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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located in the back corner of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.

MORNING MEDITATION

Pg. 64 in Christian Worship Supplement

OPENING HYMN: CW 585.....*While Yet the Morn Is Breaking*

GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

RESPONSES WITH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;

C: **in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.** *Psalm 5:3*

M: We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,

C: **but because of your great mercy.** *Daniel 9:18*

ALL: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

C: **establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.**

Psalm 90:17

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Genesis 37:1-11

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 126.....Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth

SERMON

JESUS CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE;

Pastor Thomford

Genesis 37:1-11

1. Those guilty of sinful favoritism;
2. Those guilty of sinful pride
3. Those guilty of sinful jealousy

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CANTICLE: CWS 788Thanks Be to God!

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

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: CW 386 vv 1,2,6.....Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation

*“In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’ ” (*The Small Catechism*)

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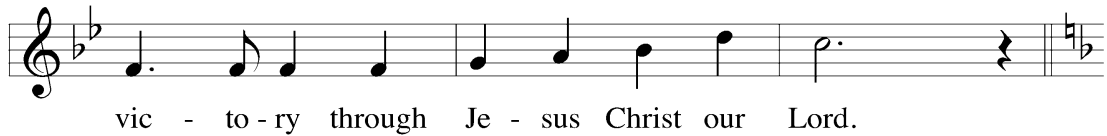
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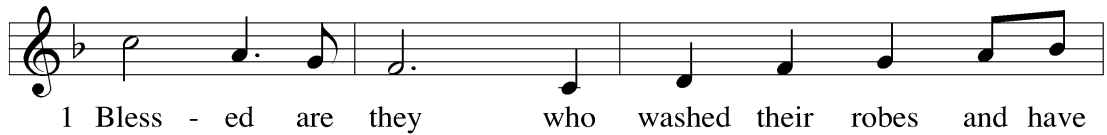
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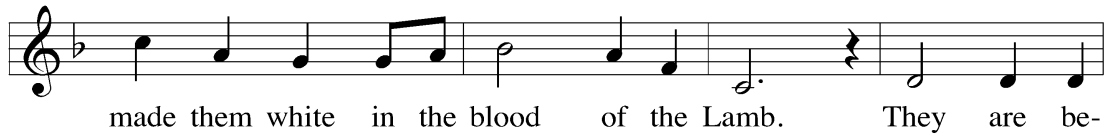
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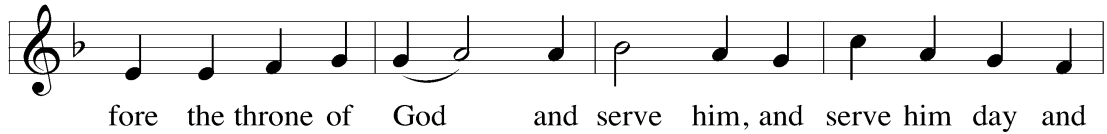
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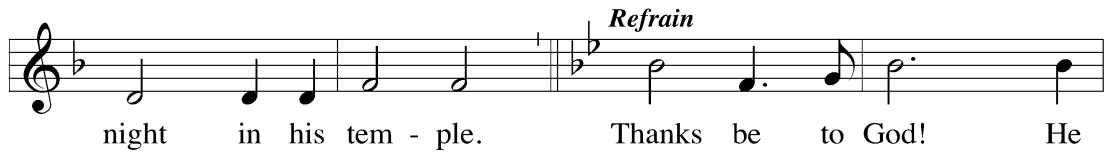
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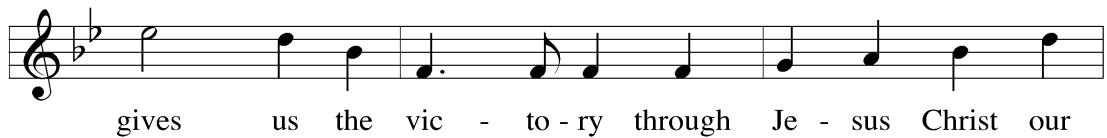
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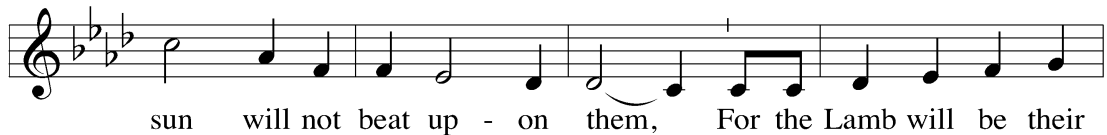
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Lord. 3 Bless - ed are they who

washed their robes and have made them white in the

blood of the Lamb. He who sits on the

throne will spread his tent o - ver them, and

then their God will wipe a - way ev - 'ry tear

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God! He gives us the vic - to - ry through

Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - men.

Text (refrain): 1 Corinthians 15:57, alt.

Text (verses): Revelation 7:14-17, alt.

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Notes and News for March 22, 2020

Just a Reminder:

All in-person worship services and other in-person activities are cancelled at this time until further notice. This is not the first decision we wished to make. We rejoice with those who say "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1) However, we also want to take into consideration both the fourth and fifth commandment. Therefore, taking into consideration our government's proposals with legitimate care for her citizens and the care of our own people and the people around us, we thought it wise to follow this line of action. This does not mean that we need to neglect our souls and the Word of God. At times like this, spiritual health is key for strength and comfort from God and his power and his gospel! But remember also that worship is not limited to a building, but takes place in spirit and truth (John 4:24). With this in mind, we want to continue to offer you care for your soul with suggestions of things you can do at home on your own along with actions we will be implementing.

We shall continue to strive to put our worship services online Sunday morning in a similar format as what you have used in this worship packet. He is also experimenting with online options for continuing Bible Classes. Pastor will work to increase online presence on Facebook, YouTube, our website and podcast stations (iTunes and Stitcher) to offer extra spiritual encouragement. Our weekly email will continue to have a devotional thought along with any notes or updates for our congregation. Also, as Pastor also socially distances himself for both his health and the health of others, he will work on calling in on members from time to time to try and meet any needs they may have.

The synod also has many opportunities for you to take for your spiritual wellbeing. Should you wish for extra encouragement in the way of worship services, the synod has offered a list of churches which offer livestreaming (<https://yearbook.wels.net/streaming>). You can and would certainly benefit from continuing to read your Meditations at home. The WELS has daily devotions you can subscribe to online (and we shall also share them everyday on Facebook). And Time of Grace is always a wonderful option as well, offering their TV program, devotions, videos and the like (you can find their website by clicking this link: <https://timeofgrace.org/>). Also, don't forget the Lutheran Chapel Service on KNUJ (860am, knuj.net, 97.3FM) at 7:45am-8:30am on Sunday mornings. These are just a few of the opportunities our synod offers to you in such a time as this.

We pray these can help your spiritual health in this time when we are unable to gather, should it be just a week and half or should it go even longer. If you would find another way to grow helpful for you, don't hesitate to ask Pastor to try and take it into consideration and add it to this regiment. And should you need a pastoral visit, Pastor will still be available by phone and email to set up a private consultation on an individual basis. (Don't hesitate! Pastor wants to serve as you need!).

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Gabe Jacobsen (3/24)! Heather Klenke (3/26)!
- + Prayer Requests: Roger and Charlene Miedtke as Roger is hospitalized for unknown reasons