

Service of Prayer and Preaching April 26, 2020

Opening Song – “Beautiful Jesus” (*Words & Music by Kristian Stanfill & Ed Cash © 2008 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music | Alletrop Music*)

*Chorus 1: Beautiful Jesus, beautiful Savior,
Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.*

*Chorus 2: Beautiful Jesus, beautiful Savior,
Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.
Perfect in power, matchless in glory,
Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.*

Opening Verses (Common – p. 260)

Canticle – “Take My Life” (*Words & Music by Scott Underwood © 1994 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing*)

1. Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

2. Faithfulness ...

*Chorus: So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.*

3. Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You give to me. (*Chorus and repeat*)

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who by means of your Son’s death and resurrection established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by faith with their lips; through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading from Holy Scripture – 1 Peter 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

¹⁷ And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

Response (Common – p. 263)

Catechism – 2nd Article w/explanation *LSB, pp. 322-323*

Pastor: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. What does this mean?
People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Sermon

Hymn – “Beautiful Savior” *LSB 537*

Prayer (p. 265)

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Canticle – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

Blessing (p. 267)