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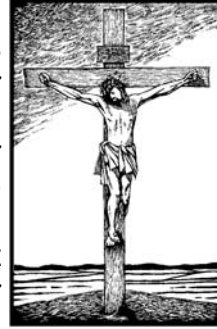
Midweek Lenten Worship #3

Wed., 3 March 2010

7:30 p.m.

"... having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."

With these words the evangelist John begins his written record of Jesus going the way of Calvary's cross for the world's salvation. "Love" is a



sadly misunderstood concept in our culture. It is misunderstood because of our sinful emotions, because we have been mmistaught by our sinful culture, and because of our inherent selfishness. If there is any season in the church year which should teach us about love, it should surely be the Lenten season! May God bless your hearing as Pastor preaches on 1 JOHN 4:8 on the theme: "CHRIST FOR . . . MY LOVE!" ✠

✠ Pre-Service Music

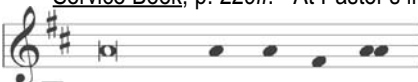
✠ The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles

✠ Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

✠ The Order of Worship

is adapted from the **VESPERS SERVICE** (evening service), Lutheran Service Book, p. 229ff. - At Pastor's invitation, please stand.

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are truly delighted to have you join us for worship this evening. Please avail yourselves of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come & worship with us again — & often!



P O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



G make haste to help me, O Lord.

We are:
"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KZIM 1400 AM

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

† **The Psalmody - Ps. 13** ~ Prayed responsively from the front of the Hymnal. After the Psalm is completed, all may be seated. (Please remain standing.)

† **The Hymn** ~ “My Song is Love Unknown “ — LSB 430

† **The Reading of the Passion Gospel** ~ Here Pastor will read from a harmonization of all four of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John) titled “**THE GREATEST PART OF THE GREATEST STORY — THE HISTORY OF JESUS FROM CROSS TO CROWN**” — Jesus’ suffering, death & resurrection drawn together from the Greek text as translated in GOD’S WORD TO THE NATIONS: New Testament New Evangelical Translation (NET) — © 1990 Mrs. William F. Beck & Biblion Publishing, Cleveland, OH. The Church will be darkened during the reading of the Passion History.

Tonight: “PETER FOLLOWS JESUS,” and “JESUS BEFORE ANNAS, ONE OF THE TWO HIGH PRIESTS,” and “FIRST TRIAL BEFORE THE JEWISH COUNCIL” (After the reading . . .)

† **The Responsory** ~ Psalm 51:14; 59:1; 141:8

Verse
P 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.
 2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
 3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.
 (Here all may be seated.)

† **The Sermon** ~ **Text:** 1 John 4:8 (and related texts)
Theme: "CHRIST FOR . . . MY LOVE!"

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because He first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God Whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

† **The Offering** ~ **DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD** (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Please just check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or email address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

† The Prayers of Christ's Church ~

The prayers begin with the response, below. At Pastor's invitation, please stand . . .



P Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

† The Kyrie ~ "Lord, have mercy . . ."



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

† The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL 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. (Please remain standing.)



P O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

† Other Collects ~ Spoken or chanted by Pastor followed by the "Amen" sung by the congregation.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

{ OTHER COLLECTS also using the "Amen." }

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(Please remain standing.)

† The Benedicamus



P Let us bless the Lord. ☞



C Thanks be to God.

† The Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ☩ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all. **C** A - men.
(Please remain standing.)

† The Sending Hymn ~ "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" — LSB 611

† A Time for Prayer ~ Here worshipers may take a moment for quiet reflection upon God's Word and how to apply the Word heard today to their individual lives. Then, as Pastor exits, worshipers may remain to visit or exit on their own.

† The Postlude/Recessional



Soli Deo Gloria!



To God Alone the Glory!

Annual
SPRING DINNER
Chicken & Dumplins

with all the trimmings!

- Sunday, March 14, 2010
 - Serving 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
 - Adults \$8 • Kids 6-12 \$4
- Dine In or Carry Out



Proceeds Benefit Concordia's Family Life Center!



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PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE GOOD FOOD
OF GOD'S WORD
SUNDAY WORSHIP
8 AM & 10:30 AM

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DUMPLIN'S MAKING
on this coming Friday
morning, 5 March, at 8
a.m. (or whenever you get
here). YOU are cordially
invited to join in the
fun and fellowship!

A CHURCH CLEAN UP
DAY will be held on
Sat., 13 March, starting
at 8 a.m. (or whenever
you get here). Please
bring tools for outside
cleanup (weather per-
mitting) and inside
cleaning (windows,
etc.). You may also bring donuts.

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