

Newark Lutheran Church
March 22nd 2023
Lent Service

Opening

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the prisoners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing two-edge sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for every one
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

Call to Worship and Prayer

Confession of Sin:

P: Let us confess our sins

C: Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You to confess to You that we have grievously sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You above all things or our neighbors as ourselves. We confess these and other sins to You in order to receive Your forgiveness and cleansing. Grant to us Your mercy and grace and help us to live our lives in the way that honors You most. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Absolution:

Almighty God, the Father of all mercies cleanses us from our sins, and restores us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Lesson: John 5:1-9

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-za’tha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath.

This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!

Apostles Creed:

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, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day

He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall 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.

Pulpit

“There is an Everlasting Kindness”

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,
when the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
for Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out your hand
as the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.
You saw being the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

Refrain

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise,
as we show to the world Your compassion.**

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face
at the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
for surly You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
as You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief. **(Refrain)**

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
to the fields of injustice and the valleys of need.
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ. **(Refrain)**

***Message: Pastor Jon Benson
“Healing of the Invalid”***

Offertory

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure,

How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Offertory Response

Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Closing

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Wonderful, mercifully Savior,

Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have tho't that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
O You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way.
O we hopelessly lost the way.
You are the One that we praise.
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
O our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness you find us
falling before Your throne.
O we're falling before Your throne.
You are the One that we praise.
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
O our hearts always hunger for.

*Thank you for worshiping with us tonight.
May you be strengthened for His works this week.*



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