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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 20, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: #390 "Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest"

INVOCATION

LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:

- P. The third Commandment is;
- C. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.
- P. Does God require us now to worship on Saturday which was the Sabbath?
- C. THE OLD TESTAMENT SABBATH WAS A SIGN POINTING TO JESUS, WHO IS OUR REST. SINCE JESUS HAS COME AS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, GOD NO LONGER REQUIRES US TO WORSHIP ON SATURDAY, BUT HE DOES STILL WANT US TO WORSHIP TOGETHER WEEKLY.
- P. When do we break the third Commandment?
- C. WHEN WE DESPISE PREACHING AND THE WORD OF GOD.
- P. How is this done?
- C. WE DESPISE PREACHING AND THE WORD OF GOD WHEN WE DO NOT ATTEND PUBLIC WORSHIP, WHEN WE DO NOT USE THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS, AND WHEN WE USE THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS NEGLIGENTLY OR CARELESSLY.

- P. What does God require of us in this Commandment?
- C. THAT WE SHOULD HOLD PREACHING AND THE WORD OF GOD SACRED, GLADLY HEAR IT, LEARN IT, AND MEDITATE ON IT, HONOR AND SUPPORT THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD, AND THAT WE SHOULD DILIGENTLY SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD TO OTHERS.
- P. What is the Fourth Commandment?
- C. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.
- P. Who are the authorities God has placed over us?
- C. PARENTS ARE FATHERS, MOTHERS AND GUARDIANS; OTHER AUTHORITIES ARE ALL THOSE WHOM GOD HAS PLACED OVER US AT HOME, IN GOVERNMENT, AT SCHOOL, AT THE PLACE WHERE WE WORK, AND IN THE CHURCH.
- P. What does God forbid in the Fourth Commandment?
- C. GOD FORBIDS US TO DESPISE OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES BY NOT RESPECTING THEM OR ANGERING THEM BY OUR DISOBEDIENCE OR BY ANY OTHER KIND OF SIN.
- P. What does God require of us in the Fourth Commandment?
- C. GOD REQUIRES US TO HONOR OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES BY REGARDING THEM AS GOD'S REPRESENTATIVES; TO SERVE OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES BY GLADLY PROVIDING WHAT THEY NEED OR REQUIRE; TO OBEY OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES IN EVERYTHING IN WHICH GOD HAS PLACED THEM OVER US; TO LOVE AND CHERISH OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES AS PRECIOUS GIFTS OF GOD; AND TO SHOW RESPECT TO THE AGED.
- P. What promise does God attach to this Commandment?
- C. THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU MAY ENJOY LONG LIFE ON THE EARTH.

CONFESSION: *(Spoken together)*

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

SONG: “Be Unto Your Name”

1. We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Chorus: Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

2. We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we’ll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name.
(repeat chorus 2x)

Ending... Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-8

I The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” 4 So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

EPISTLE: Romans 4:1-5,13-17

I What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. 3 What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. 5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. 13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, 15 because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and

may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

RESPONSE: (From 2 Peter 1:20,21)

- P. You must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
- C. FOR PROPHECY NEVER HAD ITS ORIGIN IN THE WILL OF MAN, BUT MEN SPOKE FROM GOD AS THEY WERE CARRIED ALONG BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-26

P. The Gospel according to...

C. GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD. (*Sung, TLH p. 21*)

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” 11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” 13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” 16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” 17 “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” 19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” 25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah”

(called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26 Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

P. *(Following the Gospel)*...This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST. *(Sung)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Spoken together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” (LW #512)

1.Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way; Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day. Without your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2.Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3.Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home, And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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SERMON : John 4:5-26 "*Jesus is the Savior of the World*"

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: *(Sung, TLH p. 28)*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER

MISSION AFFIRMATION:

P. The love of Christ compels us to...

C. GO IN HIS NAME, PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS, HEAL THE HURTING, TEACH THE TRUTH.

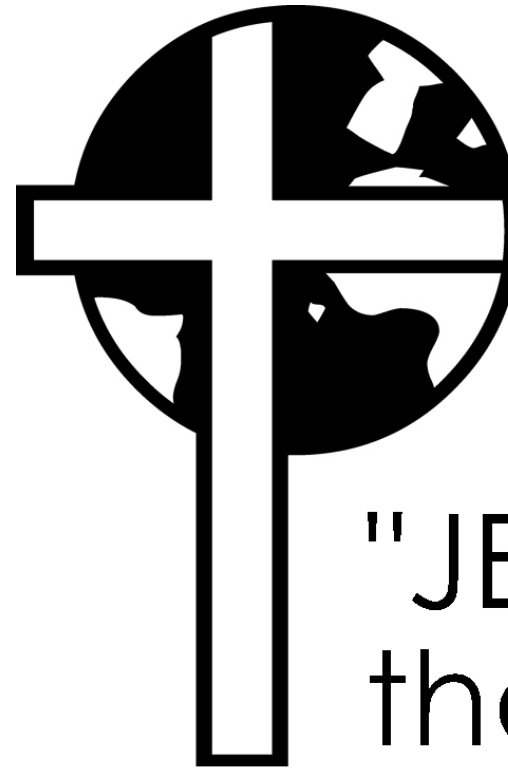
BENEDICTION

HYMN: #32 “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven” (tune TLH 473)

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MARCH:

March 27th – 10:30 Service



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the SAVIOR
of the World