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Lenten Midweek Two **March 3rd, 2021**

A Generous Heart



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6:00 PM WORSHIP

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LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

LSB 556 vs3-4

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTANCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

People: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

People: To sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

Pastor: to herald Your love in the morning,

People: Your truth at the close of the day.

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Pastor: Joyous light of glory;

All: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed, Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life, the universe proclaims Your glory.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 37:16-22, 25-26

Pastor: Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;

People: for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

Pastor: The days of the blameless are known to the Lord,

People: and their inheritance will endure forever.

Pastor: In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

People: But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish--vanish like smoke.

Pastor: The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;

People: those the Lord blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.

Pastor: I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

People: They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you have been generous with your children from the very beginning of time. You provided Adam and Eve with all they needed in the Garden of Eden, and you prepared a table every day, set with manna, for the Israelites in the wilderness.

People: **You have been so generous in providing for all of our needs of body and soul. Please forgive us that so little of your goodness has reached others through us. We have been more like sponges, keeping your good gifts to ourselves, than we have been like the funnels of your love and generosity that you desire us to be. Forgive us for this, dear Lord!**

Pastor: In His mercy, God was generous to us, even when we were stingy to others. He prepared the perfect sacrifice for us, Jesus, the Lamb of God, anointed by the woman at Bethany and offered on the altar of the cross. Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to our generous and forgiving God!**

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 36:3-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26th chapter.

People: **Glory to You O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:6-13

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

LSB 431

SERMON

“A Generous Heart”

Matthew 26:6-13, Luke 12:34

OFFERING

PRAYER FOR LENT

Pastor: Thank you Lord for being patient and merciful to us, a God who forgives iniquities and who does not repay us as our sins deserve.

People: **Because of your generous, and forgiving heart, we live. Help us remember to show others mercy as we have been shown mercy.**

Pastor: Thank you for your greatest gifts, including saving us through the washing of rebirth and renewal in our baptism, given by the Holy Spirit, whom You poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Thank you for all the daily reminders of Your generosity including food, clothing, shelter, and a loving family and church family.**

Pastor: Help us to never take your generosity for granted.

People: **Give us grateful hearts. Amen**

HYMN

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781

LORD’S PRAYER

VESPER PRAYER

Pastor: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433

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