



Midweek Lent Service

March 24, 2021

P The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C Amen.

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P to herald Your love in the morning,

C Your truth at the close of the day.

Hymn #427

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, tune: Ithamar Conkey; text & tune: public domain

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

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that 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 forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:1–11

¹Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? ²You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

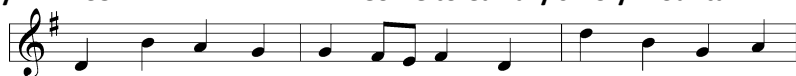
⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn #435

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find, Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman; text & tune: public domain

Sermon

Prayer

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C listen to my cry.

P Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

P In righteousness I shall see You;

C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

P Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

Hymn #537

Beautiful Savior (sts. 1, 4)

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, 1677, trns. Joseph A. Seiss, tune: Silesian, 19th cent.; text & tune: public domain

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School continues special Lenten activities to prepare for Easter! Each Sunday until Easter students will receive a small item that will represent part of the Easter story. At the end of Lent, the children will take home their own set of Resurrection Eggs that will help them tell the Easter story.

Sunday Bible Study –12:30 PM (Zoom). Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended

and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Youth Confirmation –Sunday 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Sunday Evening Prayer – 5:00 PM

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 6:30 AM

Wednesday Lent Service - 7:00 PM Please sign up to attend in-person worship at

www.saintjamesglencarbon.org or watch Livestream or in our online sermon library.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study - No meeting Saturday. The next meeting will be Saturday, April 10th.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Blessing Blocks – The youth group invites you Take a Blessing & Leave a Blessing... Select a blessing block from the display in the narthex to take home! In exchange, a goodwill offering can be made to the youth group to help support the Youth Mission Trip.

March 25 – 7 p.m. Mosaic Annual Gala with dinner and speaker Mike Huckabee. Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact Pam Meister for more information: 618-799-9348

Metro-East Lutheran High School is hosting the Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, April 10, 2021. For more information, or to request a registration form, please contact the school at 618-656-0043.



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