

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six*

***The First Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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## **GATHERING**

The Gathering Music: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

The Welcome & Announcements

*The assembly stands*

The Confession & Forgiveness ELW p. 94

The Gathering Hymn  
**"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"** ELW 335

The Greeting ELW p. 165

The Kyrie ELW pp. 165-166

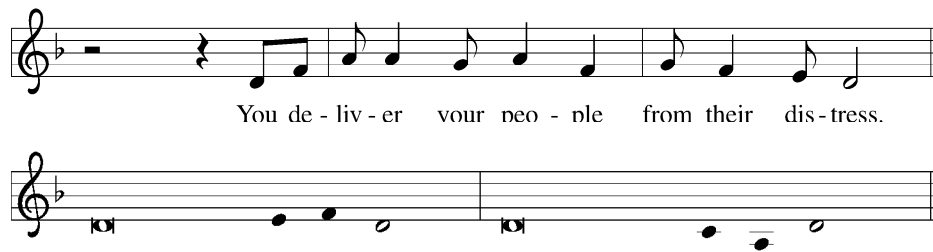
The Prayer of the Day ELW p. 170

*The assembly is seated*

## **WORD**

The First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they 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.



- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures 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<sup>1</sup> from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and<sup>1</sup> from the south.
- <sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
through their sins they<sup>1</sup> were afflicted.**
- <sup>18</sup>They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
and drew near<sup>1</sup> to death's door.
- <sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
and you delivered them from<sup>1</sup> their distress. *Refrain***
- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your<sup>1</sup> word and healed them  
and rescued them<sup>1</sup> from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works<sup>1</sup> for all people.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices<sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with<sup>1</sup> shouts of joy. *Refrain*

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.

*The assembly stands*

The Lenten Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

<sup>14</sup>And 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 assembly is seated.*

The Children's Message

The Sermon

*Silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands*

The Hymn of the Day

**"God Loved the World"**

**ELW 323**

The Apostles' Creed

ELW p. 105

The Prayers & Peace

ELW p. 172

*The assembly is seated*

**MEAL**

The Offering

**The Senior Choir: "Amazing Grace, Eternal Life"**

*The assembly stands*

**"Seed that in earth is dying"**

**ELW 330**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Thanksgiving at the Table (VII)

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The Lord's Prayer

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*The assembly is seated*

The Lamb of God

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The Distribution

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please kneel as you are able. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.***

Music during Distribution

**“Jesus is a Rock in a weary land”**

**ELW 333**

*The choir will sing the verses marked “leader” with the assembly singing the Refrain*

**“Lamb of God”**

**ELW 336**

*The assembly stands.*

The Post-Communion Prayer

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**SENDING**

The Blessing

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The Sending Hymn

**“There in God’s Garden”**

**ELW 342**

The Sending

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The Sending Music

“Etude in D Minor”

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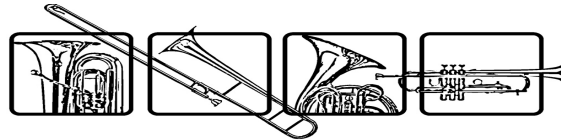
**PRAYER CONCERNS**—Sam Seward, Esther Olinger, Dave Himes, Al Moser (Doris Keener’s brother), Jane Woyen, and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Chuck & Shirly Garber in memory of loved ones.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Pat, Missy & Maddie Burk in honor of Luke Burk's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.



The Women of the Southern Cluster will be holding their Spring Meeting on **Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 9am-1pm at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Malvern, Ohio.** There will be a guest appearance by Katie Luther. The Menu is: Ham Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, 3-Bean Salad, Rolls, Cake and Beverage. The cost is \$7.50 per person. The Love Offering will be going to "Christian Care Center" in Malvern. **Registration deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more info. please contact Kathy Lanzer at 330-878-5016.**



Special music will be offered on Palm Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) and Easter Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 9:55am in the Sanctuary. Please come and enjoy these special selections.



An Easter Egg Hunt for younger children and a Scavenger Hunt for the older children will be held on **April 11, 2009 (Saturday) at 11am.** If you would like to donate bags of individually wrapped candy you may leave it in the Church Office or workroom. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Orders for Easter Flowers must be in to the Church Office by Monday, March 23, 2009. You may call the Church Office if you don't have an order form.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN** (Week of 3/22—3/29)

Sunday	<b><u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u></b> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
Monday	No Scheduled Activities
Tuesday	9 AM—Busy Bees (Quilter’s Room)
Wednesday	10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i> 6 PM—Simple Soup (Social Hall) 7 PM—Midweek Lenten worship (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7 PM— <i>The Divine Drama</i>
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	10 AM—First Communion (Social Hall)
Sunday	<b><u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u></b> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

*Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week*

Sunday	Worship
Monday	DAY OFF
Tuesday	9-5
Wednesday	9-9
Thursday	1-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i> )
Friday	DAY OFF
Saturday	10-Noon

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***