

LENT I

IRONIES OF THE PASSION!

Ash Wednesday---February 26, 2020

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church

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PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION: Psalm 22

HYMN 166: *“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”*

INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C: Nor discipline me in Your wrath.

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;

C: Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

P: My soul also is greatly troubled.

C: But You, O LORD—how long?

P: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;

C: Save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.

P: The LORD has heard my plea;

C: The LORD accepts my prayer.

REPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51 (see insert)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: Let us now confess our sins to our heavenly Father,
imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant
us forgiveness.

C: Lord, to You I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.

Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.

P: Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek
Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me
in Your grace. Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath
not overtake me.

C: For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue
me, Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this
anguish.

ALL: Lord, on You I cast my burden—Sink it in the deepest sea!

Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.

Let Your Spirit leave me never; Make me only Yours forever.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

C: Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may gladly receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PASSION HISTORY I: JESUS' BETRAYAL AND ARREST

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed—

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN 323: *“With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”*

SERMON TEXT: Luke 18:9-14

SERMON THEME: THIS MAN WENT HOME JUSTIFIED.

I. One man went home justified, but it was not the man who tried to follow God's laws.

II. The man who humbled himself before God went home justified.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO JESUS

CHOIR: *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

COMMUNION LITURGY P. 17ff---Worship Supplement

HYMN 307/652: *“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”*
“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LENTEN PRAYER-----BENEDICTION

HYMN 551 (1-3, 6): “*Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear*”

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN
WELCOMES YOU!**

A special warm welcome of love to all of our guests and members this evening. We are glad you have taken the time to be with us this evening. We pray this special Lenten message of Jesus, our Suffering Savior, strengthen and keep you in saving faith in Christ.

SERMON TEXT: Luke 18:9-14

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men -- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

LENTEN SERVICES: We properly prepare ourselves during Lent by meditating on what Christ has done for us! True preparation can only come about through the Word of God. That is why our mid-week services are so extremely important to all.

Our Lenten theme this year is: “**The Ironies of the Passion.**”

February 26: This Man Went Home Justified---Luke 18:9-14 Pastor Bernthal

March 4: He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus---Luke 23:6-12 Pastor Eichstadt

March 11: Not During the Festival---Matthew 26:1-5 Pastor David Ude

March 18: Don't You Fear God? ---Luke 23:39-43 Pastor Matt Ude

March 25: We Have No King but Caesar!---John 19:12-16a Pastor Bernthal

April 1: It Is Better That One Man Die for the People---John 11:45-53 Pastor Sauers

LENTEN SUPPERS: There will be a Taco Supper on March 11th and a Casserole Supper on March 25th. All suppers start @ 5:45 p.m. Come fellowship and eat with us.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: The Church Council is calling a special voters' meeting for Sunday, March 1, after the regular church service. The sole agenda item for the voters' meeting is consideration of a Church Council recommendation to purchase additional lighting for the church parking lot.

CLC GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Mar. 13-15 at ILC.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd @ 11:30 a.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29th @ 11:30 a.m.

PSALM 51

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

P: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;

C: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: And cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I acknowledge my transgressions,

C: And my sin *is* always before me.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight:

C: That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: And in sin my mother conceived me.
P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
C: And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.
P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
C: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
P: Make me hear joy and gladness,
C: *That* the bones You have broken may rejoice.
P: Hide Your face from my sins,
C: And blot out all my iniquities.

P: Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
C: Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.
ALL: Amen.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
P: Do not cast me away from Your presence,
C: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C: And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
P: *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways,
C: And sinners shall be converted to You.
P: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
C: *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
P: For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*;
C: You do not delight in burnt offering.
P: The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,
C: A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise.
P: Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
C: Build the walls of Jerusalem.