

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
ELW – *Setting 1*
10:30 AM March 10, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Before we were born,

All: Before we took our first breath,

Leader: Before the week started,

All: Before the year started,

Leader: Before we said, “I love you,”

All: Before we said, “I’m sorry,”

Leader: Before we figured out who we really are,

All: Before we figured out who we want to be,

Leader: Before it all—

All: God loved us.

Leader: Unconditionally and freely,

All: Fully and honestly—

Leader: God loved us.

All: Again and again, this is where our story begins.

Leader: Let us worship God!

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GATHERING HYMN: “*God Welcomes All*” #978 ACS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God of love, we forget the beginning of the story—

That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.

All: Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of

creation, we skip ahead and find our worth at the fall,

with Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.

We forget that first there was you, and you are love.

We forget that out of that love you created us.

We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.

We forget, because a love like that doesn’t make sense to us.

Forgive our low self-esteem.

Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.

Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.

And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—
from generation to generation.

Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence
in your unrelenting love.

With hope we pray, again and again. Amen.

Leader: Family of faith, no matter what we do, where we go,
or what we tell ourselves—God is love, and God is loving us.

All: Again and again, we are claimed, held,
forgiven, and cared for.

In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself
—thanks be to God. Amen!

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KYRIE, p. 98

GATHERING PRAYER (Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

CHORAL ANTHEM: “*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*”

featuring Cherie Jarock on violin

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

Leader: ¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

All: ²Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

Leader: ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from
the west, from the north and from the south.

All: ¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.

Leader: ¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to
death’s door.

All: ¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord
and you delivered them from their distress.

Leader: ²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued
them from the grave.

All: ²¹Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.

Leader: ²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your
deeds with shouts of joy.

All: You deliver your people from their distress.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Let Your Steadfast Love Come*”, p.103

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*For By Grace You Have Been Saved*”

#1006 ACS

(The offering will be collected during the song)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, for these gifts, for our lives, for all that you
have given us O Lord, we return to you our thanks and praise.

All: Help us to use what is gathered here
or shared by other means in ways that honour you
and care for our neighbour. Amen.

Adapted from Loving Our Neighbours, United Church of Canada https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/called_to_be_the_church_five_sundays_of_lent.pdf

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 106

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “*There is a Longing in Our Hearts*”

#1078 ACS

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 112

SENDING

BLESSING:

Leader: Go from here, journey with the One who walks with you
and calls you to a deeper truth. Go with open hearts and minds,
knowing the Spirit of God is with you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for
justice and peace. In the name of Christ.

All: Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

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SENDING HYMN: “*Lift High the Cross*”

#660 ELW

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Listen for God’s calling.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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No in-person attendance last Sunday

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.

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.

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.”

Thank you to our lector Wayne Carlson, ushers Edith & Lorne Carlson, musician & violinist Cherie Jarock, Choir director Deb Buck, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to the choir for the special music, and to those contributing to the Lenten Lunch & Learn.



Offering & Income for March to date: \$3,585

Including Rent: \$1,855

Expenses for March to date: \$5,199

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

Our Parish Calendar

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday	4:00 pm	Music Class
Saturday	1:00 pm	Music Recital
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES (7:30 PM)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Preacher</i>
March 13, Lent 4	Redeemer Lutheran	Good Shepherd
March 20, Lent 5	Augustana Lutheran	Zion Lutheran

Please keep in your thoughts and hearts those in need of our prayers, especially *Alice D. & Alice H., Ann Jane, Audrey, Barry, Brodie, Bruce, Carrie, Danielle, Deanna, Doug, Elma, Evelyn K. & Evelyn S., Gayle, James & Karinn, Jim S., Karen, Kevin, Lynda, Lisa, Marlene & Ron, Mildred, Minnie, Nori, Ron F., Scott U., Shelby & Don, Sharon, Gord & Natalie.*

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