

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 13, 2022



The overarching theme of the Scripture texts today point hearers to the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. This love can be trusted above all else, and yet sinful humanity more often chooses to reject God than to embrace him. Only those who have ears that are willing to hear and respond to Christ will know his tender love and sheltering presence. When we offer that same love to others, we imitate Christ.

### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICIAN - KAREN WARNELL

LBW: Divine Service One

### CALL TO LENTEN REFLECTION

LENTEN QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: What Does It Mean to be a Citizen of Heaven?

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 4:20

TIME OF REFLECTION *(Is my mind fixed only on earthly things, or am I eager for the Lord's return and the values of his kingdom?)*

OPENING HYMN - "I Need Thee Every Hour" *(The choir sings the first verse and the congregation joins the rest)*

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord:  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford. *Refrain*

**I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou nearby;**  
**Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh. *Refrain***

**I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;**  
**Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain. *Refrain***

**I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One;**  
**O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son! *Refrain***

*Refrain:* **I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee!**  
**O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Heavenly Father, you have called us with a high calling to follow in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Help us to set our hearts and minds on heavenly things that we may be ambassadors for Christ in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 26:8-15 (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 777*)

[The prophet Jeremiah had an unenviable calling: proclaim God's judgement to Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem. This he did obediently and publicly "in the courtyard of the Lord's house". As you might imagine, his message was not well received by "the priests, the prophets and all the people" who gathered round him on this occasion and called out for his death. God had other plans for Jeremiah for some of the elders of Jerusalem and the King's secretary Ahikam were able to intervene and prevent the crowd from carrying out their threat. ]

SECOND READING - Philippians 3:17-4:1 (*Pew Bible, p. 1166*)

[St. Paul exhorts the Philippian Christians to "stand firm in the Lord" and to follow his example of always straining forward to win the prize of eternal life in Christ Jesus (3:12-14). He reminds them and us that our "citizenship is in heaven" where Christ resides as our Savior and Lord. Rather than fixating our minds on "earthly things", Paul reminds us that we have the beautiful hope that Christ Jesus will transform our "lowly bodies to be like his glorious body" upon his return at the end of the age.]

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LENTEN VERSE (*Stand, Sung*)

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 13:31-35 (*Spoken; Pew Bible, p. 1038*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 13. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Jesus is warned by some Pharisees that King Herod Antipas wishes to kill him. Jesus replies that this cannot happen because his ministry of bringing the Kingdom of God is not finished and because his death can only take place in Jerusalem "who kill(s) the prophets and stone(s) those sent to you". Through Jesus, we hear the cry of God's love lamenting over Jerusalem. Jesus compares God to a mother hen who sought to gather her brood (people of Israel) under her wings, "but you were not willing". This is a reminder to us not to forsake the call of God!]

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (*Sung, LBW #479*)

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;**

**As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide;**

**Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll;**

**Blest Savior, then, in love Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(During Lent, Prayers will be spoken in the midst of the Congregation. Members may offer petitions and/or public prayer from their seat. Pastor will return to the altar to conclude the prayer)*

P: The Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when they call to him. (*Psalms 4:3*)

**C: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung, Psalm 51:10-12*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and**

**take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Almighty God, draw our hearts to you. **C: Use us as you will, always to your glory, as we seek the welfare of all people. Amen**

ADULT CHOIR - "JESUS MESSIAH" *(Sit)*

### HOLY COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATION OF OUR HEARTS—CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, St. Paul exhorts us with these words concerning the Holy Sacrament: "Let a person examine themselves...and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:28). In order that we may worthily partake of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and receive the forgiveness he offers, let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to our merciful God.

**C: O God, I confess that I have sinned against you and others by my own fault. With a humble and contrite heart, I lift to you those thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed, asking your mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ my Lord.**

*(Moment for examining one's heart)*

P: God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. **C: Amen.**

P: Come now in faith to the holy table that you may commune with Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

**C: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION *(Sit. Taize hymns will be sung during the distribution. They are placed in the pew racks.)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Stand, Sung; LBW #200, 1&4)*

**For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward, In the world to which you send us Let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and the model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

P: May the God who is able to keep you from falling and present you before His glorious presence strengthen you for spiritual battle through the Spirit of Christ our Lord. **C: Amen** (*Jude 1:24-25, alt*)

SENDING HYMN - "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (*Sung, LBW #104*)

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

**C: that we not grow weary nor lose heart!** (*Hebrews 12:2-3*)

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