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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LENT 2015



Opening Hymn:

Opening Liturgy:.....Based Upon TLH 149 & Confession in Luther's Catechism

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us confess our sins ...

(All SING) **Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

P: What is Confession?

C: There are two parts to confession. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive absolution or forgiveness from a fellow Christian as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that our sins are forgiven in this way before our heavenly Father.

(All SING) **Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**

P: What sins should we confess?

C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we don't know we have done, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. However, before one another we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P: Which sins are these?

C: Examine your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Have you been faithful as a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been bad-tempered, used foul language, or been easily provoked? Have you injured anyone in what you've said or done? Have you stolen anything, neglected your duty, been careless, or damaged anything?

(All SING) **Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission, Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.**

P: How do you stand before God with such an examination?

C: I realize that I have sinned against God in my thoughts, words, and actions. But by God's promises I flee to the forgiveness found in Christ Jesus, my Lord.



P: The Lord Jesus has given to His Church on earth the power to forgive and retain sins. He has promised that such actions are as valid and certain in heaven also as if Christ our dear Lord were dealing with us Himself. Therefore, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(All SING) **He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

The Passion Reading:A Harmony of the Gospels

Confession of Faith:.....Luther's Explanation to the Second Article

C: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.

Pre-Sermon Hymn:

Sermon:.....Gratitude for God's Geographic Grace

Note: See back of bulletin for text and themes.

Response:.....TLH 151, st. 6

**Sing [♫]: Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst chose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

Post-Sermon Hymn:

Offering, Prayer, & Lord's Prayer (Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday):

Benediction (by Pastor or Choir):

Closing Hymn:.....TLH 552, st. 8

**Sing [♫]: Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine though the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

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GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GEOGRAPHIC GRACE

Mountain of Mercy:.....Isaiah 54:10
“For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.
Hymns: TLH 140, st. 1-5; TLH 279; WS 779
Ash Wednesday: February 18, 2015 (Pastor John Hein)

Sin-Drowning Sea:.....Micah 7:19
He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.
Hymns: TLH 142, st. 1-3,6; TLH 535, st. 1-5; TLH 385, st. 1-5
February 25, 2015 (Pastor David Schierenbeck)

Soul-Satisfying Stream:.....Psalm 42:1-2a
As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Hymns: TLH 277; TLH 525; TLH 354
March 4, 2015 (Rev. Lawrence Bade)

Life-Blooming Desert:.....Isaiah 51:3
For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.
Hymns: TLH 61, TLH 145; TLH 151, st. 1-3, 7
March 11, 2015 (Rev. Daniel Fleischer)

Fearless Valley:.....Psalm 23:4
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Hymns: WS 723; TLH 154; TLH 436
March 18, 2015 (Pastor David Baker)

Waterfall of Lovingkindness:.....Psalm 42:7-8
Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me -- A prayer to the God of my life.
Hymns: TLH 157; WS 756 (TLH 345); TLH 376
March 25, 2015 (Rev. Paul Voss)

Hill of Golgotha:.....John 19:16-18
Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led *Him* away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.
Good Friday: April 3, 2015 (Pastor John Hein)