

# OUR WORSHIP TODAY, March 17<sup>th</sup>, The Second Sunday in Lent GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*CONFESSIONAL PRAYER – Congregation Responses in BOLD

Pastor: As we celebrate our Lenten Season, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

#### **ABSOLUTION**

<u>Pastor</u>: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: 572 Will the Circle Be Unbroken, 3 times**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): Anglican Book of Common Prayer Second Week in Lent

O Lord, I acknowledge and give thanks that you created in me your image, so that I may remember, contemplate, and love you. But this image has been so effaced by the abrasion of transgressions, so hidden from sight by the dark billows of sin, that unless you renew and refashion it, it cannot do what it was created to do.

Lord, I do not attempt to comprehend your sublimity, because my intellect is not at all equal to such a task. But I yearn to understand some measure of your truth, which my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand in order to believe but I believe in order to understand. For I believe even this: that I shall not understand unless I believe. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 26:8-15**

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!

Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

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Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.

Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.

Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

PSALM - Psalm 4 (ESV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent. Please stand for the Gospel Reading.)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

#### Glory to you Oh Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'

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O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON "The Would Nots" Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: 530 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY: The Old Rugged Cross - Dean Carson

**THE OFFERING:** As we bring the offering to the altar we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER; WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE; THE DISTRIBUTION; THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 533 The Old Time Religion, vs 1,3,5

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**AARONIC BLESSING; THE BENEDICTION;** 

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

#### THE DISMISSAL

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worshipour Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, *please* place your cell phones on mute for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**OSLC CONCERT SERIES:** Our next performance will be Friday night, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. It will be some great bluegrass and Jazz. The free will offering will be used to help build up our church savings. Please join us for a fun night of music and fellowship!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper around 6 pm on April 18<sup>th</sup> We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder using pork instead of Lamb. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship included in the Seder. More information to follow as we get closer to Holy Week.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a special service commemorating the 7 Last words of Christ on the Cross. There will be no sermon during this service, but individual members of our congregation will give a 5 minute talk about what these words mean to them and what feelings and memories these words lead their hearts as they speak for us.

**TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE:** On Good Friday the church will be open starting at 1 pm for prayer and a message at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve at any time during the 3 hours for prayer and a short message for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross

**WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!:** Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

**BARBERSHOP CHORUS SHOW:** The Lemon Bay Chord Company will present their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, 'A Blast from the Past' on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, at Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood. The cost is \$15 per ticket and I have them for sale. This would be a great congregational event and you might know the director of the group.

**SPECIAL FUNDRAIER DINNER FOR RAY Y.:** Due to Ray's surprising death a few weeks ago, the family is experiencing some money problems. Hope Lutheran is sponsoring a fundraising dinner for the family on March 24<sup>th</sup>, this will be talked about in today's announcements.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We have a tradition at Our Savior to ask for the prayers at the start of the service, before we begin our worship to our Lord and Savior. We will then pray these prayers when we get to the Great Thanksgiving in the service. Feel free to ask for prayers for those who are in need of this grace.

#### We Serve Today:

Reader: Bubbles Burress Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Burchard

We Serve Next Sunday:

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M

Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC

