

2nd Sunday in Lent

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WORSHIP NOTES Welcome! It had to be a source of irritation to the Jewish “legalists” that Paul would use an acquittal in a court of human law as an analogy to explain what God has done in and through Christ. In our study of God’s Word today, we are confronted with a completely different view of God than the world presents. He’s a generous, giving God. He’s not like a human ruler who wants to wring out of us every ounce of confession and reparation for sin. He, in fact, prepared a plan for the removal of “debt” that astounds us. Without minimizing the danger or effect of our sin, he has turned the table from law to gospel. This leads us into his realm of love, where we are lavished with a new life that we could never have deserved or imagined. PTL!

VERSICLE: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!



OPENING “Oh, Come, My Soul” (p.8)

CW # 99



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



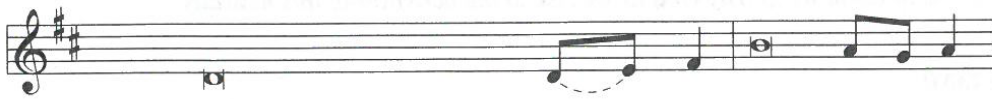
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor-ship him.

HYMN

“Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be”

(p.10)

CW #347:1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves.

C: Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING GENESIS 28:10-17

Notice that Jacob’s suffering is largely his own fault. Were there ever more beautiful promises given to one more obviously a sinner? God lets Jacob suffer some of the consequences of his sins. But God does not want to drive him to despair. God prevents that from happening by showing himself as gracious; he comes with grace to sinners who deserve nothing but suffering in consequence of their sins. Sinner is my name; it is for me that Jesus came in Lent. My suffering reminds me of sin, the real reason for it; it reminds as well of his suffering and the real fruit of it in the redemption of this sinner.

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 73 (antiphonal, - North side, South side)

(p.9)

THE GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

There it is, the stark reality: the love of God is inseparably connected to the cross, both his and ours! The price of our salvation is steep indeed! The suffering was as real as the resurrection which followed it. The cross of the Christian is likewise as real as the glory which follows it. In both cases, no cross, no crown! In Christ's case the cross is redemptive. In our case the cross is the necessary consequence of his redemptive work, not its cause—but nevertheless an indispensable consequence. Be careful in defining it; the cross is not all suffering. It is all suffering that comes as a result of following Jesus, e.g., persecution, the excruciating pain to self of denying self, even the struggle against both self-righteousness and despair. Our cross drives us to his cross both for forgiveness and for strength (Note the Prayer of the Day). Beware of proving Marx and Lenin right when they said that religion is the opium of the masses; the religion of the cross certainly is not that!

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be" (p.10)

CW #347:2-3

SERMON

ROMANS 5:1-11

"The Lord Lavishes Us with Life"

ROMANS 5:1-11

To the world the real meaning of Lent makes no sense at all. Only the Christian gets it, and that as a result of the miracle of faith worked by the proclamation of the gospel. And this is that miracle: Christ the holy one, Christ the innocent, suffered for man the sinner, for man the guilty. We embrace the suffering Savior and do not run away from our own suffering; both are gifts of grace for sinners who have become saints by virtue of Christ's suffering and through faith in his merit.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly

dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

"The Te Deum"

C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,
 Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of
 heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of
 pro-phets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:
 Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of
glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to
set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING

Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray to God, crying out for His mercy, confident that our Father hears our prayers because the Son of Man suffered, died and was raised for us.

C: Our Father in heaven, continue to establish Your saving covenant with us as You did with Abraham, that we who surely deserve nothing from You may rely on You for everything. While we were still Your enemies, at the right time You gave Your Son to die for us.

P: Grant us repentant hearts and faith that rejoices that His death has reconciled us to You.

C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Our Father in heaven, You know the many temptations with which the world would snare us and draw us away from trust in You. Set our minds not on the things of man but on the things of God.

C: Grant each of us a faith that confesses with joy that Jesus is the Christ. And also give us faith to daily deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him. Pour out Your Spirit on those who proclaim Jesus here and throughout the world especially in these dangerous days.

P: Bring those who do not know or trust His love also to believe and rejoice in the reconciliation our Savior accomplished for all by His blood.

C: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING



CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be"

(p.10)

CW #347:4-5

SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oh, Come, My Soul

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1 Oh, come, my soul, your Sav - ior see Nailed to your
 2 'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame, The cross, the
 3 Oh, sing, my soul, sing end - less - ly The won - drous

cross on Cal - va - ry. Your pains he bears; Your thorns
 nails, the thirst, the pain; In ag - o - ny His blood
 love that sets you free; His dy - ing breath Brings life

he wears That yours a crown of life might be.
 runs free To write in heav - en's book your name.
 from death, Makes heav'n your home e - ter - nal - ly.

