

Midweek Lent 2

March 11, 2020

7:00p

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Sermon Theme: “Impossible Tears: Jesus Promises Grief Will Turn to Joy”

Text: John 16:17-24

The Hymnody

Opening Hymn.....verses 4-6.....LSB 447

Sermon Hymn.....verses 6-9.....LSB 439

Closing Hymn.....LSB 422

Psalm 3:1–8

P O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

C many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

C I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

P I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

C I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

P Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

C Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

John 16:17-24

So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Please place your offering in an offering place as you depart.