Lent Mid-Week Worship - "Our Crosses"

Stockholm Lutheran Church March 21, 2018

We gather for worship as the sun sets and night begins. The candles remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

** Hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship") **

Theme: "Theology of the Cross"

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol Barnaal

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

P: Blessed are you, O God, holy and immortal,

C: For you remember how we are made—as frail as dust, as fleeting as breath.

P: By your tender compassion, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

C: that the world might know your love.

P: Be present with us now, we pray. Turn our hearts in trust toward you and in love toward one another,

C: For you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in love.

All: Through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (LBW tune) # 775

PRAYER

FIRST READING Revelation 5:11-14

SONG OF THE WORD "God's Word Is...Great Heritage" # 509

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:30-35

MESSAGE "Theology of the Cross" Rev. Aaron Holmgren

SERMON HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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P: Let the incense of our humble prayer ascend before you, O Lord. Let your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds and hearts we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER SONG "Take, O, Take Me As I Am" (twice) # 814

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Response after petitions: "C: Hear our prayer.")

P: We commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

C: To you, O Lord.

EVENING PRAYER (p. 326, Night Prayer, ELW)

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

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SENDING MUSIC

Carol Barnaal

God's grace and hope be with you in this period of Lenten discipline growth as you grow in faith in your Lord, and prepare your hearts and homes to remember our Lord's Passion and his glorious Easter Resurrection.

THANK YOU

...to Rev. Aaron Holmgren (Bethel Lutheran, Lester Prairie) for leading worship this evening!

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...to Carol Barnaal for sharing her keyboard skills for our Lent worship service tonight...and EVERY night!



Lenten Service Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:00 pm