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WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

✠PREPARATION✠

GREETINGS

OPENING HYMN LSB 456 “Were You There”

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠WORD✠

PSALM 6 (spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

P: 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

C: 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

P: 3 My soul also is greatly troubled, But you, O LORD – how long?

C: 4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

P: 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

C: 6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

P: 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

C: **8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**

P: 9 The Lord has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

C: **10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled, they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

ALL: **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**

AN ASHES CEREMONY - see insert

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 11:45-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Jphn the eleventh chapter,

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"

SERMON - Caiaphus, Were You There?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As we begin our journey through this season of repentance and renewal, let us return to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. O God, You call us to turn from sin and to live in the joy and freedom of the forgiveness earned through the merits of Jesus Christ. Give us strength to persevere on our Lenten journey.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O God, You call people everywhere to work in harmony for the good of all humanity. Empower the leaders of the nations to be peacemakers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, grant compassion to all who minister to the sick and infirm: medical professionals, healing practitioners, and all caregivers. Show Your mercy to those who are ill, and bring them peace of mind and heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, You call us to turn from our sin and to live for You alone. Guide us through these forty days of Lent to a fuller appreciation of Your baptismal grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to You; renew and uphold us with Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB 919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

SILENT PRAYER

+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.

LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17