

Mid-Week Lenten Devotions

March 30, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church

Clearwater FL

Opening Dialogue

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: The name in which we baptize.

Pastor: What is baptism?

Congregation: It is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

Pastor: What gifts does baptism grant?

Congregation: It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Pastor: How can water do such great things?

Congregation: The water does not do this alone, but the word of God with and alongside of the water, and faith.

Pastor: This is a grace-filled water of life.

Congregation: A bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit.

Gathering Song

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

Reading

Romans 6:1-14

Reflection

Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

Luther's Morning Blessing

Pastor: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

Congregation: through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. 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.

Lord's Prayer

Congregation: 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.

Blessing

Pastor: God the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us all.

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