

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Welcome to Worship!
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Greeting

P - We are saved by God's grace!

C - Through our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Gathering Song - "All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-new.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that feeds us;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Confession and Forgiveness

P - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, call us to repentance, and make us new.

C - Amen.

P - In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P - God at the margins,

C - We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P - Like manna in the desert, God feeds us with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day. God forgives our sins for the sake of Christ and leads us from death into life.

C - Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P - Lord of love,

C - you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Psalm - Psalm 89:1-4

Gospel Reading - Mark 12:28-44

Song - "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Sermon

Song - "Great Are You Lord"

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

Prayers of the Church

Reflection Question

Send your thoughts in written form or in a voice memo to sttimstories@gmail.com and we will share them throughout the week!

Song - "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet;
This is the way we will live with you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord's Prayer

C - Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song - "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing of when Your love came down, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever. (4x)

Oh, I feel like dancing; it's foolishness, I know.
But when the world has seen the light, they will dance with joy like we're dancing now.

Dismissal

Postlude

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