



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ALIVE AND ANEW
IN GOD'S GRACE ALONE
IN JESUS CHRIST!*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
MARCH 17, 2021



LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Prelude & Words of Greeting

Gathering and Forgiveness

Pastor: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

All: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All: To sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Pastor: To herald your love in the morning,

All: And your truth at the close of the day.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

All: Holy and gracious God, I confess I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for forgiveness. Deliver me, restore me, renew my spirit as I return to the Lord with all my heart, as I live anew in the power of your grace alone in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: By God’s mercy we are united with Jesus Christ, and in the power of God’s grace alone, we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace, and rise each new morning to serve the Lord of life. Let us pray.

All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits. You have redeemed us in grace alone. Hear our prayer and listen to our cry which comes before you. Keep us as the apple of your eye, hide us in the shadow of your wings. In righteousness we will see you; when we awake, your presence will give us joy. We ask you, merciful God, be present and protect us through the hours of this night, so we might find rest and truth in you and your grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Song of Hope & Grace
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

“Purify My Heart”

Nelson

Purify my heart, Touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me, Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart; Purify my heart. *(repeat)*
Oh, purify my heart; Purify my heart.

Psalm 13

(all read the bold print)

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. **But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.** I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. (NRSV)

Gospel

John 3:14-21

(all read bold print)

Jesus said, "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.** Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.** For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Song Anew in Grace

"Beautiful Savior"

Silesian Folk Song

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- vs. 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.
- vs. 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

Sharing Prayer, sung response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Medema

Pastor: As God's people, as we return to The Lord with all our heart, to trust anew in God's grace alone, let us pray for the needs of all God's people.

Pastor: ... as we pray to you, Jesus,

(Sung by Worship Leaders): Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to boldly pray these words:

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, All Our Days, In the Grace of Christ

Pastor: Guard us in our sleeping tonight, O Lord, guide us in our waking, and awaken us that we might be your faithful and devoted disciples as we make you, our God, and our neighbors, first in our lives.

All: Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people; a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Friends, take hold of the power of God's grace alone. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you this night and all your days, for you are alive and anew in the grace of Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

Going In Grace Anew "Shout to the Lord" (Sung by Worship Leaders)

Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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The Fourth Sunday In Lent, "Glorified In Grace Alone!"
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love, and grace!*