

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE

Zion & Peace Lutheran Church

March 25, 2020

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This year, we will have a bowl of ashes out as you enter the nave for worship. You are requested (if you so desire) to dip your fingers in it each week, feeling in between your fingers to continuously be reminded of the focus of Lent-remembering that because we are dust returning to the dust on account of sins destruction, so we come to Church so to be helped in placing our hope in the victorious death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Hymn “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” LBW # 458

TIME OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE

P: In the Name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence of reflection and private confession to God

P: Most merciful God,

C: I confess that I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Collect

First Lesson: 1 John 4:13-19

Psalm 27

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Second Lesson: John 16:31-33

Nicene Creed

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Sermon “*The Hymns of Lent as Focus of Devotion*”

Hymn “**In the cross of Christ I Glory**” **LBW # 104**

Versicles

P: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you

C: May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great

P: Save your people and bless your heritage.

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P: because your steadfast love is better than life .

C: my lips will praise you

P: For you have been my help

C: and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy

P: teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth

C: Unite my heart to fear your name

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

The Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Abide with Me”

1 John 4:13-19

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

Psalm 27: Of David.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire^[c] in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

John 16:31-33

³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

TRUST, GUIDANCE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Source of pur - est plea - sure, Tru - est
2 In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me Can - not
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, For the Lord of glad - ness, Je - sus,

friend to me: Ah, how long I've pant - ed, And my heart has
reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be
en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may

faint - ed, Thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
gath - er, Still have peace with - in. Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,

I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Nought I ask be - side thee.
With their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
Still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

GLD SKAL ALTING MAGE
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LENT

Grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528; tr. unknown
Tune: Kirchenordnung, Braunschweig, 1528

CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOITES
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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, From the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

RATHBUN
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Abide with Me

1. Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.