

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

A Service of Prayer and Preaching



And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the son of man to be glorified." (John 12:23)

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Prelude

Opening Verses

- P** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
- C** **Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**
- P** Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
- C** **Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.**
- P** Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.
- C** **I hate those who cling to worthless idols; as for me, I trust in the Lord.**
- P** I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.
- C** **You have not given me into the hands of the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.**

- P** Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.
- C** **My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.**
- P** Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.
- C** **I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.**
- P** For I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!”
- C** **They conspire against me and plot to take my life.**
- P** But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.”
- C** **My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.**
- P** Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. (*Psalms 31:1-16*)
- C** **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.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, the cross is your glory because it is our salvation, grant that we might ever proclaim the wonders of your death as the benefaction of all who believe; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

LSB 432

First Reading

Galatians 3:1-9

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

John 12:20-36a

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

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C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Hour Has Come”

John 12:23

Hymn of Response

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” ***LSB 454***

Prayers

Offering (*Please **sign and pass** the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.*)

Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

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