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Wednesday in the Second Week of Lent

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Let us therefore learn that it is a sin to denounce God in His Word. Rather this is what we should do: Even though we do not fully understand, we should believe our Creator when He declares something about us. He knows what sort of frame or dust we are, we do not. Just as the vase of a potter may have acquired a crack through a blow or some other way and does not know it has a crack, whereas the potter knows and sees it, so also we do not fully know our faults. Therefore let us confess our infirmity and reverently say:

C: O Lord, I am Your clay, You are my former and potter. Therefore because You declare that I am a sinner, I agree to Your Word. I freely acknowledge and confess this wickedness hiding in my flesh and nature. Let me be confounded that you would be glorified. Let me and all people be sin and death that You would be righteous and the Life. Let me and all people be the lowest evil that You would be the highest good. I acknowledge and confess this, being instructed in this by Your promises and Your Law, not by my reason, which would like to cover up this wickedness or even decorate it. But I am more concerned that Your glory increase. Against You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord Jesus, who came to Your own and they received you not, grant us your Spirit to glorify you in our hearts. Enlighten our souls with this living knowledge that you are the power of God and the wisdom of God, that we may never be offended in you, but may hold your righteousness in an unwavering faith, and may not be ashamed to confess you before men. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 14:20-21

²⁰ The poor are disliked even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. ²¹ Those who despise their neighbors are sinners, but happy are those who are kind to the poor.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:67-71

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM 41

¹ Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble. ² The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;

they are called happy in the land. You do not give them up to the will of their enemies. ³The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities. ⁴As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you." ⁵My enemies wonder in malice when I will die, and my name perish. ⁶And when they come to see me, they utter empty words, while their hearts gather mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad. ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. ⁸They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me, that I will not rise again from where I lie. ⁹Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me. ¹⁰But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them. ¹¹By this I know that you are pleased with me; because my enemy has not triumphed over me. ¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. ¹³Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

SERMON Pastor Jesse

OFFERING HYMN Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C: There is no danger anymore. I shall not perish, even though death, devil, world, or hell come against me. Let them come. Let whoever storm or try to frighten. Let them become as angry as they will. Through this Lord I shall endure nonetheless! Though my enemies and all the world oppress me, persecute me, and drive me out, I still have a Lord who is, and wants to be, my Lord because God has promised this to me. He sits higher and is more powerful than all, and He occupies this high place in order to defend and protect me. Likewise, though I am assailed by sin and God's wrath, which make my heart heavy and troubled, I shall not on that account be forced into despair. He sits up there also for the purpose of preventing sin, or anything whatever, from condemning me or pushing me into hell. Thus, even though death attacks me and devours me, it cannot hold me. I must become alive again because this Lord sits on high and lives eternally. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

petitions end with: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross #140

BENEDICTION

P: Go in peace to serve the Risen Living Word, Jesus Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Week 4 | Psalm 2

March 23, 2022

Sermon by Pastor Lexy

Rage comes when we lose control -- when God chooses, and we don't. What does God do with our rage? He sits in heaven, and He laughs. As we scramble to get what we think we deserve and pretend to be something we're not, God sits on his throne and he laughs. But that's not the only thing He does from His throne. He sent his Son to give us a place of refuge. Forever blessed are you who take refuge in Christ's unstoppable promise.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order Easter flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the order forms and envelope for payment are on the counter in front of the secretary's desk. Last day to order is Monday, April 4.

Every Wednesday during Lent kids grab bags for ages 3-11 are available on the secretaries counter. We encourage all kids at worship to take one and if you know of a kid that would enjoy a craft, please take one for them.