

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING SONG

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

#335

THE GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: 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.

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let 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.

¹⁷**Some 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.

¹⁹**Then 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.

²¹**Let 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.

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.

L: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Jesus, Remember Me” Sung 3 times #616

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

P: The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” #324

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Take My Life That I May Be” v.1 #583

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Here at East Sveadahl we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Insert
“Just As I Am” #592

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING

“Lift High the Cross”

#660

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Lector: Evonne Moll

March 17: Wes Beck

Usher: Wes Beck

Prayer Concerns: Rachel and Ryan Wollschlager and family, Ava Blickem, Jennifer Danhoff, Penny Kleinow, Brianna Kleinow, Alton Ask, Leora Ask, Barb Schieck, Myron Engel, Judy Anderson, Cassian Torkelson, Luane Heller, Mike Larson, Lorraine Petersen, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Wynette Haler, Joann Jensen, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Janet Plath, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Tim Anderson, Kathy Christenson, Erma Griffith, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Jana Falk, Ellie Kulseth, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

Praises:

This week's **Lenten worship supper and service** is at East. Supper is served from 5-6:30 pm; the service is at 6:30 pm. Dale and Debbie Anderson are the speakers and Marshall Smith is the reader.

Today's radio broadcast from East is given by East.

Pastor Mandy will be gone March 15th – 16th. Deacon Lyla Klee will be on call.

First Communion Class will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at Augustana from 1-4 pm.

If you are planning to share **an Easter lily**, please talk with Sonja, Julene, or Susan by Thursday the 21st. The cost of a lily is \$20.00 payable to Evonne.

The **Bless a Camper Campaign** is underway. If you would like to help someone go to Bible Camp this summer, take an envelope from the poster in the entry. Thank you for your support.

A **Special Offering** is being taken for today the **ROAR kids**. They will be using the funds to prepare birthday boxes for the Food Shelf.

Cards of caring and encouragement would be appreciated for **Cassian and his family**. Britta Torkelson & Andrew Wilson, 3523 5th St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

On Palm Sunday March 24th there will be a **Joint Worship Service** at Augustana at 10:00 am. Children will be singing that day. Please have your child at church by 9:30 am to practice.

Children ages 0-12 are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the worship service on Palm Sunday, while parents enjoy Christian fellowship and a meal in the Augustana Church social hall. Please register your child/children by calling either church office by Sunday, March 17th.

The Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service is Thursday the 28th at 6:30 pm at Augustana. This will also be the First Communion for some of our youth.

Good Friday Worship Services are: Augustana at 12:00 pm, and 6:30 pm at East Sveadahl.

Easter Sunday Communion Services are: 8:00 am at Augustana with Easter Breakfast following worship and 10:00 am at East with an 8:45 am Easter Breakfast.

MVAC provides the St James community with many resources such as Energy Assistance, Free HeadStart preschool, Job Resources, and at times, blankets, hats, or personal care items. Our closet is very low, and we are in need of the following items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soaps, Lotion, Face Wash, etc; Diapers: any size is appreciated but 3-4 are the most popular. Donations can be dropped off at this site or brought into our office at 705 2nd Ave. S.. For more information call Keisha 507-380-8354.

Ryan and Racheal Wollschlager's Family had a house fire on Monday, February 26th. Their home is a total loss. Ryan suffered second degree burns on his hand and arm and has to see a Burn Specialist in the Twin Cities. If you would like to donate to the family, there has been a special account set up at Pioneer Bank under Ryan & Racheal Wollschlager Fire Fund. Racheal also has Cash App and Venmo.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated as they navigate through this difficult time.

Donations may also be dropped off at East or Augustana.



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Activities this week: March 11 – March 17

Monday	10:00 am Weekly Prayer meeting on Zoom, see website for the link
Tuesday	1:00 pm Text Study 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv 6:00 pm Committee Meetings, Augustana
Wednesday	2:00 pm Confirmation/ROAR, Augustana 5-6:30 pm Supper, East 6:30 pm Lenten Worship, East
Thursday:	7:00 pm Council, East
Friday:	Pr. Mandy is gone; Deacon Lyla on call
Saturday:	Pr. Mandy is gone; Deacon Lyla on call
Sunday	9:00 am Worship, East 10:30 am Worship, Augustana 2:00 pm Brandt Ridge Worship

