

systems that would meet these requirements for the church/parsonage facility. The meeting adjourned with prayer.



### Our Response of Faith — March 11, 2012

Attendance: 29

Unified Budget .....	\$345.25
Total.....	\$345.25

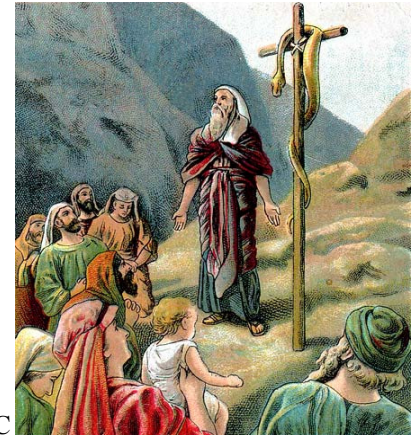
# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up ... - John 3:14*

## MARCH 18, 2012 – 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 38, pg. 132  
Organist: Kym Stelter

Pastor: Opening Prayer

**Hymn 381 - *I Know My Faith is Founded***

Pastor: The Invocation

**People: *Amen.***

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People: *Who made heaven and earth.***

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.***

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

**People:** *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

**People:** *Amen.*

## 1st Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *God our Savior ... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*  
Alleluia!

**People:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m., with refreshments to follow the service.

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Good Friday Service (Sign-up):** Due to a small number who were able to attend last year's Good Friday service here at Faith, the Church Council thought it good to ask for a count of those who believe they might be able to attend a 3 p.m. Good Friday service this year here at Faith.
- **Internet Video Service Problems:** We are currently experiencing problems uploading videos of worship services for viewing on Grace-Sleepy Eye's website. Until this problem is solved, no new service videos will be available for viewing.
- **Church Council Minutes:** The March 11, 2012 meeting of Faith's Church Council opened with devotion and prayer. There were four men present, plus Pastor Libby. There was an informal review of topics discussed at the February 2012 Church Council meeting. The Treasurer's report was given showing an opening balance of \$20,524.16 and a closing balance of \$20,687.01. Our CLC Project Kinship sponsorship was reviewed. A \$360 payment made brings us current through the end of 2011. An additional \$50 will be sent to Project Kinship as special gift for our graduating student. Our Good Friday service was discussed; a sign-up list will be set out in order to see how many will be interested in attending a 3 p.m. Good Friday service this year. Pastor Libby informed the Church Council that his BCBS monthly health insurance premiums will be increasing in April. The monthly amount to be paid by Faith will be an additional \$21.50, bringing Faith's monthly total in support of Pastor's health insurance to \$265.25. A motion was passed to approve future payment for this monthly increase. John Vorwerk updated the Council on parsonage rental issues. Due to fire codes, the parsonage cannot currently be rented as our church/parsonage facility stands. A new interconnected church/parsonage fire alarm system may suffice to bring our facility into conformance to the point that the church parsonage could be rented again in the near future, however, more substantial improvements may be needed again down the line. A motion was passed for John to explore possible alarm

live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

## ***“The Bronze Serpent”***

### **The Offertory**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

**Hymn 153** - *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

### **The Offering**

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction**

**All:** *Amen, amen, amen!*

**Hymn 175** (1st Tune) - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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### **Announcements**

- **Today** — The Women of Faith are asked to meet briefly following today's service. Confirmation Class will follow the women's meeting.
- **Wednesday** — A midweek Lenten worship service will be held at

## **2nd Scripture Reading – John 3:14-21**

**People:** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

**People:** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

### **The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12**

**Hymn 245** - *God Loved the World So that He Gave*

### **The Sermon – Numbers 21:4-9**

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And 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 our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall