



## St. John's Lutheran Church

March 13, 2024

Evening Prayer – 7pm

Rev. Gordon Naumann – Pastor

Mrs. Karen Ann Kowalczyk – Organist



*Please rise*

**Processional Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now - s.1-3**

### **Psalm - 38**

- P** LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.
- C** <sup>2</sup> **Your arrows have pierced me; your hand has come down on me.**
- P** <sup>3</sup> Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;
- C** **There is no soundness in my bones because of my sin.**
- P** <sup>4</sup> My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.
- C** <sup>5</sup> **My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.**
- P** <sup>6</sup> I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go mourning.
- C** <sup>7</sup> **My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body.**
- P** <sup>8</sup> I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart.
- C** <sup>9</sup> **All my longings lie open before you, Lord;**
- P** My sighing is not hidden from you.
- C** <sup>10</sup> **My heart pounds, my strength fails me;**

**P** Even the light has gone from my eyes.

**C** <sup>11</sup> **My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds;**

**P** My neighbors stay far away.

**C** <sup>12</sup> **Those who want to kill me set their traps,**

**P** Those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they scheme.

**C** <sup>15</sup> **LORD, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.**

**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.**

*You may be seated*

## **Reading** – Mark 7:1-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

<sup>9</sup> And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. <sup>16</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear. "

<sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

<sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsory (Lent)**

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies,  
protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies,  
protect me from those who rise against me.**

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protect me from those who rise against me.**

**Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**

**Sermon: "That which is from Within!"**

*Please rise*

**The Litany - LSB p.249**

## Confession

- P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C** Amen.

## Collect For Peace - *LSB p.251*

## The Lord's Prayer

### Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you, now and forevermore.
- C** Amen.

## Recessional Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now - s.4-6