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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 10, 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.

8:00am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: #351 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

INVOCATION

LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:

- P. What is the Ninth Commandment?
- C. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.
- P. What is coveting?
- C. COVETING IS HAVING A SINFUL DESIRE FOR ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO OUR NEIGHBOR.
- P. What coveting does God forbid in the Ninth Commandment?
- C. WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT SCHEME TO GET OUR NEIGHBOR'S INHERITANCE OR HOUSE, OR TRY TO GET IT IN A WAY WHICH ONLY APPEARS RIGHT.
- P. What does God require of us in the Ninth Commandment?
- C. WE SHOULD BE CONTENT WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US AND ASSIST OUR NEIGHBOR IN KEEPING WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN HIM.
- P. What is the Tenth Commandment?

- C. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, OR HIS MANSERVANT OR MAIDSERVANT, HIS OX OR DONKEY, OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.
- P. What coveting does God forbid in the Tenth Commandment?
- C. ACCORDING TO THIS COMMAND WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT ENTICE OR FORCE AWAY OUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, WORKERS, OR ANIMALS, OR TURN THEM AGAINST HIM.
- P. What does God require of us in the Tenth Commandment?
- C. WE SHOULD BE CONTENT WITH THE HELPERS GOD HAS GIVEN US AND ENCOURAGE OUR NEIGHBOR'S HELPERS TO BE FAITHFUL TO THEM.
- P. What does God particularly impress upon us in the last two Commandments?
- C. IN GOD'S SIGHT EVIL DESIRE, OR COVETING, IS INDEED SIN AND DESERVES CONDEMNATION. FOR GOD WANTS US TO LOVE HIM AND TO HAVE HOLY DESIRES.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

- P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14
1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was

prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 11 Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

EPISTLE: Romans 8:11-19

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. 12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. 18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

RESPONSE:

P. Oh come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C. THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH,

P. Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame,

C. AND SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

GOSPEL: John 11:47-53

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” 49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high

priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

SONG: “*You Are My All in All*” (see designated verses)

WOMEN: You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek;

You are my All in All.

ALL: Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I’d be a fool. You are my All in All.

ALL Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

MEN: Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

ALL: When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my All in All! (*Chorus*)

CHOIR: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Worthy is Your name!

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SERMON: “***God Works Behind the Scenes For Us!***”

OFFERTORY: (*Sung, TLH p. 12*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(*Please sign book at end of pew.*)

Anthem: “He Grew the Tree” Adult Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P. Lord God, heavenly Father, whose Spirit gives us life.

C. WE MAGNIFY YOUR HOLY NAME.

P. When we are brought low, You raise us up;

C. YOU KEEP OUR EYES FROM TEARS AND OUR FEET FROM STUMBLING.

P. When our hearts are burdened with the sorrow of losing a loved one;

C. COMFORT US WITH THE ASSURANCE OF A BLESSED REUNION IN HEAVEN
FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.

P. Lord Jesus, as You raised Lazarus from the dead,
C. SO REMOVE FROM US THE FEAR OF DEATH.

P. Increase our faith and trust in You,
C. AND REMIND US THAT OUR DEATH HERE IS BUT THE DOOR TO A GLORIOUS
LIFE WITH YOU THAT SHALL HAVE NO END.

P. Lord, we remember those in special need of Your care, especially...(*special requests*)...Grant them Your help in all their needs.

C. WE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL OTHERS IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IS THE
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

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.

BLESSING

HYMN: #19 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" vs.1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF APRIL:

April 10th and 17th – 10:30 Service

