

# LENT 2020

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**  
**LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)**  
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**Wednesday Lenten Service**  
**March 25, 2020**

**Prelude Piano Music**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**C: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."**

L: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

**C: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? You do not retain your anger forever, because you delight in love.

**C: God will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

L: Confident that our God is gracious and forgiving, let us confess our sins.

**C: O Lord, I have worried about your provision for me. I have been greedy for material things. I have sought power and glory at the expense of others. I have ignored your Word, though I know what it says. I have avoided the hard road of righteousness and taken the easy road of sin.**

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven." Assured by his word and promise, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise: "You Are My All in All"**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Scriptures**

**James 1:17-19**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**Matthew 18:1-5**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

**Message: "Change"**

## **Prayer**

L: For the sake of your tender mercy, O Lord, hear the prayers of your people who seek to honor you with lives and hearts devoted to your service.

**C: Give us strength for our journey, O Lord, that we may bear faithful witness to your never failing love. Keep us mindful of the great love with which you have loved us, so that in the power of that love we may find the courage to act on the strength that sustains us.**

L: At the cost of your great love we have been claimed as your people, and called to bear witness to your love for us and for your whole creation.

**C: Renew in us the assurance of your love so that in the complexities of our lives we may not falter in the face of uncertainty and doubt, but may abide in the consolation that your love gives us.**

L: Remind us each day that you are the source of all true wisdom and restore in us the trust we need to face the changes and challenges of our lives with confidence.

**C: Grant to us, O Lord, a measure of your divine wisdom so that we may find the courage and hope we need to remain faithful to our calling as people of God, cherished and redeemed by your steadfast love.**

L: In your great and tender mercy, O Lord, bless us with the gifts for which we pray. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

## **The 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.**

## **Benediction**

L: Fight the good fight of faith.

**C: Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and to which you made confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

L: I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made confession to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: For Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.**

L: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To + him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Piano Music: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

**Those Serving Tonight are:**

**Pastor Ben Unseth**

**Pastor Dan Beattie**

**Pianist & Song Leader: Kelly Polson**

**Tech Team: Patrick Hamilton & Jane Weber**