



I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

Psalm 142:1

Luther Memorial Church and School

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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00am Worship Service

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March 27, 2011

3rd Sunday in Lent (of 5)

This week's focus:

Christ is my refuge in Whom I hope!

Pre-service meditation: As we set out to serve God, we quickly realize that ours is not an easy task. Satan and the world constantly oppose us and can sometimes cause actual suffering. In this world where the glory of God is veiled we must be willing to share the abuse unbelievers show toward Him Who we love and serve. Yet we serve with confidence, knowing the ultimate victory is ours.

Today's Hymns:

3 ~ 148:1-4 ~ 261 ~ 44:1,4

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #3 [Red hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: We begin our worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Lord Jesus Christ, it is good for us to be here!

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal #140:1]

Jesus, I will ponder now, On Your holy Passion;

With Your Spirit me endow, For such meditation.

Grant that I in love and faith, May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death, That I may not perish.

OUR CONFESSION & GOD'S ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord! Just as the nails pierced the hands of our Savior, the Word of God's righteous law pierces our soul. During this season God directs our attention to the Suffering and Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, and to a heart that confesses our sins to God, our Heavenly Father. As He has sent His Son to die for us, we beg Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us all our sins. Our help is in the name of the LORD... the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #140:3]*

**O Lord rest, my eyes on You, Make me see Your Passion,
And its cause teach me to know, Your humiliation.
I confess that all my sins, brought Your deep affliction;
I indeed the cause have been, For Your crucifixion.**

PASTOR: And so we confess and pray:

CONGREGATION: Almighty God, if I examine myself according to Your Holy Word, I find nothing in me but guilt, sin, and death. I am truly sorry that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. For without You oh Lord, I am a poor, miserable sinner who has offended You, and who deserves only Your wrath and punishment. Therefore, be merciful to me Lord God, and deliver me from this eternal death that I deserve. Make me confident in Your truth and grace. Strengthen my faith. Keep me from sin. Guard me from danger. And forgive all my sins for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit both now and forever. Amen.

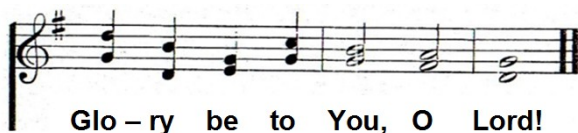
PASTOR: Upon this confession of your sins, by the promise and authority of Christ our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #140:6]*

**Grant that I may willingly, Bear with You my crosses,
Learning humbleness will prove, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above, Sing Your praise forever!**

1st LESSON – Isaiah 42:14-21

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red Hymnal, p.21]*



In this **Old Testament** lesson, God promises to deliver the faithful by His Servant, but warns that the unfaithful will be rejected.

I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 " Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the LORD's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make *it* honorable.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 142:5-7

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red Hymnal, p.20]



- P:** I cry to you, O LORD;
C: I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
P: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;
C: **Rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**
P: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.
C: **Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.**

SERMON

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

"David cried."

Psalm 142: A maskil of David. When he was in the cave. A prayer. I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

- 2** I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.
- 3** When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way. In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me.
- 4** Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.
- 5** I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
- 6** Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.
- 7** Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

1. *Because of his situation...*

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2. *Because of his need for deliverance!*

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THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red Hymnal, p.22*]

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn: #261 [Red Hymnal]

We thank the Adult Chimers for playing during the offering...

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ LENTEN GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).
(Responsively sung to the tune of TLH #473)*

P: The good Lord bless and keep you, Lift up His smiling face,
With favor look upon you, and grant eternal peace.

ALL: **To Father, Son, and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three,
The Church sings ALLELUIA! Now and eternally! Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #44:1,4 [Red Hymnal]

~ Silent Prayer ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Visitors and members: feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service, or call: (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ~ "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

TODAY: Adult Choir practice following service (for Lent/Easter)

School Committee 15 mins following service

7pm Tour Choir Concert at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI

MON: 6:30pm Chimes Choir

WED: 10am / 7pm Lenten Worship – "Our Savior's Hands"

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21

Tuesday at noon, Wednesday at 4:00 pm

CLC NEWS Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK. Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, has called the Rev. Caleb Schaller, Lynnwood WA. **March Financial and**

Missions news copies are in the entryway. Help yourself to a copy! Also, due to timing issues, the collection box for the ILC Professor 2010 Christmas Gifts was not out for donations very long this year. We're facing a \$200 deficit. If you are able to help defray the cost, the box will be at the back of the church for the next two weeks.

YOUNG ADULTS Dear friends, as you know, Fond du Lac is hosting our next young adult gathering on Saturday, April 2nd. We will be meeting at 11:30am at Luther Memorial Church. The theme of our

discussion/devotion will be Creation. It seems a fitting topic for Spring when everything starts to come to life! We also hope to go on a picnic, but this time of year the weather is definitely unpredictable. In the event of inclement weather, we will stick to indoor activities. Please feel free to bring picnic type food to share. We are providing sandwich materials (e.g. bread, lunch meat...) and drinks. If you have any questions contact Craig Youngerberg - phone (text or call): [563-568-8318](tel:563-568-8318) email: golfmech86@gmail.com or go to our Facebook page TLC of the CLC.

CATECHISM RETREAT for 6-8th grade LM students and neighboring CLC congregations has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Faith, Markesan, WI. The focus is on encouraging and equipping our youth for evangelizing, that is, actively being what Christ has made us, spiritual "salt" and "light" in a sin-darkened world.

THIS SUNDAY Usher 1 = Boelk, Kern, Scheberl, Stubbs, Youngerberg

NEXT SUNDAY Team 2 = Seibel, Boelk, Jacobs, Meilke, Gescheidle

Organist:

Sunday: Eserhut

Midweek: Meyer

Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

"Passion Postal"

Can you think of many people: family, friends, members of LM, old acquaintances, etc. both in the area and at a distance that could use some encouragement with all that's going around us in the world today?

Try this: Write a letter (a real actual letter you put in the mailbox), and send your greetings, well wishes, prayers, and encouragement... in view of this worship season of your Savior's Passion and all He "took time" to do for you!

Or: Simply invite someone to one of our Midweek Lenten services! Come!

If you have a witnessing idea for the week, please share it with pastor!