

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

March 3, 2021, 7:00 PM, Livestream Worship

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

WEEK TWO: CHRIST BECAME OBEDIENT

Prelude

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Victor Labenski

Gathering Litany

Let us remember Jesus, who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us;

Who was content to be the child of a poor family;

Who lived the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks;

Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

Let us remember Jesus: who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and afflicted, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself;

Who was master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.

Let us remember Jesus: who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought out a garden;

Who prayed for his tempted disciple, and for the forgiveness of all who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him;

Who observed good customs, but defied conventions that did not serve the purposes of God. Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity—the cost to humanity and to God.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus: who, when he was reviled, did not retaliate, and when he suffered did not threaten; who emptied himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray for Christ to dwell within our hearts.

O Christ, our only Savior, so come to dwell in us that we may live with the light of your hope in our eyes, and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Song ELW 810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*



- 1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
- 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and

there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The readings conclude: The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life.

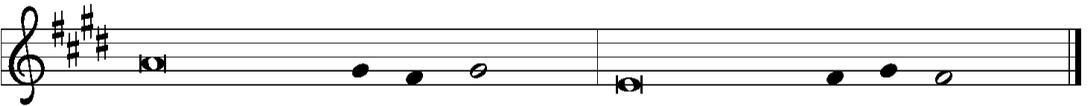
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 37:1-9



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.



¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers; do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither | like the grass, and like the green grass | fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good; dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight | in the LORD, who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD, and see what | God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11 (Contemporary English Version)

⁵Think the same way that Christ Jesus thought: ⁶Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. ⁷Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. ⁸Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. ⁹Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. ¹⁰So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. ¹¹And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Musical Meditation

O Jesus, I Have Promised Paul W. Hofreiter

During the musical meditation, you are invited to meditate upon these words: "*Think the way that Christ Jesus thought, who obeyed God and even died on a cross.*"

Prayers of Intercession

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

God of our salvation, Christ obeyed you and even died on a cross. Teach us to think the same way he did, that we may faithfully serve your people. God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual, hurting, weakened, depressed. God of healing, **hear our prayer.**

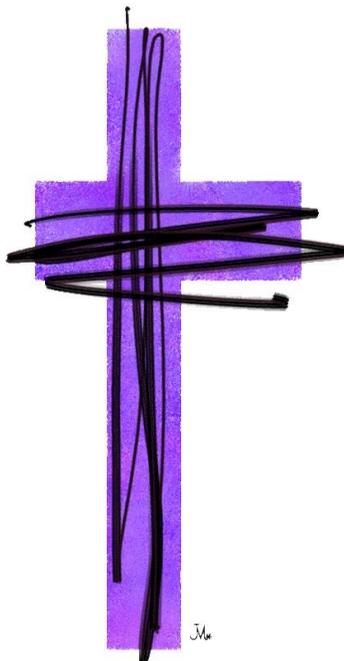
God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your grace, contrite, humble, bowed down. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Song

ELW 623 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Blessing

Christ Jesus, dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

Serving Tonight

Reader	Kevin Lentz
Cantor	Leslie Hughes
Pianist	Kathy Egner
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