

St. John's Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA

March 20, 2024

Evening Prayer – 7pm

Rev. Gordon Naumann – Pastor

Mrs. Karen Ann Kowalczyk – Organist



Please rise

Opening Hymn: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Psalm – 119:73-80

- P** Your hands made me and formed me;
- C** **Give me understanding to learn your commands.**
- P** May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,
- C** **For I have put my hope in your word.**
- P** I know, LORD, that your laws are righteous,
- C** **And that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**
- P** May your unfailing love be my comfort,
- C** **According to your promise to your servant.**
- P** Let your compassion come to me that I may live,

C For your law is my delight.

P May the proud be put to shame for harming me without cause;

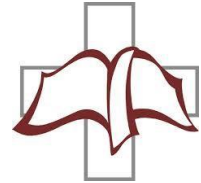
C But I will meditate on your precepts.

P May those who fear you turn to me,

C Those who understand your statutes.

P May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,

C That I may not be put to shame.



You may be seated

Reading – Mark 10:32-52

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹ “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

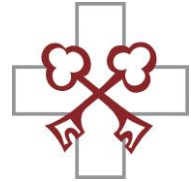
C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Sermon: "Balm and Healing Even for Our Pride"

Please rise

The Litany - LSB p.249



Confession

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Having asked the Lord for His mercy corporately, you may now come forward for individual absolution. Please come forward in single file and stand for a blessing.

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.

Closing Hymn: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross