

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Second Wednesday in Lent
Worship Service
March 9, 2022 • 6:30 p.m.



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

* Singing Bowl

Silence is kept for reflection.

* Gathering Song

“Do Justice”

Verse:

**Racing around, chasing idols, unfulfilled, empty vessels.
World on the edge, out of control, will we survive, God only knows.**

Refrain:

**Do justice, love mercy,
Walk humbly with our God, with our God.**

Verse:

**People broken, falling pieces, dignity lost, loving ceases.
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces, yearning hearts, hurting places.**

[Refrain]

Verse:

**Deadly hunger, desperate crying, wounded living, children dying.
Nails in flesh, piercing fear, why can't we see Christ hanging here.**

[Refrain X3]

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* Opening

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Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

* **Lenten Canticle**

“Beautiful Things”

Verse:

**All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change ... at all.**

Verse:

**All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;
Could a garden come up from this ground ... at all?**

Refrain:

**You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.**

Verse:

**All around hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos, life is being found ... in You.**

Refrain (Twice)

Bridge (Twice):

**You make me new, You are making me new.
You make me new, You are making me new.**

Refrain (Twice)

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* **Prayer of the Day**

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We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have graciously protected us today.
We ask you to forgive us all our sins,
where we have done wrong,
and graciously to protect us tonight.
Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.
Let your holy angels be with us.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lesson for the Day

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Meditation

Pastor John

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Prayers of Intercession

Petition response Leader: ... Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

* Lord's Prayer

**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.**

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

* Blessing

Almighty God,
the Father, + the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
Amen.

* Hymn

"Lord, I Need You"

Verse:

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

Refrain:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.**

Verse:

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.**

Refrain X2

Tag:

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

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* Postlude



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