



**JESUS' VICTORY,
OUR STRENGTH**

ARMS WIDE OPEN

LUKE 13:31-35

THE ORDER OF MATINS
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

JESUS' VICTORY, OUR STRENGTH

Jesus' journey (ministry) begins with the temptation in the wilderness. Throughout His entire journey, He always knew He was going to His death. Along the way, Jesus continued to show us the way to be in relationship with Him. Dependability on the protection of the Son, the gift of repentance and reception of forgiveness, the undeserved and unending generosity of the Father, and the finality of the death of our Savior which is for the decimation of our sins. During this Lenten season, we will journey with Jesus to the cross where His victory became our strength.

Pointing to Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem, the place where the prophets go to die. Jesus, being more than a prophet, is doomed to die upon reaching Jerusalem. On His journey there, He points out that it is His only desire that His people would find rest and protection beneath His wings. Only Christ can protect His people from temptation and the work of the devil that leads to death. Jesus shows that He is always willing, even if it means going to His death because of our sin.

❖ *Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.*
The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Micah Rombach, pianist

Prelude No. 9 in E from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 – J. S. Bach

WELCOME



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

❖ CONFESSION

John 20:21-23

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C Who made Heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your Boundless Mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

❖ ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

❖ HYMN

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

**1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

**2. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text (sts. 1-5) and Music: Public domain.

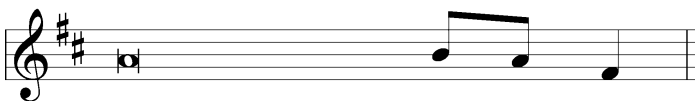
Created by Lutheran Service Builder. © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

❖ OPENING VERSICLES

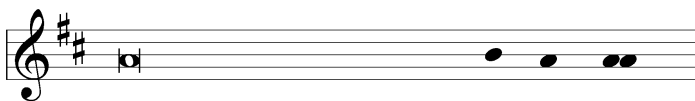
LSB 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



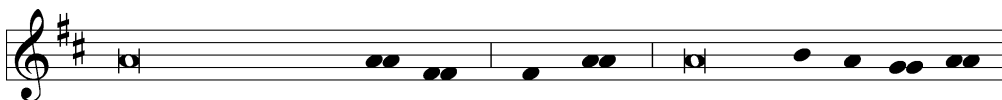
Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

❖ ANTIPHON

LSB 220



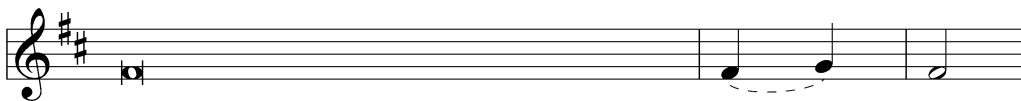
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

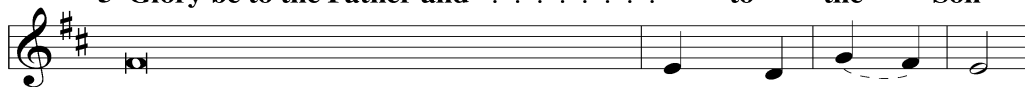
❖ VENITE

LSB 220

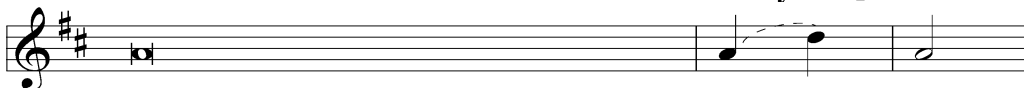


C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

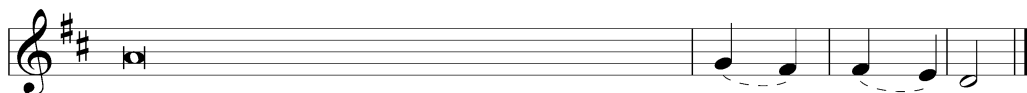
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

❖ ANTIPHON

LSB 221



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This — arr. L. Larson

Heavenly Handbells

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 26:8-15 [ESV]

(Jeremiah calls for God's people to repent and reform their ways.)

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the Name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'"

And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the House of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the House of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the House of the LORD.

Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city,

as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.

Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the Voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.

Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17-4:1 [ESV]

(Paul reminds us to stand firm because our citizenship is in Heaven through our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the Cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will transform our lowly body to be like His Glorious Body,

by the power that enables Him even to
subject all things to Himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and
long for, my joy and crown, stand firm
thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**
(Jesus laments over Jerusalem.)

Luke 13:31-35 [ESV]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

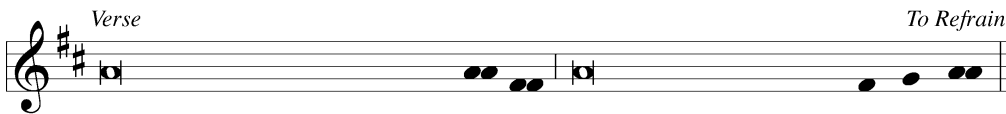
At that very hour some Pharisees came
and said to Him,
“Get away from here, for Herod wants to
kill You.”
And He said to them,
“Go and tell that fox,
‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform
cures today and tomorrow, and the third
day I finish my course.
Nevertheless, I must go on My Way today
and tomorrow and the day following,
for it cannot be that a prophet should
perish away from Jerusalem.’”

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills
the prophets and stones those who are
sent to it!
How often would I have gathered your
children together as a hen gathers her
brood under her wings, and you were not
willing!
Behold, your house is forsaken.
And I tell you, you will not see Me until
you say,
‘Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of
the Lord!’”

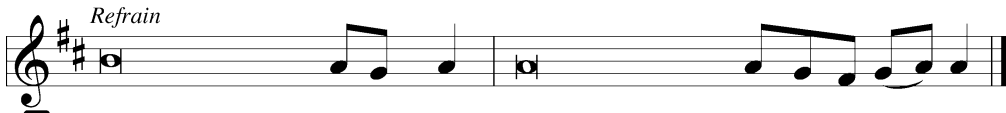
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

COMMON RESPONSORY

LSB 222



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
 2 Blessed is he whose
 transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
 for the sins of the peo-ple.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bob Unger

SERMON HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

**1. O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
 O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:**

**2. When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
 Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.**

**3. O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
 Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:**

**4. May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
 And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!**

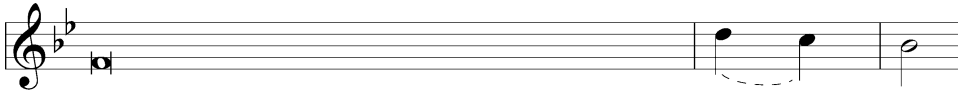
**5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
 And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!**

Text (sts. 1-5) and Music: Public domain.

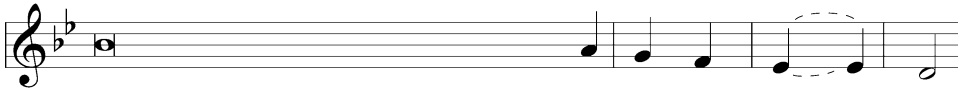
Created by Lutheran Service Builder. © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

❖ CANTICLE – TE DEUM

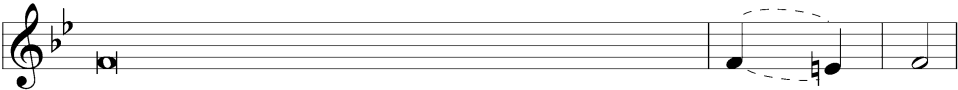
LSB 223



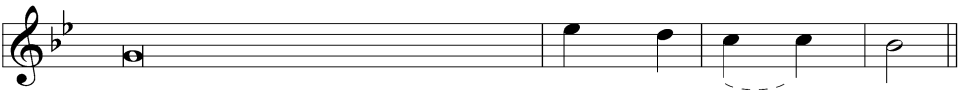
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



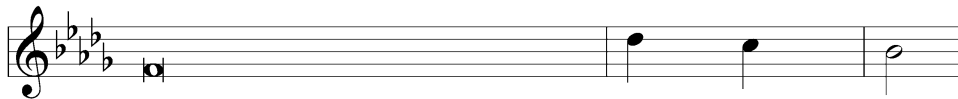
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowledge You:



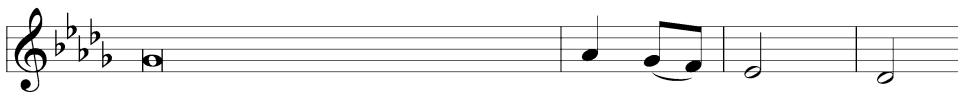
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



