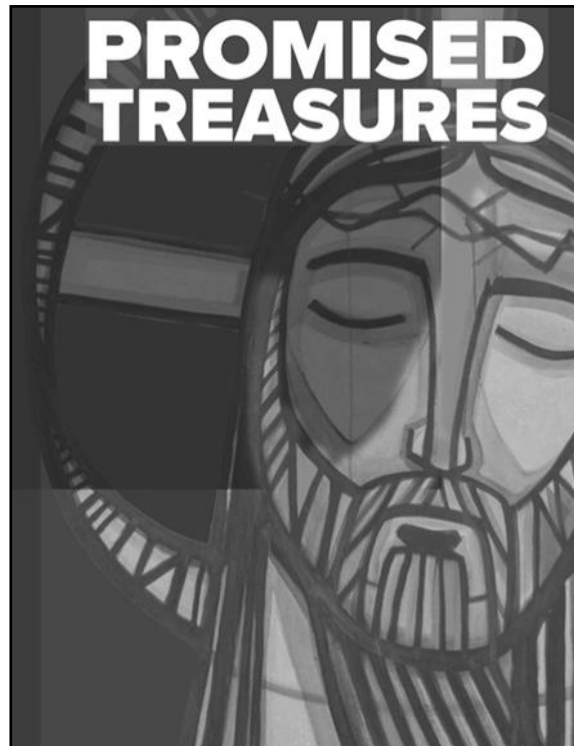


Wednesday in Lent 5

March 29, 2023



Concordia Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Beulah, North Dakota

Hymn # 451

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Sentences

2 Corinthians 5:21, alt.; Isaiah 53:5

For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
But He was wounded for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His stripes we are healed.

Confession and Absolution

Based on Philippians 2:1-11

Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

With humble hearts, let us pray together:

Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

You call us to celebrate Your victory over death and the grave, but often we resign ourselves to defeat and refuse to give You our praise.

Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and actions is why You died for us—

to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the eternal King of Israel, King David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comes to bless us with life and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, palms lifted high were waved in the air to celebrate Your triumph. As those who know You as King and Savior, help us to be altogether joyful because of Your victory over our foes.

Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word;

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work;

at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

to declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Verse

Joel 2:13b

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

John 7:28-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 443

Sermon

Palms and Victory

Offering

Prayer

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.

Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and, that He died so that we may live.

Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

Inspire us by the palm-waving pilgrims who sang Your praises as You entered Jerusalem. Enter our lives that we may have victory in You amid the pain and adversity of this world.

Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [*especially . . .*] and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Luther's Evening Prayer

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.

Benediction

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Hymn # 880