundry Love
Tuesday.....	6:30p.m.	Good News & Brews
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill’s
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	12:00p.m.	Lenten Lunch (IHM)
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursday.....	7:00p.m.	Council Meeting
Friday – Sunday		Family Retreat (Nawakwa)
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

**Assisting in the Service Today:** Assisting Minister: Grace Warner; Lector: Greta Haley; Communion Assistant: Mark Boyer; Ushers: Jim & Noelle Kline, Ruthann Bowen; Altar Guild: Sami & Jeremy; Hymn Leader: Chris Long; Kid's Cookie Break: Giovanna Biles; Acolyte: Claire Warner.

**We welcome visitors** – If you have questions during worship, feel free to ask the ushers in the back or anyone around you. We believe Christ himself invites us to His Table; all believers are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you'd like to join our mailing list, please fill out a visitors' slip and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code here. We're glad to have you with us!



**Girl Scout Sunday:** Special thank you to the Scouts for assisting in worship today.

**Offering Plates** are located in the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex (lobby) near the front entrance. Please make your giving your first or last act of worship today. Thank you for participating in Christ's ministry here!

**Kids' Cookie Break:** Kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade & younger are invited to take a break after the Gospel to GO to the Social Hall for a snack & activity. They'll return in time for Holy Communion.

**Bible Study:** Join us for Bible Study Monday evenings at 6:00pm via zoom. The link will be sent in Monday's announcement email.

**Easter Flowers** order forms are available at the back entrance and also in the Narthex. Last Day to order is today, March 10. The cost is \$9 each for tulips & lilies.

**Filling Easter Eggs:** We need help filling Easter eggs with goodies for the

kiddos! Please take home some empty eggs (from the basket in the downstairs vestibule) and return the filled eggs by Sunday, March 24. The children will have an egg hunt after rehearsal on Saturday, Mar 30. If your child would like to take part in the Children's Easter Program on Sunday, March 31, please contact Joshlyn Sharrer (or the church office) so she can provide your child with a part in the program. The rehearsal/lunch/egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 30 at 4pm.

**Trinity's Retreat (March 15-17)** is for having lots of fun and fellowship while growing in Christian faith. Camp Nawakwa is 30 minutes away and carpooling will be available. Come for the weekend and stay in a room that sleeps up to 2 adults and 3 kids and enjoy 5 meals. (\$75 per room for first night; second night free.) Or, come for the days and sleep at home each night. \$25 per adult for the weekend, which includes all activities and 5 meals.

**Ruth's Harvest** packing will be held on Wednesday, March 20 (beginning at 1:15pm). Trinity was asked to donate tuna/chicken salad packs and individual cereal boxes.

**Needed!** Worship assistants for Easter week. See Pr. Susan or Jen for details.

**Lenten Mid-week Services & Luncheons** continue this Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Abbottstown.

**Thrivent Members:** As a reminder, eligible Thrivent members with remaining 2023 Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2024, to designate any undirected funds. For more information, visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com)/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836

**Prayer Chain Update:** Trinity's Prayer Chain is maintained by Bonnie Boyer (717-259-0879) and is an email chain dedicated to prayer for those in immediate need, and those on our prayer list. If you'd like to join the Prayer Chain, let Jen (717-259-9125) or Bonnie know. Every lifted prayer is important. Won't you add your voice?

*Your generous support of our ministries not only keeps the lights on but empowers Trinity to contribute to and fully fund MANY ministries. Want a full report? Ask us in the office and/or check out all the info on our website. Thank you!*

<b>2024 Weekly Contributions</b>			
<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>			
<b>Through March 4, 2024</b>			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>YTD 2024</u>	<u>%</u>
March Budgeted Income	4,436	44,359	
March Actual income	3,834	44,534	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(602)	175	0.4

**March 3, 2024 Worship Totals**

Church Service.....89  
 Online Livestream \*Views.....\*45/90

\*Our church attendance record is maintained for both in-person attendance and online views through Trinity's YouTube page. The ELCA offers guidance for tracking online worship attendance. The number of online views is counted for seven days following the service. Each view is multiplied by 2 (as an average household).

***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
East Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Our Mission:** We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

**Our Vision:** To fulfill our mission, we will:

**Worship** through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

**Teach** God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

**Serve** and provide for those in need;

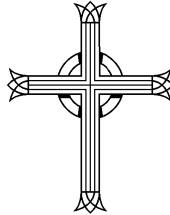
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**Celebrate** with fellowship;

**Return** with joy what God has given;

**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



*Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.*

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