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Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2010

Lenten Midweek Series: Seven Words from the Cross
Tonight's Focus: "A Word of Forgiveness"

Prelude
Welcome
Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" #419

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Announcement of the Day

P: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, the season of Lent. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times, Lent has been observed as a period of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells continually on God's Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Collect of the Day

Psalm 51, prayed responsively (see front of the hymnal)

The Imposition of Ashes

(Ashes are an ancient and Biblical sign of repentance and mortality. Those who wish to receive the mark of ashes may come forward at this time.)

Confession

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: O Almighty God,

C: I confess to You, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: "Lord, to You I Make Confession" #608

Absolution (Psalm 103:8-13)

P: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him." At the command of Christ and by the power of His cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-19

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

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

Hymn of the Season: "Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke"
(The Lutheran Hymnal, #177)

Our blessed Savior sev'n times spoke
When on the cross our sins He took

And died lest man should perish.
Let us His last and dying Words
In our remembrance cherish. Amen.

Holy Gospel Luke 23:32-34

Hymn of the Season: "Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke"

"Father, forgive these men; for, lo,
They truly know not what they do."

So far His love extended.

Forgive us, Lord, for we, too, have
Through ignorance offended.

Whoe'er, by sense of sin opprest,
Upon these Words his thoughts will rest,
He joy and hope obtaineth
And through God's love and boundless grace
A peaceful conscience gaineth. Amen.

Sermon: "A Word of Forgiveness" Luke 23:34

Offering

Choral Offering: "Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee"

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine
on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with
favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me" #878

Postlude