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March 14, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent
10:30 AM - www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran

Prelude “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone” - arranged- Carol Tornquist- piano

Welcome- Announcements - Introduction to Today’s Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

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*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked
at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

**Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the
world you so love.**

Amen.

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Opening Hymn- *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”* - ELW #599

Prayer of the Day

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, that all our deeds may 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.

Reading- Numbers 21: 4-9

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. 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.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 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. 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.” 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.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

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

**²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God
redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

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

**¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

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

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

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

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

The Holy Gospel - John 3: 14-21

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

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.

“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. 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. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 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.”

Message

Hymn - “*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*” - ELW #545 vs. 1&2

The 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,

and the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: O God, receive our prayer

People: your mercy endures forever.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Blessing

Dismissal- Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude "Larghetto" - Jean Maria LeClair- Organ

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Lector	- Scott Gaun
Altar Guild	- Beth Snyder, Mark Harwick
Technology Leader	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Virtual Worship every Sunday at 10:30AM on Facebook.
- Virtual “Whirl” Sunday School every week on Facebook.
- February “Outreach” offering to local food banks
- March “Outreach” offering designated to SE PA Synod Appeal “Blessed to be a Blessing”
- Midweek Lenten Zoom gathering, this Wednesday 7:00PM
- PICK UP PALM BRANCHES! Saturday, March 27, 10AM-NOON from church parking lot- Both Eco-Palm Branches and African Palm Crosses to be distributed.
- PALM SUNDAY- March 28, 10:30 AM - Palm Branches distributed if you did not pick up day before - Also Communion Supplies and Bulletins distributed so that you can worship through your car radio.
- HOLY THURSDAY, April 1, 7:00PM. Virtual Worship is posted on Facebook
- Good Friday, April 2, 7:00PM. Virtual Worship posted on Facebook
- Easter Day, 10:30 AM Resurrection Worship- In person by reservation only

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Dean Litzenberger; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Linda Sauter; Dianna Streletz; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; De Lorenzo family; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Randy Rilling; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling, Donna Storm; Stephen Szalwinski; Yolanda Taube; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; Linda Willson; and Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D, Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck.

For the Grieving: The families of Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Helen Eby; Leah Kneebone; Duane Lehr; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Brittany and Dan Froehlich and their newborn daughter, Olivia Dawn Froehlich, in your prayers. Olivia was born December 4, 2020. Please keep Alyse and Andrew Hales, along with big brother Ashton and their newborn daughter, Aria Leighton Hales, in your prayers. Aria was born March 2, 2021.