

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent Four – March 6, 2016 - Pastor Mark Voss

Here I Am Lord!



Opening

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

CW 339

A Psalm of Confession (Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **According to your great compassion blot out all my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

C: **Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide your face from my sins.

C: **And blot out all my iniquity.**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with



your free Spir-it. A-men.

P: Dear Father, as you said to King David so you say to us, “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven!” You grant us cleansing from all our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Go now and live in that forgiveness! Serve God faithfully, rejoicing that his peace is your peace. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism (10:30a) – We rejoice with Christine and Ben Painter as their son, Bradley Oniel, becomes one of God’s children through baptism.

God’s Word

The Lenten invitation is to turn from our sin fully confident of God’s forgiveness.

Epistle –1 Corinthians 10:1-5 & 11-13 *God provides a way out*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of

them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.



Verse of the Day

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14, 15

Gospel – Luke 13:1-9 – *Bending to the Gardener’s hand leads to a fruitful life.*

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them-- do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

The Confession of Faith

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

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



Standing on holy ground

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Living on enemy ground

¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." ¹³Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register***Order of Lord's Supper***

**Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members receive the Sacrament.**

P: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with bread and wine, instituted for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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Come to the ta¹-ble of mer-cy, Pre - pared with the wine and the bread; All who are hun-gry and thirst-y,



Come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta-tion; Re - ceive from His nail-scarred



hand. Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words from the Upper Room

Come Share the Lord

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We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our hearts like
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and



liv - ing flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther makes us one:
com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:



Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord.
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

Reception

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us; his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn—“Here I Am Lord”

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of eight staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings like 'z' (zaccato). The lyrics are: I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will peo-ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a-poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their - way, I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be dark-ness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Who shall I love a - lone. I will speak My word to them. Who shall I sat - is - fied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? send? Here I am, lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You send? call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your peo-ple in my heart.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – March 6

- Today 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
9:15a Finance Board
12p Catechism Class
- Monday 7p Sunday School Staff
- Tuesday 10:30a Sr. Bible Study
7p Church Leaders
- Wednesday 6p Dinner
7p Devotion
7:30p Choir
- Thursday 8a Bible Study
- Sunday ***Daylight Savings Time***
8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
11:30a Distribute Easter Flyers
12p Catechism Class

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- **A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.**
- **Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.**
- **Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.**
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