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10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number. For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if feature available, or cover the mouth piece. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

In these times of isolation and danger we give thanks to our God who tells us, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We may not be able to understand the why, but we know that God is in our midst working to sustain us and turn this evil to our good. His Word is never broken; His promises are sure! His love for us assures us of victory over all that which would destroy body and soul. We are with Him, and He continues to gift us with life, body, soul, family, friends, and our church family. We have much to be thankful for. Because of the resurrection of our Lord, we need never fear our future. We can do all things through Him who strengthens and loves us. We have Joy and Peace in Jesus Christ!

4th Sunday in Lent March 14 , 2021

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word

GREETINGS:

OPENING HYMN: LSB 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

1. Open now they gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer. Oh how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown. Let my soul, where it is
planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone. So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed. May I undisturbed draw
near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

INVOCATION:

P: We worship in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have
sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what
we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,
renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to
the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

*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!

PSALM / INTROIT (Ps. 115:11-13, 18; Antiphon Ps.25:6)

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will seek after:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

P: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

**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.**

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

KYRIE:

P: In peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer Hymn for the Nation: LSB 966 “God Bless Our Native Land”

LSB 966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

1. Before You, Lord we bow, Our God who reigns above, And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!
2. The nation You have blest May well Your love declare, From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair land – Gifts of Your hand –
Our thanks we pay.
3. May ev-’ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in Your Word’s pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen! May ev-’ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise
A grateful song.
4. Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, and rejoice,
And worship Him alone. Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before
The Crucified.

5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song.

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God. Now and forever.

C: AMEN.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21: 4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water and we loath this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (Heb.12:2)

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SECOND READING: Eph 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming

ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light⁵ has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN LSB 732 “All Depends on Our Possessing”

1. All depends on our possessing God’s abundant grace and blessing, Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken And will keep a dauntless heart.
2. He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me Will remain my help divine.
3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.
4. When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken; All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving kindness tender Soul and body I surrender, For on God alone I build.

5. Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
6. If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

SERMON: “Faith Equals Trust”

APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Hymn LSB 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand. Precious Lord; lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears And the night draw near And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand; Guide my feet, Hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is):

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER:

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.

Collect for Grace:

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.*

C: Amen.

Offering Hymn LSB 781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What-e’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blesses us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
4. To Comfort and to bless To find a balm for woe, To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels’ work below.
5. The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To reach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
6. And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our ministry by sending your offering in support of God’s ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)
In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org

OFFERTORY:

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn LSB 940 “Holy God, We praise Thy Name”

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
3. Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow, And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
4. Thou art king of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary, First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
5. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee; Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please keep in your prayers: Dru, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau and Maurine Rathje.
2. Wednesday's Bible Studies: Meeting ID on Zoom is 8133 807 5489. Join us and get the live session or down loads from our website and the archive. stjohnslutheranslc.org **To join us for the Wednesday Bible Study just send an email to susan.roberts.utah@gmail.com for an email link.**
3. Wednesday Evening Lenten Service will begin at 7 PM. The Theme is People of the Passion. We are interviewing Pontius Pilate. The Zoom ID for Lenten Wed. Midweek is ID: 879 2717 3316 . The purpose of these interview is for you to know the circumstances around this event in history, to better understand how this happened and how God controls history to His glory and honor.