

University Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2018

Prelude:

Confession: P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God, **C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Absolution: P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn (Please stand as you are able) “What Wondrous Love is This!” #666

Greeting

Kyrie “We Adore You, Jesus Christ”

We adore you, Jesus Christ, and we bless your holy name;
Truly your cross and passion bring us life and healing.
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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together: **C: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson *Numbers 21:4-9*

Psalm
“Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near;
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Second Lesson *Ephesians 2:5-11*

Response (Please Stand)

“Glory be to You”

Glory be to You, Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Sermon

“There Is Enough!”

Numbers 21:4-9

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

#590

Offering/Musical Offering

“God So Loved the World”

Palestrina

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish
But have everlasting life.

Offertory

“Come and Fill”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Amen, Amen.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together: **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Distribution

Hymns # 759, 336 and 597

Post Communion Hymn

“Sing, Praise & Bless the Lord”

Sing, praise and bless the Lord, Sing, praise and bless the Lord,
Peoples! Nations! Amen, Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together. **C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

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Postlude