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Lenten Worship Gathering

March 17, 2019

8:08 and 11:08 am



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PRELUDE MUSIC

Michael Chambers

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WELCOME TO LENT

Pastor Lisa Arrington

Lent is the season of preparation for Holy Week which takes care of our sins and death.

ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal

P = Pastor L= Leader

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister

L: Lent helps us come clean through self-examination, confession, repentance, and amendments to our life. So, let us kneel or sit as we are able for Lenten confession and forgiveness for all humanity.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: We need Lent to take a long honest look at our lives, to speak humbly before one another and turn back to God. Each one of us has different weaknesses and troubles that our Lord longs to heal. God’s loving desire is for our return to our creator and the promise of life.

All: I approach this season gratefully and humbly, almost with a sigh of relief, with true sorrow for my own sins, but at the same time expectantly, knowing that there is forgiveness of sins and help towards healing, and that God’s love will encounter me in deeper ways for the disciplines of the season, each of which say in their own way “We turn back to you, we need you, loving God, have mercy on us.”

L: Rise up friends, stand on Christ the solid rock. For our God is a God of mercy even among the painful rocks and stumbling blocks. Rise in forgiveness. Rise in courage. Rise in love that never ends and let us sing praise to God. Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN

“O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate”

ELW # 722

GREETING OF FROM APOSTLE PAUL (2 Corinthians 13:13)

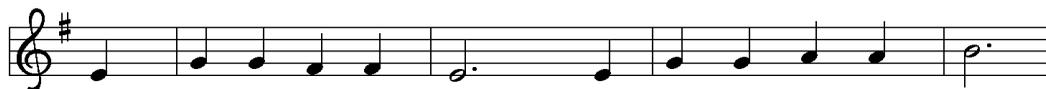
Assisting Minister

L: The Apostle Paul writes to remind the church, “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.

KYRIE means “Lord”

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

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We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

L: Psalm 19 verse 4: “*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*” Let us pray. Lord teach us to care. Teach us to listen. Help us to cling to your every Word, even among the rocks, hold us steadfast. Be our rock and let our prayers come to you. Let our daily journey, in this 40-day season of Lent, glorify You in Jesus Christ, Anointed, Messiah, Teacher, Savior, and Lord. Let all the children cry out yes! **Amen.**

L: Please be seated.

LENTEN PSALM 16

Soloist sings refrain; then all sing refrain. Reader reads light print; congregation reads dark print. All sing Refrain as indicated.



In your pres - ence there is full - ness of joy.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R

Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Verse

GOSPEL LENTEN VERSE

ELW Setting 10 page 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

BIBLE READING MATTHEW 20:1-16

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew the 20th chapter.

All: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Reader: Let's join the story for Lent as we continue Act 5 of the Bible about Jesus. In our main reading of Matthew chapter 20, when we decide some people are "out" or undeserving of the kingdom of heaven, grace tells us a different story. The people we try to make last, God makes first.

Q: How do we translate God's invitation into human popularity and hierarchy?

A reading from Matthew 20:

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

Jack Arsenault
Pastor Boliek
Anthony Chiralo
Hal & Scott Clem
Norma Culbertson
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Sharon Delauder
Megan Devine
George Fitzwater
Benton Gatch
Libby Gill
Mark Habicht
Pr. Peter Hansen
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
David Jones
Vicki Kalabokes
Ruth Ann Langlotz
Jennifer Lauer
Fred Meise
The family of Melanie
Jo Morrison
Bill Moulds
Carolyn Rahll
Henry Weaver
Ruth Welkner
Ted Weyforth
Sophie Wittlesberger
Janet Wunderlich

Special needs:

The families devastated by plane crashes,
car accidents and tornadoes
The terrorist attacks in New Zealand
Violence in our society

This week we pray for:

† Pier 456
† 360 Club
† Vacation Bible School

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Tony & Valerie Montone,
Sam
Brad & Ruth Moore
Roger & Sharon Muhler

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ELW # 759

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW # 708

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Receive the blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

L: Let us pray. Lord we thank you for the word made flesh, the Word of life and bread of heaven. Thank you for connecting us as the body of Christ. Rebuild your church. Rebuild each of us that, fed by your Word, we may be your church rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student disciples on a big mission following Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT STEPS:

Pastor Lisa Arrington

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: Go forth with a blessing in the name of the Father who created you, the Son who redeemed you and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you. Amen.

HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW # 596

ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us remember our mission

All: Welcome all. Tell the story. Grow as Disciples.

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and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Reader: Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Wright

HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” ELW # 707

PRAYERS “Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World”

Assisting Minister

L: *Please be seated or kneel for prayers of the church.*

L: *Prayer stones are symbols for our Lenten Season. You can still pick up a prayer stone and put it in a place you will see it daily. Bring the stone back during Holy Week. What can the stone remind us? Did you know Jesus was crucified on the rock pile? Our journey is to Easter Kindness rocks roll away and out into the world with good news. Let us pray.*

SHARING PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Let us rise so we may share peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another visitors.

We are a very loving church, but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.

Hand sanitizer is in the back of the church

OFFERING & MUSIC

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget your yellow pew card.

OFFERTORY MUSIC 8:08am

Michael Chambers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08am

"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" - Richard Farrant
Jubilee Singers

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with an upright heart before thee now and evermore.

(Attributed to Richard Farrant: ca. 1530-1580)

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW # 182

Please rise as you are able & offering plates will be brought forward.

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: You have set us an example, Lord, that we might also do as you have done.

Receive the offerings of our hearts and inspire us to love your people as you do, remind us all are welcome at your table of saving grace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington, Setting 10 ELW page 206

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..." (*preface for Lent*) "we praise your name and join their unending hymn...."

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

P: 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

P: As a sign of unity in prayer and Lenten preparation, you are invited to join hands even across the aisle. If you are not feeling well, just let your neighbor know or try elbow to elbow.

Today, Communion will be celebrated at the altar rail. Follow the guide of the ushers to start at the center of the rail. You're invited to receive the bread (gluten-free), then individual glasses of red wine or white grape juice. The presiding pastor will bless and dismiss everyone once all have received. If you have difficulty making it up the steps to the railing, notify an usher and it would be our privilege to bring Communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

"Lamb of God"

Setting 10 ELW page 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;