

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Midweek Lenten Services
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Create in Me"

W&P #34

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The tempo and style are not specified. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first line begins with a quarter note on D4, followed by quarter notes on E4, F#4, G4, A4, and B4. The second line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on A4, G4, F#4, E4, and D4. The third line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The fourth line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on G4, F#4, E4, and D4. The fifth line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The sixth line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on G4, F#4, E4, and D4. The seventh line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The eighth line begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on G4, F#4, E4, and D4. The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 11:45-57

⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." ⁵¹He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. ⁵³So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

⁵⁴Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?" ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

MESSAGE

"The Witness of Caiaphas"

HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW #324

- 1
- In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2
- When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3
- When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.
- 4
- Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

PRAYERS

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW #752

We will begin by singing "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying", and we will repeat it after each prayer petition.

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of † God
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.
Amen.

We depart in silence.