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First Lutheran Church

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Lenten Mid-Week Worship

March 19, 2025

Announcements, and Prelude

Call To Worship

- ¶ *The Lord is near you;*
- ¶ **On your lips and in your heart.**
- ¶ *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,*
- ¶ **And believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**
- ¶ *Faith comes from what is heard,*
- ¶ **And what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Opening Hymn

We believe in God, the Father, maker of all earth and heav'n.
Blessings seen and also unseen, from your hand of grace are giv'n.
House and home, our life, our fam'ly, all the gifts which you impart.
Help us to receive them humbly. Bless us with a thankful heart.

We believe in one Lord Jesus, Son of God whom we adore
Born of Mary, lived and suffered, died, and in the tomb was laid.
On the third day, raised again that Holy Scripture be fulfilled.
He will come again in glory, judge of both alive and dead.

We believe in God the Spirit, who proceeds from Father, Son.
Though whom we are called and gathered, enlightened, and sanctified.
There is one Church, one Baptism; one Communion, sins forgiv'n.
We believe the resurrection, and eternal life to come.

The Prayer of the Day

The Passion Reading Matthew 26:31-56

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A Special Liturgy on the Apostles' Creed

L *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.**

L *Let us with the whole church profess the true and only God.*

C **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

L *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

C **I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in times of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

L *God has sent redemption to his people.*

C **He has commanded his covenant forever.**

L *He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was manifest among us, that he sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation of our sins.*

C **Thanks be to God**

L *Glory to the Father.*

C **The Lord is gracious in all his deeds.**

(Brief Silence)

L *With the church on earth and in heaven, let us profess Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Redeemer and Lord.*

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was**

buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.*
- **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil — not with silver and gold, but with his holy precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as he is risen from the dead and lives and reigns eternally. This is most certainly true.**

□ *Herein is God's love for us:*

- **That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- *There is therefore now no condemnation unto those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

■ **Thanks be to God.**

(Brief Silence)

- *With the whole church on earth, let us profess the Spirit of God, our Counselor and Sanctifier.*
- **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- *All who are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.*

◻ I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

◻ *You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

◻ **The Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth.**

◻ *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak. And he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it unto you. All that the Father has is mine. Therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it unto you...*

◻ *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

◻ **Thanks be to God.**

The Lesson Romans 8:1-9a

Theme Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Homily

Gospel: The Apostles' Creed

Theme Hymn

The gospel stands; in it we boast
Throughout all times and places
As Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
God shares with us his graces
Creation's world we roam.
Redemption makes our home.
The Spirit sanctifies
And opens up our eyes.
One God reveals three faces.

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Offerings & Organ Offering

(The Offerings are received and brought forward)

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Departing Hymn

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"
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The Apostles' Creed

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creator of heaven and earth.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
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