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OH, COME, MY SOUL
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Psalm 73

Refrain



Psalm tone



I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

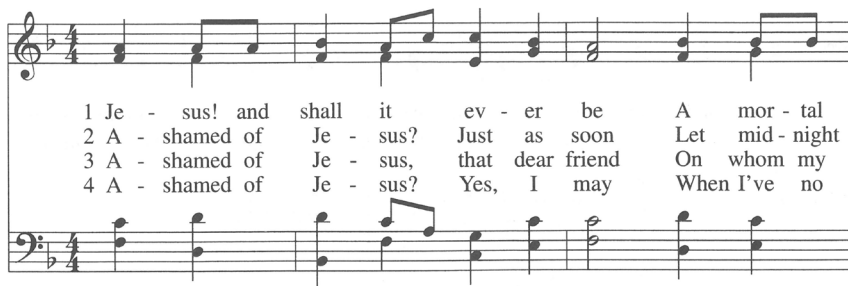
My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

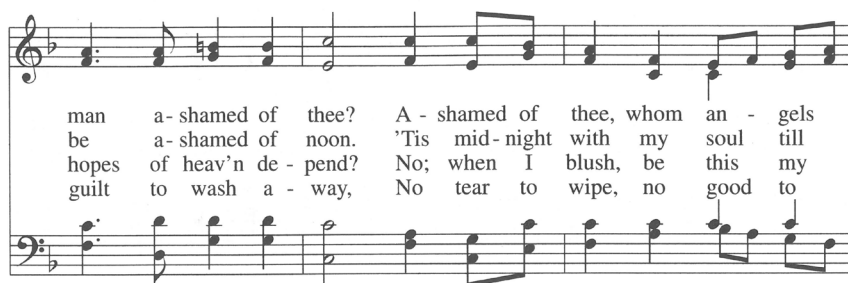
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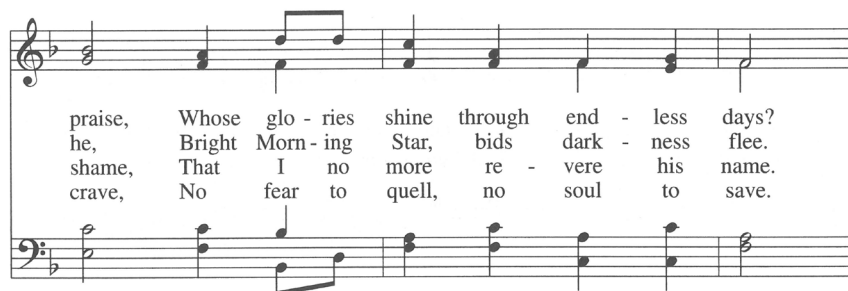
Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be



1 Je - sus! and shall it ev - er be A mor - tal
 2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon Let mid - night
 3 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear friend On whom my
 4 A - shamed of Je - sus? Yes, I may When I've no



man a - shamed of thee? A - shamed of thee, whom an - gels
 be a - shamed of noon. 'Tis mid - night with my soul till
 hopes of heav'n de - pend? No; when I blush, be this my
 guilt to wash a - way, No tear to wipe, no good to



praise, Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?
 he, Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.
 shame, That I no more re - vere his name.
 crave, No fear to quell, no soul to save.

5 Till then — nor is my boasting vain —
 Till then I boast a Savior slain;
 And oh, may this my glory be:
 That Christ is not ashamed of me.

Intro: Legalists actually object to the way God handles things. They narrow the discussion to one side and confuse acceptance of a person with approval of a person's behavior. Yet God has chosen to freely forgive through his Son's behavior.

The Lord Lavishes Us with Life

1. With a Wealth that is Ours by Faith. (5:1-5)

- 1.1 Access to God cannot be bought by good behavior.
- 1.2 Note that justification is a LEGAL position of privilege.
- 1.3 The Holy Spirit pours us so full of hope and peace despite suffering.

App: What's the right way to "glory" in our sufferings? The wrong way? Perseverance produces true Christian character or Christ-likeness in us.

2. In the Giver Who so freely Spends for Us. (5:6-11)

- 2.1 People tend to spend as much as they can on themselves.
- 2.2 Christ chose to spend his life on the "ungodly."
- 2.3 To grasp this is to heighten our awareness of how long, wide, high and deep is his love. (Eph. 3:17-19)

App: Lent is the ideal time for fathers to teach repentance in its fullest sense. But Lent can and must be a marvelous time of seeing the whole picture, watching God accomplish our salvation through the most horrifying mistreatment in all history.

Conclusion: Holding the deposit of eternal life makes us the richest, most secure creatures on earth. Do we comprehend what our change in status before God conveys to our daily life?

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/28) **8:00 AM** **Worship Service**
 9:20 AM Open Forum
 10:30 AM **Worship Service**
Wednesday **4:00 PM** Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday **7:00 PM** **Lenten Midweek worship w/communion**
Saturday **7:00 AM** Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday (3/7) **8:00 AM** **Worship Service w/communion**
 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM **Worship Service w/communion**

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Hosea 11:1-7
Second Lesson	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Psalms	Psalms 2

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**"WE HAVE INHERITED
A LIFE OF LOVE"**

Service Theme

PASTOR: Mark C. Wagner

ORGANIST: Jon Hahm

HYMNS: 347:1, 99, 347:2-3; 347:4-5

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 28:10-17

GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 8:31-38

THE SERMON:

Romans 5:1-11

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