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IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY
THE SEASON OF LENT
"Mercy in Service"

Order of Worship

God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10

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Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin our worship in the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit +,

Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ. (1)

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN "O God of Mercy, God of Light" vss. 1-4 #714

*O God of mercy, God of light,
 in love and mercy infinite,
 teach us, as ever in your sight,
 to live our lives in you.*

*You sent your Son to die for all,
 that our lost world might hear your call;
 oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
 We rest our hope in you.*

*Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
 to feel for those his blood has bought,
 that ev'ry deed and word and thought
 may work a work for you.*

*For all are kindred, far and wide,
 since Jesus Christ for all has died;
 grant us the will, and grace provide,
 to love them all in you.*

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

CONFESSION

The scriptures sum up God's law, his demands upon us, in these two commands: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31). But these commands we fail to keep. Our love for God is far from full, and our love for others is incomplete. We seek to serve ourselves rather than to serve God and others. Thus we acknowledge our sin and seek God's mercy.

God of love, you love us with a perfect love. But you also demand that we love you and others perfectly. This we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You would be perfectly just to punish us now and forevermore. For the sake of your Son, the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our self-centered and self-serving ways. Lead us to serve you and those you have placed into our lives. We cry to you for mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – THE GOOD NEWS

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:7-8

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 6:9-12

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13: 12-17

The gospel lesson for this evening is written in the thirteenth chapter of John beginning with the twelfth verse.

Glory to you O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill Peters

HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #772

*Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!*

*Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.*

*Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.*

*Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING – ELCA World Hunger

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Postlude

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LENTEN WORSHIP

"GOD'S MERCY"

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of "God's Mercy" toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed.

Worship offerings throughout the Lenten season will go to ELCA World Hunger.

All Lent worships will be live-streamed on one in Christ Lutheran Parish Facebook page.

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

Regular worship times

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm @ Immanuel & Winnebago

Good Friday

2:00 pm Winnebago

3:00 pm Silver Lake

7:00 pm Bethany & Lunder

Easter Sunday

7:00 am Bethany & Immanuel

9:00 am Silver Lake

10:30 am Lunder & Winnebago



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◆Bethany ◆Immanuel ◆Lunder ◆Silver Lake ◆Winnebago

in view of

GOD'S MERCY

ASH WEDNESDAY:
Mercy in Ashes

WEEK ONE:
Mercy in Temptation

WEEK TWO:
Mercy in Suffering

WEEK THREE:
Mercy in Betrayal

WEEK FOUR:
Mercy in Relationships

WEEK FIVE:
Mercy in Service

Lent 5

April 6, 2022