

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 voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some rests at the beginning of certain lines to allow for a full breath or a moment of reflection.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:8-12

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

MESSAGE

“The Witness of Herod”

HYMN**"Ah, Holy Jesus"****ELW #349**

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.
- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.
- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

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.