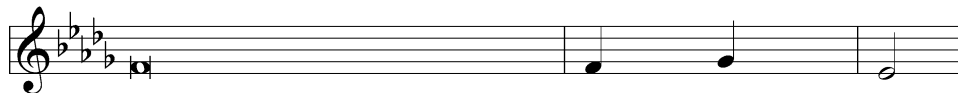
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



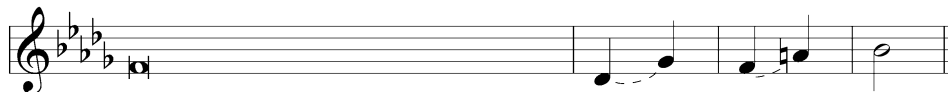
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



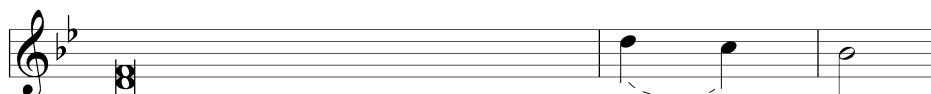
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



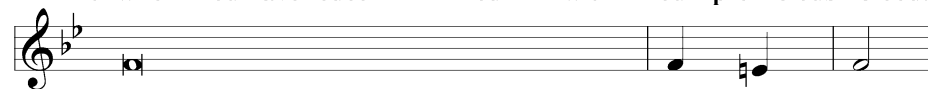
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.



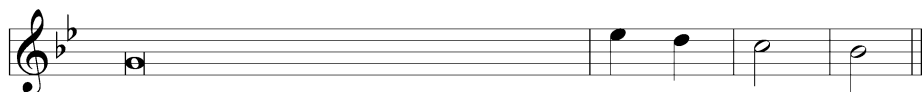
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prelude in Ab (Op. 28, No. 17) – F. Chopin

Micah Rombach, pianist

❖ KYRIE

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

❖ SALUTATION

LSB 227



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

❖ COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

C By Your Mighty Power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;

C through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❖ COLLECT FOR GRACE

LSB 228

P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day.

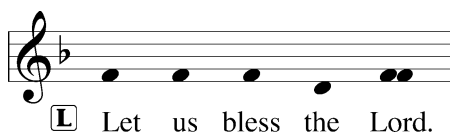
Defend us in the same with Your Mighty Power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being

ordered by Your Governance, may be righteous in Your Sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



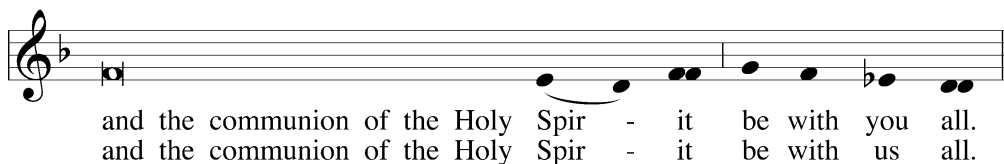
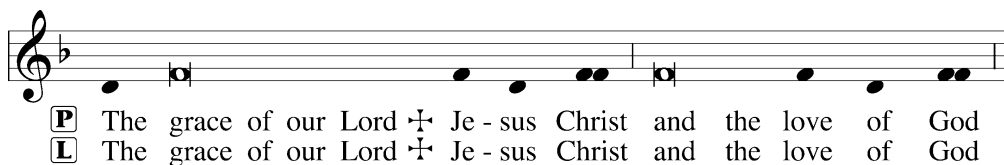
❖ BENEDICAMUS

LSB 228



❖ BENEDICTION

LSB 228



❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

**1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**2. “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**4. “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**5. “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

Text (sts. 1-5) and Tune: Public domain.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder. © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus — arr. A. B. Sherman

