

Service of the Word for the Home and for ZOOM  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

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**GATHERING**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	"Come With Us O Blessed Jesus"	- J.S. Bach / J.G. Walther
	"Andantino"	- Jean Langlais

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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, confessing our sin.

*Brief silence:*

Gracious God, 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.**

**HYMN/PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

# Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

## *Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br>I would be your trusted friend.<br>Come and seek the gift I offer,<br>come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i> | 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br>lonely ways no longer roam.<br>Come and take the gift I offer,<br>let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i> |
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING      Exodus 20:1-17

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 19      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We welcome the gospel: **We proclaim Christ crucified,\* the power of God and the wisdom of God.** (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

## GOSPEL John 2:13-22

The Holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then

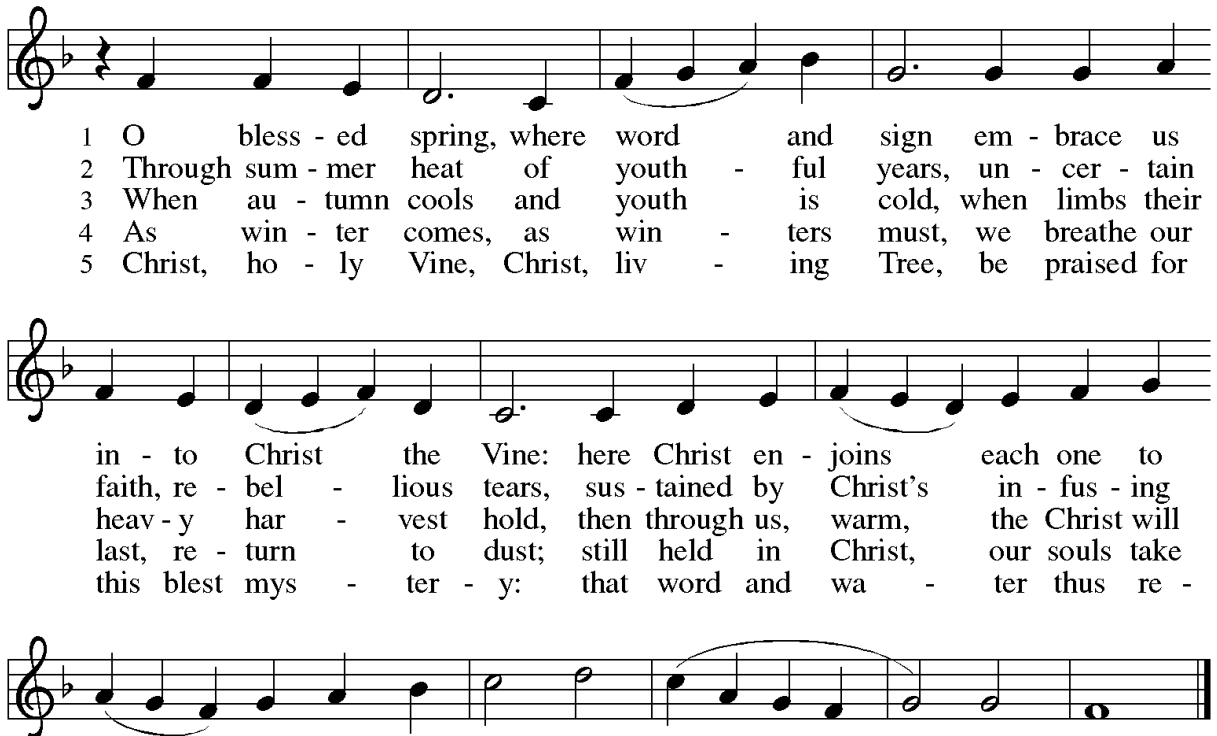
said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN

# O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

On this third Sunday in Lent, let our prayer reflect the guidance of the Ten Commandments. We respond to each petition with the words "grant us your wisdom, O God."

*A brief silence.*

O God, our lawgiver, our temple, our wisdom, form your church to worship you alone. Bless our bishops, pastors, and deacons, for their ministry in church and world, that Christ may be made known. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Protect all who call upon the power of your name. As you blessed the martyrs of old, so bless all the baptized who suffer for their faith. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Even during this pandemic, connect to our worshiping communities, and give all people regular rest from work and from stress. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Bless with wisdom all parents and any who are granted authority over others, and give to children the will to honor those who care for them. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Keep the nations of the earth from engaging in war, bloodshed, and torture, and help people of all ages to resist the lure of violence. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Uphold marriages and all commitments of care, and defend all persons, especially children, from sexual abuse. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Guard us from taking from creation more for ourselves than we need. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Train us to avoid lies, disinformation, and caricature, help us learn and speak the truth, and teach us to interpret our neighbors' actions in the best possible light. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:

**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Use our bounty to meet the needs of others, those who are homeless or hungry, and hear our prayers for all who are sick or suffering, especially all we name here before you. . . *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:  
**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Teach us how to pray, also for ourselves: *A longer period of silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:  
**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Receive our thanks for all who have died in the faith, and bring us all at the end into the fullness of your life. *A brief silence.* You are our strength and our redeemer:  
**grant us your wisdom, O God.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful and gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people do give you thanks, saying:

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art 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;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
    **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
    **and the power, and the glory,**  
    **forever and ever. Amen.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant us your peace, Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts, with thanksgiving.

