Newark Lutheran Church March 29th 2023 Lent Service

Opening

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me, I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree. What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary. What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain. I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary. What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this? You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

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 9:1-7

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

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

"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.

Message: Pastor Jon Benson "Healing of the Blind Man"

Offertory

"Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb"

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Offertory Response

Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Closing~ Hymn # 73

"Glory Be to Jesus"

Glory be to Jesus, Who, in bitter pains, Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that Blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torments Doth the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the Blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious Blood!

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



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