

Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm / Lent 2021 Service of the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We are gathered together for worship in the name of the one God: Father, and of the Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

L: Holy God,

C: You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; all those who believe in Christ are living stones in his holy house. Hear his Word of forgiveness and be comforted by his love. You are made new again by the blood of Christ who gave himself for us so that we might be holy and precious in his sight. (Luke 20:17)

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in

eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading(s)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

C: Let your people sing with joy.

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

C: for only in you can we live in safety.

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L: *Additional petitions offered, followed by silent prayer*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

P: As you go into the world to serve in Christ's name, be of the mind that whatever gain you have received is counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Cling to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord, having been found in him and having a righteousness that is not your own, but that comes from God through faith. Forget what lies behind and press on toward the goal for the upward call of God in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. (Philippians 3:8-9)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.