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Reminiscere – The 2nd Sunday In Lent
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“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 16 (page 125 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 744 (Worship Supplement) “How Great Thou Art”

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

PASSION HISTORY, part 2 – Trial And Denial

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest’s house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus at a distance, and so did the other disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in, right into the courtyard of the high priest.

And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the courtyard stood there,

for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself at the fire. And after they had sat down together, Peter sat down with the servants to see the end.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said.”

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do You answer the high priest like that?” Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. But at last two false witnesses came forward, and bore false witness against Him, saying, “This Fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?” But Jesus kept silent, and answered nothing. And the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed!” And Jesus said, “I am. It is as you said. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death!”

Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him in the face and asked Him, “Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?” And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Now Peter was sitting outside, below in the courtyard. And a certain servant-girl, one of the servant-girls of the high priest, the one who kept the door, saw Peter warming himself as he sat by the fire. She came to him, and said, “You are not also one of this Man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” She said, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” She looked intently at him and said, “This man was also with Him.” But Peter denied it before them all saying, “Woman, I do not know Him, I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch. And a rooster crowed.

And after a little while, when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and began to say to those who stood by, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth. This is one of them.” And again he denied it with an oath. He said, “Man, I am not. I do not know the Man.”

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean.” Those who stood by said to Peter: “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter therefore denied it again. He began to curse and swear, saying “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”

And when Peter thought about it, he went out and wept bitterly.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 37

L: Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

C: FOR THEY SHALL SOON BE CUT DOWN LIKE THE GRASS, AND WITHER AS THE GREEN HERB.

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good. Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

C: DELIGHT YOURSELF ALSO IN THE LORD, AND HE SHALL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.

L: Commit your way to the LORD. Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

C: THE WICKED PLOT AGAINST THE RIGHTEOUS AND GNASH THEIR TEETH AT THEM;

L: but the LORD laughs at the wicked, for He knows their day is coming.

C: FOR THE ARMS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE BROKEN, BUT THE LORD UPHOLDS THE RIGHTEOUS.

L: The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever.

C: THE SALVATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS FROM THE LORD; HE IS THEIR STRENGTH IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE.

L: And the LORD shall help them and deliver them;

C: HE SHALL DELIVER THEM FROM THE WICKED, AND SAVE THEM, BECAUSE THEY TRUST IN HIM.

The Apostle's Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 369 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"All Mankind Fell In Adam's Fall"*

SERMON: Genesis 3:22-24; Revelation 22:1-5

EDEN TO HEAVEN

Genesis 3:22-24 ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" – ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

Revelation 22:1-5 ¹And [the angel] showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His

servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name *shall be on their foreheads.* ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 367 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 341 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we're discussing (from original sources) what led up to the breakup of the Synodical Conference and the formation of our Church Of The Lutheran Confession. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM. FRIDAY: NO North Aurora Care Center Bible study this week. It will resume the following week.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. There will be NO Sunday School and Bible study.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$753.00 (needed each week:\$1,157.00); our attendance was 15. Our General

Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$2,550.90.

THE ILC TOUR CHOIR will give a CONCERT HERE on TUESDAY, MARCH 13, at 7:00 PM.

CLC NEWS: Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call of teacher/principal from Valley Bible Academy – St. John's Lutheran School of Clarkston, WA. Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI, has called Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4, Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher. Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah, Eau Claire, has returned the call to serve as pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac, WI. Grace Lutheran Church of Fridley, MN, has called member Heidi Nelson to the position of lower grade teacher.