Heavenly Handbells

Acknowledgments

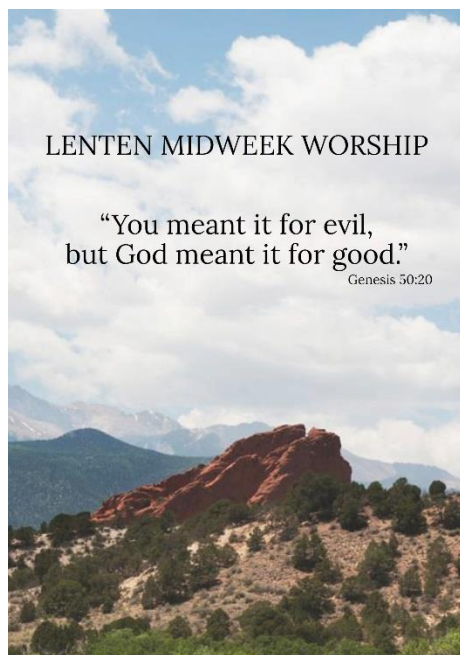
Matins from Lutheran Service Book © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

Unless otherwise stated, Scripture taken from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION copyright @ 1973, 1978, 1984 International Bible Society. Used by permission.

Servants in Worship

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Rev. Zach Sarrault
Cantor.....Dan Shaltanis
Organist/Director.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry
Heavenly Handbells
Lector.....Larry Cameron
Usher.....Mike Heartling
Camera Operators.....Jill Hammergren, Garrett Nigg
Live Stream Producer.....Susan Moore



LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

"You meant it for evil,
but God meant it for good."

Genesis 50:20

Join us for **Wednesday Night Worship** during Lent
as we explore the theme,
You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good!

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary*
March 9-April 6

Throughout the Passion narrative, the chief priests,
the teachers of the Law, Pontus Pilate, Judas Iscariot,
and Satan, attempted to get rid of Jesus.
This Lenten season, we recall how God uses events
intended for evil in His Plan of Salvation.

May we all be led to confess with Joseph
in the Old Testament,
"You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good."
(Genesis 50:20)

Jesus' Victory...Our Strength 2: Arms Wide Open (Luke 13:31-35)

Second Sunday in Lent, Series C

There are many kinds of comfort that are possible in the face of danger, loss of life, and the “unknowns” of eternity. The right kind is found neither in “escape” nor in false hope, but rather in refuge...refuge found in “[the One] who comes in the name of the Lord” (13:35). On this Second Sunday in Lent we find our refuge in Jesus. The wide-open arms of Jesus for the salvation of the world become our arms, too.

1. **Today is the second Sunday in our series “Jesus’ _____...our _____.”** Jesus’ final victory accomplished on the cross and made visible by the empty tomb on Easter Sunday is a victory that gives us strength in our own times of trial. We regain that focus today as we consider Jesus as Savior rejected by the world.
2. **Jesus’ arms are wide open, though even He was unable to _____ those who _____ Him to Himself (34-35).** To illustrate the power of God to provide refuge for folks in the face of both worldly and other-worldly dangers, Jesus speaks of Himself as a hen that opens her wings to gather her chicks. Yet many whom He would gather to Himself turn their backs on Him and reject Him. We live in a world where that rejection of Jesus continues.
3. **Jesus’ arms are wide open as _____ Son of God who would “_____ [His] _____” on a cross (32-33).** Advised to escape conflict, Jesus instead shows the courage to confront conflict. Though He risks opening Himself to attack, His courage is driven by love for the world. Jesus’ victory on the cross welcomes even a rebellious people to Himself. Though by our sins we have rejected the Son of God too, we receive the mercy of God to find open arms in our crucified yet risen Savior!
4. **Jesus’ Word of _____ proclaimed...Jesus’ _____ and _____ given with bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper give us the strength we need to live as the open arms of Jesus today.** Receiving again today the blessed One who “Comes in the name of the Lord” Jesus’ love becomes our love. Our fear of conflict is buttressed by Jesus’ courage to follow the Father’s will. Our disparaging of others is overruled by Jesus’ vulnerability so that we too live with arms wide open!

Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebrations

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion Weekend

Saturday, April 9

6:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 10

8:00 am*, 9:30 am

Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am* Praise and Worship with Holy Communion, Family Life Center

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14

4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

7:00 pm* Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday

Friday, April 15

12:00 pm Worship, Sanctuary

7:00 pm* Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 16 (No Worship Service)

Sunday, April 17

6:30 am Sanctuary Easter Worship

8:00 am*, 9:30 am

Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am* Praise Worship with Holy Communion, Family Life Center

**Live Stream Services Indicated with Asterisk*



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

rlcary.org

919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org