

Offering

***Offertory**

“Purify My Heart” (#187 Renew songbook)

Purify my heart, touch me with your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross; your holiness is my desire.

Breathe life in me, kindle a love that flows from your throne.

Oh, purify my heart. Purify my heart.

***Closing Prayers**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn**

#170 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” v. 1, 3, 5, 6

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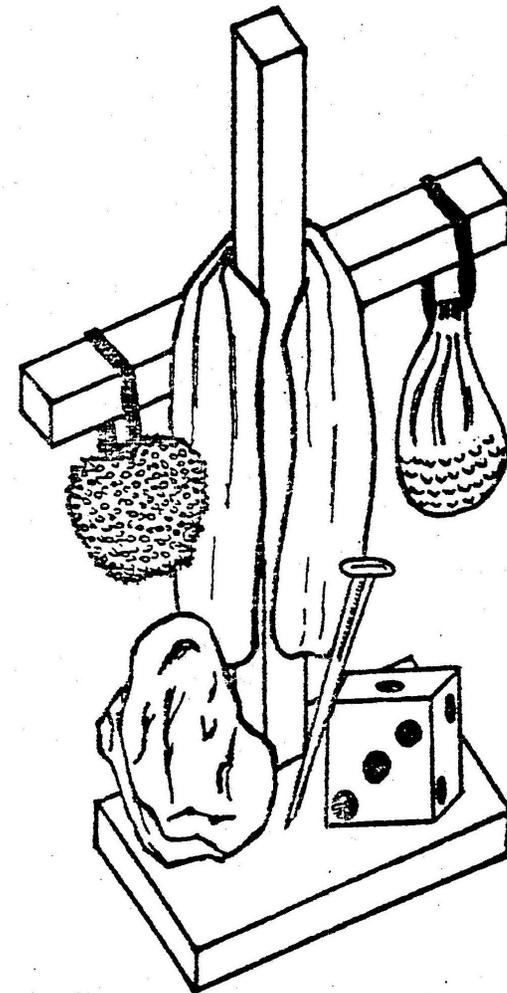
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank the Women’s group for tonight’s meal. Next week the Tanzania group will serve a potato bar for a free-will offering from 6:00 to 6:30. After worship there will be refreshments.

We thank Cherlyn Hillrichs for being our organist and Charlie Skoglund for being our worship leader.

Our object tonight for the cross is a purple cloth which reminds us

**For He is our peace...
...through the CROSS**



CROSS/PEACE

Lenten mid-week worship

March 11, 2020

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

(* please stand)

* **Opening Hymn:** #95 "Glory Be to Jesus"

***Lenten Response**

L: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while he is near.

L: Let the wicked abandon their ways,

C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

L: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

L: All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Lord, while our spirits are willing, we confess that our flesh is weak. It is so easy to confess you as Lord with our lips, and then betray you with our words and actions. Forgive us when we fail you and betray you before others. We have sold ourselves for pleasure, money, and recognition. We don't want to live double lives. Help us, Holy Spirit, to serve Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

When the Lord anoints a king, He does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10

When we pledge our allegiance to Jesus our King, each of us should test our actions. God is not deceived or mocked. A person reaps what he or she sows.

*Gospel: Mark 15:16-20

The soldiers mock and pretend that Jesus is a king by dressing Him in a purple robe and a crown of thorns. Ironically, Jesus is not role-playing. He is the King of Kings.

Message

"Hail, King!" (object: purple cloth)

Pastor Steve

Hymn Journey During Lent

#482 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Lenten Litany

L: Lord Jesus Christ, by your agony on the cross, you have won for us peace with God and the promise of life everlasting.

C: We give you our thanks and praise.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you have won forgiveness of sins and life everlasting through your suffering and death.

C: O Lord, we give you thanks and praise.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you are King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: O Lord, to you alone be glory.

L: For those times when we have not honored you as Lord and Savior,

C: O Lord, forgive us and have mercy upon us.

L: For those times when, by our behavior or our attitudes, we have mocked you, made fun of you, or caused you pain,

C: O Lord, forgive us and have mercy upon us.

L: For those times when we have only pretended you were our King,

C: O Lord, forgive us and have mercy upon us.

L: For those times when we have said, "Hail, King!" only in jest and dishonor,

C: O Lord, forgive us, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, we know that often we are as guilty of mocking you as were the Roman soldiers. We, too, have hailed you as "King" but have not let you rule. We ask that by the power of your Holy Spirit you would bend our wills to conform to the rule of your holy Word. Help us to give you the true worship of obedient lives and to praise you as King of kings and Lord of lords. This we ask in your precious name as we pray the prayer you have taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, . . .