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of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

**Midweek Lenten Service  
April 3, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**PRELUDE**                      “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”                      L. Larson

**HYMN**                              “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”                              #759

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Show us your mercy, O God,  
    **and grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness.  
    **Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
    **for only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care,  
    **and guide in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
    **your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
    **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
    **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Isaiah 41:8–13**

<sup>8</sup>But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; <sup>9</sup>you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; <sup>10</sup>do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. <sup>11</sup>Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. <sup>12</sup>You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. <sup>13</sup>For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23 [KJV]**

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**GOSPEL            John 14:25–27**

<sup>25</sup> [And Jesus told his disciples,] “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord.        **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**                            “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”                            #782

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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 into hell.  
    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.

## **PRAYER**

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 our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously 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 so that the wicked one may have no power over us. **Amen.**

## **THE 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.

## **Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us † to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Abide with Me”

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## **DEPART IN PEACE**

## **POSTLUDE**