



4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

In the wilderness, the people become impatient and begin to lose their faith and trust in God. God sends poisonous serpents among the people, but his love for them prompts him to make a promise to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. Just as those who look upon the bronze serpent are healed, so we will be restored when we behold Christ lifted up on the cross, God's ultimate gift of love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people of Israel wander in the desert, becoming more irritable with every step, and complain against God and Moses.

"Why did you bring us out here to die? Back in Egypt, we at least had water and food. Here there's nothing. We can't take this much longer."

So God uses serpents to punish the complaining, untrusting Israelites. Many people are dying from snakebites, so the people come to Moses and say:

"We sinned when we spoke out against you and God. Pray to God and ask God to take the snakes away."

So Moses prays, and God tells him to make a snake and put it on a pole, and whoever is bitten and looks at the pole will live.

Moses obeys God, makes a snake on a pole, and the people of Israel live. This God is our God, as well: a Three-in-One God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
**In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, help us to stop pretending to be more than we are.

Help us to stop playing games with each other's hearts. Help us to believe that we are completely loved, healed, changed, transformed and made new by your baptismal grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:23-31

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted. They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress. You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

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

*The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE READING

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.”

*The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *“Restoring Relationships through Love”*

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

DISMISSAL

*God loves you! Go and love someone else in the name of Jesus Christ.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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DOG Night

Visit our website every Wednesday for a new DOG Night video! We started a new series for Lent, and the puppets are making their appearance again. Each week will visit a new lesson! Check it out and share with your friends!
www.oslhermosa.com

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4:05 P.M.

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UPCOMING Events

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight Savings Begins

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

10:30am Outreach Committee meets

10:30am Property Committee meets

4:00pm HS Youth Group-Faith and Family Night @ The Rush game

Monday, March 15th

9:30am Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, March 17th

St Patrick's Day

DOG Night Video for Lent will be posted on our website/Facebook/YouTube

6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service in the building and live streamed on Facebook and YouTube- "Created For Community"

Thursday, March 18th

3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open

7:00pm Lent Bible Study with Chelle on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843 Password: 372054

Saturday, March 20th

First Day of Spring

10:00am Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Sunday, March 21st

9:30am Worship/Communion in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube

10:30am OSL Council Meets

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30-8:00pm HS Youth Group

PRAYER requests

We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Helen Munce (Cousin of the Neugebauers)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Esther Downen; Linda Morrison; Glen; Bruce Sunding, Michael (cousin of Donna Zuelein); Randy (Cousin of Peg Tesch); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson);

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Larry Mills; Randy (Shotgun) Schumack; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



LuMin: The Hills, under the direction of Rachel Nelson, offers post-secondary students opportunities for community, service, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and Bible study at The Luther House in Rapid City and The Living Room in Spearfish. In the last couple of years and in the midst of the pandemic, this ministry has expanded to post-secondary schools beyond just Mines & BH. Students from SDSU Nursing, USD Nursing, WDT, Mines and BH now participate in LuMin activities, building relationships and deepening faith. Rachel has been finding out-of-the box ways during the pandemic to continue to build relationships and deepen faith among students and their families for those who have children. One fun activity has been Zoom meal preparing, conversations and devotions. Rachel delivers meal ingredients to students twice a week and they gather via Zoom to prepare the meals and eat together wherever they are at. It costs about \$160 per student per year to fund this part of the ministry. Your financial donations will help support this wonderful meal ministry as well as all of the other LuMin activities. Your donation will also help OSL retain the title of "Most Tickets Sold/Largest Financial Donation" given at the LuMin Chili Cook-Along fundraiser on March 21. This means we can keep the trophy for another year! 😊 Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your help.

HOLY WEEK

Our Savior's
Lutheran



Palm
Sunday

Sunday,
March 28th
9:30am
"Hope Dying"



Maundy
Thursday

Thursday,
April 1st
6:30pm
"Hope in Dirty
Feet and a
Meal?"



Good
Friday

Friday,
April 2nd
6:30pm
"Hope in
Words"



Easter
Sunday

Sunday,
April 4th
7:30am
9:30am
11:00am
"Hope Rising"

All services will be both in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube. Masks will be worn in the building. The whole community is invited. Bring your friends!

Please call or email the church office to make reservations for the Easter service of your choice so we can keep in check with the CDC guidelines. 605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net

www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa
www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa

Free Community Drive-Thru Easter Baskets and Breakfast Burritos



Saturday, April 3rd

10:00am-until we run out of baskets/food

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Parking Lot

THE GOOD NEWS CONTINUES!!!

Join us in the parking lot to receive free Easter baskets for the kids and Breakfast burritos/drinks for everyone! We are not going to let COVID cancel or ruin our Easter fun and celebrations!

FREE for the whole community.

Spread the word and bring your friends!

**Children and/or adults must be present to receive baskets/burritos. **

**Sponsored by the OSL Outreach Committee*