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The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

The Chorale Service
Written by Lowell Sorenson

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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Chorale Entrance Hymn: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Arr. Erik Meyer

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Kyrie (to the tune: Gethsemane)

Lord, have mercy, hear our plea,
Father of all Majesty;
Christ, have mercy, God's own Son,
Who for us redemption won!
Lord, have mercy, Spirit blest,
Source of truth and life and rest.

Hymn of Praise: Omitted in Lent

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: James 1:12-18

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Lenten Response: #422, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st 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.

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Hymn of the Day: #424, "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

Sermon: "Where the Wild Things Are"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession of sin.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Admonition to the Communicants

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Distribution

Sanctus (to the tune: Nicaea)

1)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Heaven opens wide today as we receive from Thee.

We cry out "Hosanna!" For our Savior's coming.

God in the highest, Hail the glorious King!

2)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Grant, O Lord, that in true faith we feast today on Thee.

Saints and all the angels, Heav'nly anthems singing.

Fall down and worship, Hail the glorious King!

Agnus Dei (to the tune: Wem In Leidenstagen)

1)

Lamb of God, Most Holy:

Lord, to Thee, we cry:

Grant Thy grace and pardon,

Strength to us supply.

2)

Lamb of God, most holy,

Who, for sinners, slain.

Paid for our transgression;

Suffered for our gain.

3)

Christ, our blest Redeemer,

Died upon the tree.

For the world of sinners;

Thus, He died for me.

4)

Look in faith to Jesus;

He is God's own Son!

Mercy, peace, and blessing
For us Christ has won.

5)
Lamb of God, most holy,
Grant to us Thy peace.
Through Thy precious Supper
Faith and love increase.

Hymns

#621, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
#423, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Post-Communion Prayer
Benediction

Closing Hymn: Nunc Dimittis (to the tune: St. Thomas)

1)
Let us depart in peace
According to Thy Word.
We have beheld salvation's Light,
By faith and not by sight.

2)
Salvation I behold,
Prepared for all the earth.
The One whom prophets had foretold
The Christ of priceless worth!

3)
The Nations' One True Light,
Who shines that all would be:
Reflecting Christ's own glory bright
Through all eternity.

4)
Elect by God's pure grace,
Yet Christ for all was sent;
He calls us to His dear embrace
By Word and Sacrament.

5)
Rejoice, O Israel:
Christ is thy glory true.

Unite with all His saints to tell
The praises He is due.

6)
All glory be to God
Through all eternity!
The Father, Son, and Spirit laud
The Blessed Trinity!
Amen!

Chimes/Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

?? QUESTIONS FOR LENT ??

Each week of Lent, Pastor will address specific questions that have been submitted to him for consideration. On Ash Wednesday, we addressed the question, "As we age, how do we deal with the body falling apart and our ultimate death?" This Wednesday's topic is: "How might demons take over a person and how can they be cast out?" Lenten midweek services will be held at 7:00 PM on the Wednesdays of Lent up until the week of Palm Sunday (Holy Week). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

LIFE QUOTE

February 18 "In a sense, that is where man is today ... dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ's life that sets us free and brings us home." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org