

# Grace Weekly: Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

*Education Classes for all ages at 9:15 am throughout building.*

*\*denotes music in the 10:30 am liturgy*



**\*Prelude**      *Sonata Op. 10, No. 1 – Adagio molto (2<sup>nd</sup> movement)*      Ludwig van Beethoven  
Dr. Lillian Pearson, *Interim Organist & Choir Director*

**\*Gathering Hymn 142**      Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days      *St. Flavian*

## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From 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. 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 (Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.)

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed  
proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the  
foe.  
3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.  
21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his  
mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins 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. 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. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 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 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 judgment, 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."

<b>*Anthem at the Offertory</b>	The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee	Jean Berger
	The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of ev'ry living thing.	
<b>*Communion Hymn 313</b>	Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured	<i>Jesus, meine Zuversicht</i>
<b>*Recessional Hymn 473</b>	Lift High the Cross	<i>Crucifer</i>
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Prelude in A Minor</i>	J.S. Bach

### In Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Barbara Jo, Bob & Gwen, Bill, Diane & Maribeth, Carol, Connie & John, Dale, David & Anne, Doug & Mary Elizabeth, Michael & Mary Alice, Paul, Rachel & Mackie, Sandy, Shane, and Spring.

Friends of Grace: Alene, Aaron, Arthur & Loran, Andy, Andy & Beth, Andrew & Carol, Angela, Barbie, Ben & Cassie, Bob, Carl, Charly Putnam Family, Chet, Donna & Clint, Drew, Flo, Francis, Earnest, George, Glenna, Gloria, Hank, Heather, Helen, Jack, Jackie, James, Jeff, Jerri, John, Jolly, Josh & Jennifer, Kathryn, Kristen, Lana, Logan, Louise, Lou & Jane, Madeline & Dakota, Matthew, Patricia, Pauline, Rina, Sue, Stephanie, Steve, Jesse, Lori, Mahalia, Ray, Sascha & Megan, Wendy, and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

For those who have died: Jane Lodico, mother of Michael Lodico; Linda Whitstine, aunt of Connie Mozelewski.

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: Diocesan Commissions, Committees, Agencies and Boards, Diocesan Staff; The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

### Serving This Week

**Choir:** Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling

**Altar Guild:** Gretchen Tope, Edwina Costley, Posy Williams

**Coffee Hour:** Valeria & Michael Gracie (8:00) Elaine & Jim Dohns, Betty & Bill Smith (10:30)

**Collection Counters:** Paula Welling, Laurel Destry

**Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers:** Kent Clary; Ginger Lambeth, Melanie Walt

**Lectors:** Lori Yerse (8:00) Kenneth Ratcliffe (10:30)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Deeb, Louisa Lunt, Gretchen Tope (8:00)  
Annelle Woggon, Melanie Walt, Sara Tyburski (10:30)

**Ushers:** Les Taylor, Daniel Atterholt, Frank Blevins

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Joyce Brooks

## Today

### EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

**\*Children Ages 3 - 6 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Downstairs)**

**Ages 7 - 10 – Godly Play (Downstairs)**

**\*Youth: Rite 13 (across from Library)**

**\*Adults: “Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.”** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tracy Anders, who teaches in the Criminal Justice Program at AB Tech and volunteers at REACH and OUR VOICE in Asheville, explains sexual harassment and sexual assault, provides national and local statistics, discusses the laws, and describes ways that women and men can get involved in the upcoming community events. Her experiences in criminal justice and victim advocacy give her keen insight into the role of faith and the faith community in helping victims heal.

**HEALING PRAYER STATIONS:** During and after communion, members of the Order of St. Luke will be serving at our prayer stations in the Narthex. If you would like them to offer a prayer for you or someone else you know, please feel free to go to one of the teams.

**GIVING & SERVING:** Haywood Pathways, 179 Hemlock St. This evening at 5:00 pm, we meet to prep and serve dinner to the residents at 6:00 pm. It only takes a couple of hours of your time to help. Contact Natalie Bayless for more information @ 650-438-2953. Come join us!

## Announcements

**Wednesdays in Lent:** Join us on Wednesdays through March 21 for a simple dinner and fellowship (5:30 pm) and a program (6:00 pm). Get weekly updates on “Lent Madness” and The Good Book Club bible study continues.

