



Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

- ✚ to *live* among God's faithful people,
- ✚ to *hear* the word of God and *share* in the Lord's supper,
- ✚ to *proclaim* the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
- ✚ to *serve* all people, following the example of Jesus
- ✚ and to *strive* for justice and peace in all the earth

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 + 7:00pm

The 19th Day of Lent

St. Martin's Lutheran Church + Archbold, Ohio

Rev. Paul Reichert

Sunday Worship, 9am + Sunday School, 10:30am

Welcome to Wednesday worship. Our worship themes are based on the covenant promises made in the baptismal service and the affirmation of baptism.

Tonight's Theme... *"To proclaim the good news through word and deed"*

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gracious gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, You are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood.

Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your beloved creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin that is within us, and drown the evil that surrounds us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Through baptism we have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

In this covenant we promised to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

As we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world,

Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. (*Isaiah 11:2*)

Amen.

PSALMODY - sung together

PSALM 71:15-24



- ¹⁵My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds | all day long;*
though I cannot | know their number.
- ¹⁶I will begin with the mighty works of | the Lord GOD;*
I will recall your righteousness, | yours alone.
- ¹⁷O God, you have taught me since | I was young,*
and to this day I tell of your won- | derful works.
- ¹⁸Now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do | not forsake me,*
till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who | are to come.
- ¹⁹Your righteousness, O God, reaches | to the heavens;*
you have done great things; who is like | you, O God?
- ²⁰You have shown me great troubles | and adversities,*
but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places | of the earth.
- ²¹You strengthen me | more and more;*
you enfold and | comfort me.
- ²²Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, | O my God;*
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy | One of Israel.

²³My lips will sing with joy when I | play to you,*
and so will my soul, which you | have redeemed.

²⁴My tongue will proclaim your righteousness | all day long,*
for they are shamed and disgraced who sought to | do me harm.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

In many and various ways God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets.

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. (*Hebrews 1:1*)

REFLECTION

“To Proclaim The Good News Through Word and Deed”

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

PRAYERS

Prayer petitions are offered...concluding with...

I give thanks to you, my heavenly Father,

through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today, and I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. For into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen *(Martin Luther's Evening Prayer)*

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, we pray with confidence:

**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**

BENEDICTION

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in boldness, as a beloved child of God.

Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

Journey in peace, under the shelter of the Spirit.

Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you this night and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Zion Haste"

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "O Zion Haste". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

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Wednesday Worship during Lent will continue at 7:00pm through April 8.

Thank you for joining us online as we respond to this national health crisis. Regularly scheduled worship services will happen through Facebook Live and will be posted to YouTube.

Please join us on Sunday morning at 9am.

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