## **SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, you feed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us through these forty days, that we may hunger for justice, make peace with our neighbors and the world you have made, and praise you with grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN/RECESSION**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Toccata”

- Johann Froberger



## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Judy Wadding	Reader
Judy Wadding	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Sue Morrow and Susan Farrell	Counters

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 3/8	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 3/9	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 3/10	12:00 PM	In-Person Midweek Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
	7:00 PM	Online Book or Bible Study (details below)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 3/11	5:00 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 3/13	9:00 AM	AA Meeting
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We mourn with the family of Edna Hartman**, who died in resurrection hope on February 28, 2021. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

**If you would like Easter flowers, please place your order with the church office (724) 283-2378 or [officefelc@zoominternet.net](mailto:officefelc@zoominternet.net) by next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.** There is a sign-up sheet posted in the social room or you can contact the office for an order form.

### **Lenten Observance with Butler Area Lutheran Ministries**

**Wednesdays at 12 pm:** In-person midweek worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (which has the largest sanctuary and best opportunity for social distancing). These services will also be streamed on YouTube and reposted for later viewing.

**Wednesdays at 7 pm:** Online book or Bible study via Zoom. Two options!

**Book Study:** Samuel Wells' *The Power and the Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection*.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965238272?pwd=WVIDWDRiS2hUOS9pWENUakNYL0tRUT09>

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**Bible Study:** Ecclesiastes.

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/96973039713>

Meeting ID: 969 7303 9713

### Call for photographs!

On Palm Sunday (March 28) we remember how a crowd strew palm branches and cloaks before Jesus' path into Jerusalem. Help us mark the festival by sending Pr. Kimberly pictures of your driveway, road, or a "path" that is special to you. If you like you can include a picture of yourself holding a sign that says, "Hosanna in the highest." See the picture below for examples from last Palm Sunday!



### PRAYERS

The family of Edna Hartman, the family of Gina Ambrosio, everyone affected by the polar vortex, Marc and family, Hazel Warheit, Eleanor Roth, the family of Gene Fozard, David and Michele, the Jones family, the family of Jean Baldauf, Jamie Goehring, Jason Beckwith, and Devin, Codi, Savannah, Alyssa & Ethan, Rachel Faulkner, Graham Cannon, the family of Pastor Christine and Mark Rotella, Dewey Miller, Debbie Damiano, Frida Nelson, Pam and children, the family and friends of Jake, the family of Marian Boltz, the family of Zack, Sue Morrow, Joan, Joey Lash, Andrea Dubler, Janice Critchlow, Pastor Karl Schoch, Anne Ferguson, the family of Dan Hanczar, Jeanette Cunningham, Marsh Miller, Ida Miller, Helen Wagner, the Lawson family, the Bodnar family, Tyler Jacob Huey, Meredith, Mary and Eleanor, Larry, Frederick Miller, Jim Buehler, Justin Buehler, Cyndy Halin, Cindy Regis & her daughter Angie, Josh, Aryl Bashline, Dave and Diana Braun, David and Gina & family, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Crystal, Gayle Wynn, Mary Maloney, the family of Ryan Warheit, the family of Scot Taylor, Claude, Audrey & Jonah Clark, Ed Beck, the family of Jim Templet, the family of Edgard Nieto, the family of Marjorie Ellis, Anita, Jamie and Kaitlin Sprague, Becky Wyckoff, Larry Hamil, Jan Nieto, David and Emma Lee Hartle, the family of Hailey Matheson, Ryan, Forest and Marietta White, Christine Pflugh, Asyiah, the family of Nancy, Joyce Hall, Bruni Bilowich, Karen Vavro, Doug Horner, Sandy, Lisa, Wendy, Rhonda, Judy M., Mary Ellen, Claudia, Karen, Kitty Walker, Elizabeth, Jena Wright, Ralph D'Antonio.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Numbers 21:4-9**

*The lifting up of the serpent*

**Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22**

*You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)*

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

*Saved by grace through faith for good works*

**John 3:14-21**

*The lifting up of the Son of Man*