February 25, 2024

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."

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify

Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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

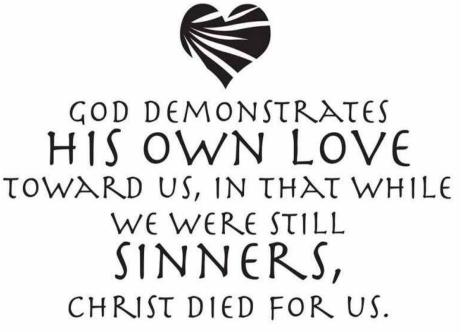
unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what 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.

Pastor: 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 all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

"Worship the God of Wonders"



Romans 5:8

WELCOME TO WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today's Worship service

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..

Daniel 4:2,3

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you

(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

HYMN LBW #398

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Verse 1

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Forsake the past, and come this day,
And humbly follow after me."

Verse 2

Take up your cross; let not its weight ervade your soul with vain alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, Sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Verse 3

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;
For you the Lord endured the cross
To save your soul from death and hell.

Verse 4

Take up your cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bear the cross May hope to wear a golden crown.

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: O LORD,

All: Our Maker Redeemer and Comforter we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy Holy Word. We pray Thee so to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that through

the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen The Lutheran Hymnary, 1913, p. 7

LESSONS Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 5:1-11

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Covenant Faith

SONG

The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

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: ... Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for

the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SONG

Lord Reign in Me Verse 1

Over all the earth, You reign on high, Ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky. But my one request, Lord my only aim Is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r;
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again.

Verse 2

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
You mean more to me Than any earthly thing.
So won't You reign in me again.

Ending Won't You reign in me again, Won't You reign in me again.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 2:13-22 (23-25)

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Join us for Fellowship Hour following the meeting today

March 29, 2024
Good Friday 7:00 PM
March 31, 2024
Easter Breakfast
Easter Egg Hunt for Children
Resurrection/Easter Sunday Celebration

Easter Lily sponsor information coming soon.