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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Invocation and Opening Verses

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
(Silence for reflection)

P: O Almighty God,

C: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for mercy. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, spoken responsively worship insert

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response: "Have mercy upon me, O God"
Robert Lehman

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Children's Message: "So"

Hymn of the Day: #453, "Upon the Cross Extended"

Sermon: "Not Safe, But Good"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #423, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

?? QUESTIONS FOR LENT ??

Each Wednesday of Lent, Pastor will address specific questions that have been submitted to him for consideration. Lenten midweek services are held at 7:00 PM on the Wednesdays of Lent until the week of Palm Sunday (Holy Week). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This week we will consider the following question: Are some sins worse than others? Many people say: All sins are equal in God's sight. Is that true? Join us on Wednesday night for answers from the Holy Scriptures.

LIFE QUOTE

"When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to 'deliver us from evil.' We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a 'right.' May God have mercy on us."
Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org