GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mid-week Lenten Worship - **12:15 p.m.– April 1, 2020**

"The Heart Renewed"

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Please forgive us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Saving Lord, you look upon us with a servant's heart, taking our suffering upon yourself. As we ponder anew the work of your Son in the cross, transform our hearts that we may stand with the weary of the world and proclaim your vindication and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE READINGS:

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 31

P: I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when theu see me in the street they avoid me.

C: Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am useless as a broken pot.

P: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."

ISAIAH 50:4-9a

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how
to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens -- wakens
my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my
ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6 I gave my back to
those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did
not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; there-
fore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let
them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me
guilty?

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY……..……..……..……..…Pastor Hetrick

PRAYER AT NOONTIME

P: Let us pray. Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body and the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL DISTRESS

P: Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

P: Almighty and Merciful God,
The Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Join us again next Wednesday April 8, for Lenten worship as we continue to offer worship online.

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