

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Prepare Our Ears to Hear

February 23 & 24, 2013

AS WE GATHER

In the lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent we find that there may not be a hometown advantage. God is willing but we are stubborn. We don't want to hear the truth, unless the truth is easy. Our Lord confronts us with the hard word of sin and its death that has had its way with us. He speaks with no joy and only the great sorrow and regret of a Savior, who comes to save His people, not condemn them. Will we hear it? Only the Spirit can prepare our ears to hear, our minds to receive, and our hearts to respond to this living voice. The Word of the Lord surely cuts and exposes sin, but it also heals and restores with the grace of forgiveness. Today we pray, we hear the voice of the Law lay bear our need of redemption and the voice of the Gospel tell us of the redemption that is ours by grace, through faith.

8:00 PRESERVICE BELL ANTHEM

+ PREPARATION +

WELCOME

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25

OPENING HYMN #435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubles, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, why do you cast us off forever?

People: Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? *Psalm 74:1*

Pastor: May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

People: that we may learn repentance.

Pastor: O Lord:

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, plead guilty before you of all my sins. I have lived as if you did not matter and as if I mattered most of all. Your name, O Lord, I have not honored as I ought; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let your love persuade me and so my love for others has failed. There are those who I have hurt and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and I beg you for your grace to forgive me all my sin and grant me your Spirit to amend my sinful life,

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, we shrink from your Word when it speaks condemnation of our sin and how powerless we are to redeem ourselves. Help us to hear your voice speak through your Word that we may be convicted because of sin and restored by the power of your grace in Christ, our Savior. Raise up faithful servants who will preach your Word fully and faithfully so that your Church and your people will never be without the voice of your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

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Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 26:8-15 (*The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.*) But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!” Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

EPISTLE Philippians 3:17---4:1 (*St. Paul speaks with great regret over those who have lost faith in Jesus Christ and become enemies of the Gospel.*) Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

5:00 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* *Choir*

(Rise)

GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35 (*Jesus' mercy finds rejection and rebellion instead of resolute faith.*) At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!” “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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SERMON HYMN #437 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov’ reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures’ sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: ‘Tis all that I can do.

SERMON “A Determined Savior and an Unrepentant City” Luke 13:31-35

(Rise)

8:00 APOSTLES’ CREED (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Prayers conclude:

Pastor: . . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

8:00 THE LORD’S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. The peace of the + Lord be with you all.

People: Amen.

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AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #730 “What is the World to Me”

What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally,
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

HYMN #673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil?
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.

Continued

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow’rs As nowhere else are seen.

There trees forever more bear fruit And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.

Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

HYMN #427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’er-take me, Hope deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD for He is good.

People: for His steadfast love endures forever! *Psalm 106:1*

Pastor: Almighty God, you sent forth your Son to gather your people into your mercy, to shelter your Church, and to keep us from the fear and temptation that would overcome us. Give to us your Spirit that your Word may make its home in our hearts and that we may know the fullness of your comfort and the full consolation of your love. Draw into your mercy all who hear your Word, calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying sinners to be your own people, reborn in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your Son; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.



Preacher	Pastor Harold Bender
Liturgist	Pastor Gregg Stanton
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