

March 22, 2020

Lent 4

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Exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains!

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 115:1-9

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! ¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! ¹³ With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. ¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #145

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C  **A - - - men.**

P Pastor

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

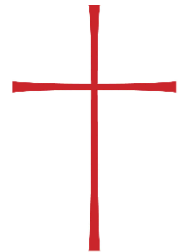
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C  **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C  **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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



Happy are those whose
transgression
is **forgiven**,
whose **sin**
is **covered**.

PSALM 32:1. NRSV

C **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.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; Is. 66:10-11

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

C That you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.

P I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!

C For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her! Glory be to the Father!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for four staves. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The music is in a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The score includes a C-clef instruction for the first staff.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Is. 49:13

P "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted."

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

☐ *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

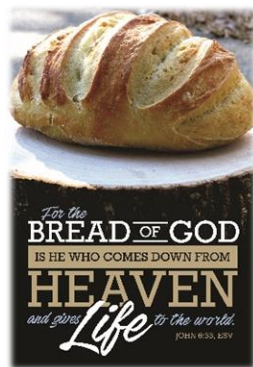
☐ Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ *♩* A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Peter 1:2-11 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with

love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING – John 6:36-51 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me-- ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN: TLH #284

"Father of Mercies, in Thy Word"

SERMON – Isaiah 49:7-13 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." ⁸ Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, ⁹ saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; ¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. ¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. ¹² Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." ¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- I. The Suffering Servant comes as the LORD's Covenant
- II. The saved sinner comes at the LORD's call

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ 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. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #149

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #378

“All that I Was, My Sin, My Guilt”

✠ Announcements ✠

Current Plans are to continue with our regular Sunday Winter Haven worship services as well as our Wednesday evening Lenten services. These are subject to change. If any cancellations should occur, you can expect an email, text, or phone call from Pastor. Bible Class, Sunday School, potluck meals, fellowship snacks and Orlando Worship are

being postponed for the foreseeable future. Also as a reminder, please refrain from shaking hands with one another. This is simply a way of trying to “help and be a friend to [our neighbors] in every bodily need”!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Mar. 25:** Lent Service 6:30 pm
- ✠ **Mar. 29:** Trustees and Council
- ✠ **Apr. 5:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.
- ✠ **Apr. 5:** Palm Sunday Worship with Communion
- ✠ **Apr. 10:** Good Friday 7 pm
- ✠ **Apr. 12:** Easter Worship (No Orlando Service)

Congregational Surveys If you did not fill out a survey recently regarding contact preferences, please speak to Pastor Rodebaugh after the service and fill out a form. Thank you!

Lent Began a few weeks ago. To help you adequately prepare for our Savior's passion, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation. Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is "Three Words of Truth."

CLC Call News Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> **Teacher Neil Bernthal**, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher. <> Immanuel, Mankato, Mn has called Mr. Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher. <> Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has returned the call extended to her by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher. <> Teacher and principal, Kirsten Gullerud, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA, has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher and principal to pursue a different path in Wisconsin. St. Stephen has now called Claire Abbas, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA to be their teacher.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** recently had an operation in Gainesville and is recovering there. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon. **David Kleinschmidt** is sick and is receiving treatment.

Last Week (3/22) WH – 59 Wednesday – 18

General = \$1,248.58 | Scholarship = \$50

Total = \$1,298.58

March Usher: Steve Goodwin

| **Cleaning (3/28):** Goodwin

| **Acolyte (3/29):** Mason K.