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*We share Christ's forgiving love through
God's Word and by serving the community.*

Wednesday Lent V

Daniel in the Lion's Den

March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

AS WE GATHER

Lent means "Spring time." It is the time of the year when we think about our Lord's suffering and death upon the cross to save us from our sins. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter, a 46-day period. If all Sundays are excluded, which have never been days of fasting, there are 40 days of Lent. This reminds us of the 40 days that our Lord spent in the wilderness fasting and being tempted by Satan following His baptism (Matt. 4; Mk. 1; Lk. 4).

HYMN *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* LSB 435

1. Come to Calvary'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.

2. 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.

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

4. He that drinks 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.

EVENING PRAYER—SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Pastor speaks the plain text lines. The congregation/people speaks the **bold lines**.*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: and the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine Your Church.

Pastor: Joyous light of glory:

People: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever: O Son of God, O Giver of life, the universe proclaims Your glory.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation, and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* **LSB 437**

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut his glories in,
when God, the mighty maker, died
for His own creature's sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.
5. 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Daniel 6:16-28

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.” ²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Lector: This is the Word of the LORD

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel **Luke 23:39-43** (*Stand/de pie*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter beginning at verse 39:

People: Glory to You, O, Lord.

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him [Jesus], saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O, Christ.

El Evangelio ***Lucas 23:39-43***

Uno de los criminales que estaban colgados, lo insultaba: —¡Si tú eres el Mesías, sálvate a ti mismo y sálvanos también a nosotros! Pero el otro reprendió a su compañero, diciéndole: —¿No tienes temor de Dios, tú que estás bajo el mismo castigo? Nosotros estamos sufriendo con toda razón, porque estamos pagando el justo castigo de lo que hemos hecho; pero este hombre no hizo nada malo. Luego añadió: —Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando comiences a reinar. Jesús le contestó: —Te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso.

Pastor: *Este es el Santo Evangelio del Señor.*

People: *Alabanza a Ti, oh Cristo.*

(Be seated/sientase)

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious:
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe;
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected;
But now a champion comes to fight
whom God Himself elected:
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He;
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored,
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away:
They cannot win the day,
The Kingdom's ours forever.

SERMON

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christ, the Life of All the Living* LSB 420

1 Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

PRAYERS/ORACIONES *(Stand/de pie)*

General Prayers

Luther's Evening Prayer *(Spoken altogether)*

All: I thank You my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

HYMN *Amazing Grace* LSB 744

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His Grace has brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
in heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Postlude Music Stewart Simon

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES FOR 2020

****PLEASE NOTE, BEST EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO CONTINUE WORSHIP SERVICES VIA LIVESTREAM** CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE ENTIRE SITUATION****

- April 1 Lenten Wed. Livestream Worship at 7 PM.
- April 5 Palm Sunday (Palmarum): Holy Week Begins**
- April 9 7 PM Maundy Thursday: Communion with homemade bread
- April 10 7 PM Good Friday, Tenebrae, holiday, no school
- April 11 Holy Saturday
- April 12 **Easter Sunday/Day of the Resurrection**



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