

ST. JOHN'S AND PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

HOME WORSHIP

MARCH 22, 2020

Due to the precautions involving the spreading of COVID-19, services at our churches have been suspended. In place of these services, you are encouraged to use this bulletin and the recorded sermon and hymn mp3s for your home worship.

Opening Hymn 158 "Glory Be to Jesus"

(Play the mp3 tune for 158)

1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!
4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood! Amen.

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen.

R: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

All: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

R: Rejoice, dear repentant sinners! Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. Because of His atoning sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, we are forgiven.

G: The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Amen.

Prayer

R: Gracious Redeemer, grant Your blessing to us during this Lenten season. Let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Yours, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we by faith always see You as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes.

G: Hear us, for Your love's sake. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

R: *After being warned by the Lord, the prophet Hosea pleads with the people to turn back to the Lord. Hosea is sure the Lord will not delay in helping. We take His advice... hear God's call and find in Christ the ransom for sin.*

Hosea 5:15-6:2 I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

R: I was glad when they said to me:

G: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

R: Peace be within your walls:

G: And prosperity within your palaces.

R: Those who trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion:

G: Which cannot be removed, but abides forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

R: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem:

G: So the Lord is round about His people from this time on, even forevermore. Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

R: *Jesus shows us here that His kingdom is one of service. He being the ultimate example. As He gave His life as the ransom for all, so we can show our thanks and love to Him by following His example of service.*

Matthew 20:17-28 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." 23 So He said to

them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." 24 And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave; 28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Play the audio recording Pastor Naumann sent with this service bulletin.

Romans 8:1-10 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Theme: "IN YOUR RIGHT MIND"

- I. To be sinfully minded means death
- II. To be Spiritually minded means life

PRAYERS

Lord God, give us strength and willingness to say with Your Son, "Not my will but Your will be done." Make us cheerful and trusting to bear whatever You let happen

to us. From Your hand we are willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep us from sin, gracious Father, and comfort us with Your kind Word.

[Here insert petitions specific to your family. Pray also for the Lord's end to the current pandemic and for strength and wisdom as we endure these uncertain times.]

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 Blessing

Reader : 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 peace.

Group: Amen.

Closing Hymn 157 "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

(Play the mp3 tune for 157)

1. There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.
3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.
4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.
5. When this poor lispng, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save. Amen.