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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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