

Water of Life Lutheran Church

The Season of Lent
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Online Worship Bulletin

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PREPARATION

In today's Epistle, Paul urges us to imitate him in rejecting those whose "minds are set on earthly things" and self-glory. Rather, we are to stand "firm thus in the Lord." God's people in Jeremiah's time had their minds set on themselves and the physical temple rather than on the Lord. This was the Lord's house and still was in Jesus' day, though by then He could announce, "Behold, your house is forsaken." The Lenten mind-set keeps in focus that our citizenship is in heaven. We shall endeavor, with our Lord's help, to keep that mind-set foremost as we journey to Good Friday and Easter.

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Worship Video

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: Today's Epistle reading in Philippians promises that the One we await is "a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Let us therefore confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Leader: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

People: **We confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have reflected the society around us more than Your will for us in daily living. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who call on Him for forgiveness.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

People: Amen.

- OR -

Leader: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *(spoken together)*

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

SONG

The Solid Rock

Worship Video

SERMON (or DEVOTION)

Rev. Shawn Deterding (or Leader)

PRAYERS

Rev. Shawn Deterding

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken together)*

**ALL: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Leader: With David, we respond to God's grace and mercy:

**People: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you in the shelter of His wings.
The LORD make His face shine on you and lift your eyes heavenward.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

Worship Video



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