**Lay Weeders,** Saturday, March 17, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Bring your tools, hands, gloves, and joyful heart to our workday. Meet in front of Thatcher Hall. For more information contact: Mary Alice Lodico at [828-550-5500](tel:828-550-5500)

**Sew Graceful,** Saturday, March 17, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Marthas Room. Open to new and experienced quilters. Come join us!

**Fellowship Committee,** Saturday, March 17, 10:00 am, Library. We host a variety of family centered events. Upcoming are Easter Day celebrations and the International Pentecost Pot Luck dinner, Sunday, May 20. If you are interested in planning, cooking, or serving, come join us! Contact: Linda Deeb [l.deeb@charter.net](mailto:l.deeb@charter.net) or [850-544-1518](tel:850-544-1518).

## Repenting from Sexual Violence during Lent

Sexual Violence affects nearly every family in the United States, including our Church family. This Lent Presiding Bishop Curry has asked parishes to respond to this sin and evil by naming it, repenting from it, and seeking the healing that comes from the Holy Spirit. This Lent, Grace Church is responding to this call by offering these programs:

**March 18, Adult Forum: “Paths to healing from Sexual Abuse,”** led by Ned Martin, MA, LPC, NCC, and Licensed Professional Counselor. The effects of sexual abuse upon body and soul can be overwhelming and pervasive. Nearly every aspect of one's life is impacted: sense of self, friendships, intimate relationships, connections with family and faith community, self-esteem, sexuality, spiritual life, parenting, academic and/or professional life, and even one's very sanity. Through courage, deep compassion, wisdom, and love healing is possible, but it is not inevitable. During this session we will discuss some of the pathways toward healing that faith communities can encourage and support with special attention on the role of shame and the differences between forgiveness and reconciliation.

**March 18, Service of Repentance & Healing from Sexual Violence, 6:00 pm, Grace Church:** Using Scripture, prayer, song and ritual, we will collectively repent (meaning turn away) from sexual violence and turn toward God asking for the Spirit's healing for us individually and socially. Assistance is needed for this service. Contact the rector if you are willing to read, usher, or help in other ways.

## Beyond Our Doors

**Green Forum at Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton, NC, Saturday, March 17, 7:00 pm,** featuring Mr. Fred Bahnson of Wake Forest Divinity School. Mr. Bahnson will address the spirituality of agricultural stewardship and sustainable eating. Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams said of Mr. Bahnson's most recent book *Soil and Sacrament*: "Fred Bahnson succeeds in showing how our practices of cultivating the environment and producing our food can become an integral part of a 'gospel for all creation.' In a culture obsessed with both growth and control, his spiritual insight is a gentle but clear challenge."

**Ecumenical Forum & Breakfast, Saturday, April 14, Haywood Pathways Center, 11:00 am.** Please join us at Haywood Pathways Center for breakfast & discussion about Pathways' future expansion plans to shelter Moms & Kids, the importance of our partnership with the Haywood County faith community, and how Pathways can expand its Church Partner Program. We look forward to an exchange of ideas on how to further Pathways mission, to break cycles and build foundations to impact homelessness. For more information contact Deb Isenberg, Community Liaison, [Deb@HaywoodPathways.org](mailto:Deb@HaywoodPathways.org) or [828-550-5183](tel:828-550-5183) – Cell

## Help Needed

**Lake Logan needs office volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.** The ideal candidate will be able to volunteer for three or four hours at least once a week between 9 AM and 5 PM. If you can give two days a week, there's a special place in heaven for you. Interested? Please call Della at [828.646.0095](tel:828.646.0095) or email [della@lakelogan.org](mailto:della@lakelogan.org).

## Regular Gatherings March 12 – 16, 2018 (\* = open to all to attend)

- \*Finance Committee, Monday, 6pm, Library
- \*Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- \*Sew Graceful, Wednesday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Thatcher Hall
- \*Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- \*Lent Wednesday Night Supper & Programs, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Thatcher Hall
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Choir Room
- \*Marthas, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- \*Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, at Panacea Coffee House
- \*Order of St. Luke, Friday, 1:00 pm, Library

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*The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector*

*The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, n/OSB, Deacon*

*The Rev. Orion Davis, The Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates*

*Paula Brandt, Communications Administrator*

*Alyson Nelson, Bookkeeper*

*Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor*

*Peter Zinglensen, Sexton*

### Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)  
Louisa Lunt (2018)  
Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)  
Rob Viau (2019)  
Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

Crystal Clary (2020)  
Mary Hartman (2020)  
Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)

Mary Lockey, Clerk

Fred Deeb, Treasurer