

2021

*“Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE
who promised is Faithful”*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who
promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Leader: We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree. But God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. (Acts 10:39-40,43) Almighty God, merciful Father:

All: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. I am sorry for them. I repent and pray for mercy. For the sake of the suffering death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have compassion, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinner; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses you and gives you power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called you out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.** (*Wave and/or Honk to each other*)

HYMN

LBW #99

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Verse 1

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

Verse 2

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.

Verse 3

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves That we may know God's love.

Verse 4

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Our heavenly Father,

All: **The war between good and evil rages within and around as our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word so as we fail and fall, raise us up again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSONS

Genesis 22:1 - 8

James 1:12 - 18

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9 - 15

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Wilderness Faith for Daily Life

HYMN

LBW # 93

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Verse 1

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest redeemer, Whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above;
Often have Your eyes offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Verse 2

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Verse 3

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew;
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER

Leader: In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of The Faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter. The First Article of the Apostles' Creed concerns the Work of Creation. What does it mean?

All: I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Leader: The Second Article of the Creed concerns the Work of Redemption. What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

All this He has done that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Leader: The Third Article of the Creed concerns the Work of Sanctification. What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the One True Faith. In this Christian Church day after day He fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN

LBW #305

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Verse 1

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

Verse 2

I lay my wants on Jesus, All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

Verse 3

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEXT SUNDAY February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

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Hebrews 10:23

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you
trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.***

Romans 15:13