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**Second Wednesday in Lent
March 3, 2021**

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.

Service Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

OPENING HYMN – 421

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your Cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.

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5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.

Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

OPENING VERSICLES FOR LENT (*Congregation Stands*)

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful.

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.**

CANTICLE – Hymn 663 v 1-2

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;

From your sleep awaken!

Be not by the evil day

Unawares o'ertaken;

For the foe, Well we know,

Is a harvest reaping

While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares

Lest asleep he find you;

For indeed no pains he spares

To deceive and blind you.

Satan's prey Oft are they

Who secure are sleeping

And no watch are keeping.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE – Life in the Kingdom of God

Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:17-49 is often called the "Sermon on the Plain." It is similar to Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew chapters 5-7, but given in a different place and time. As Pastor Rockrohr has emphasized about the Sermon on the Mount, the Sermon on the Plain is also teaching from Jesus in which He explained what the Kingdom of God ("Reign of God" Essay) is and looks like. When a person believes and trusts in Jesus, that person is in the Kingdom of God. What does that person's life look like? How does that person think? What is reality of life for a disciple of Jesus? Jesus teaches a way of life that has a very different reality and values than the unbelieving world has. Jesus' entire sermon is Luke 6:17-49, we read only verses 17-36 today.

17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

CATECHISM and SERMON (See insert)

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
 With its lies defeat you
 Lest with bold deceptions hurled
 It betray and cheat you.
 Watch and see Lest there be
 Faithless friends to charm you,
 Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
 Lest with grace you trifle;
 Let not self your thoughts control
 Nor God's mercy stifle.

Pride and sin Lurk within,
 All your hopes to shatter;
 Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray
 To the Lord unceasing.
 God protects you day by day,
 Strength and faith increasing,
 So that still Mind and will
 Shall unite to serve Him
 And forever love Him.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD *Congregation Stands*

C Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sing. See insert.*)

THE NAME OF THE LORD UPON US

P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

P The LORD bless you and keep you;
 the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 919

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
 Among us with Your grace
 That Satan may not harm us
 Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
 Among us with Your Word,
 And thus now and hereafter
 True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'nly
 brightness
 Among us, precious Light;
 Your truth direct and keep us
 From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
 Among us, bounteous Lord;
 Let us in grace and wisdom
 Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
 Among us, Lord, our strength,
 Lest world and Satan fell us
 And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help
 us
 To reach our home above