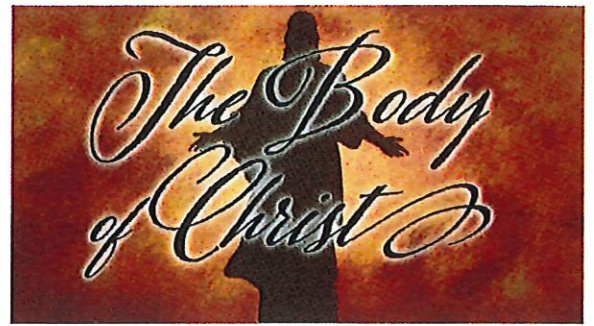


Midweek Lenten Service

March 3, 7:30 PM



THE MOUTH OF CHRIST

Invocation

Opening Hymn

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son” *LSB 432 Verses 1, 3*

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| <p>1 In silent pain the eternal Son
 Hangs derelict and still;
In darkened day His work is done,
 Fulfilled, His Father’s will.
 Uplifted for the world to see
He hangs in strangest victory,
 For in His body on the tree
 He carries all our ill.</p> | <p>3 For strife He came to bring a sword,
 The truth to end all lies;
To rule in us, our patient Lord,
 Until all evil dies:
 For in His hand He holds the stars,
His voice shall speak to end our wars,
 And those who love Him see His scars
 And look into His eyes.</p> |
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Opening Verses

Pastor: *O God, our mouths are often full of lies and deceit; our lips drip the poison of
 asps that would strike and destroy the happiness of others.*

People: **The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

Pastor: *Not one of us is righteous, O God. We do not seek after you as surely as
 we seek after the things of the world. We hunger for bread and many things
 but not for everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.*

People: **The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

Pastor: *Our mouths are like open graves, O God; but you preach good news to the
 poor, you proclaim release to the captives, your words bring sight and
 liberty, you proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*

People: **The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.**

Pastor: *To whom shall we go, O Lord? You have the words of eternal life.*

People: **Speak to us now that we may hear again the gracious words which
 proceed from your mouth.**

Hymn *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess with their mouth You to be the only true God of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**Oh, speak to us, dear Savior,
Your true and faithful word.
Proclaim to us your favor,
Let us be thus assured.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
The mouth of Christ, our Lord.**

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

Psalmody ... from Psalm 81

(Pastor speaks first line and congregations sings responsive to Lenten melody Martyrdom, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" LSB #437)

Pastor: I heard a voice I had not known:

People: With great compassion speaks God's voice To those he holds most dear.

Pastor: "I took the burdens from your backs. When you were in trouble you called to me, and I saved you."

People: Let all the faithful now rejoice God's words of love to hear.

Pastor: "O Israel, if you would but listen to me! I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

People: With great compassion speaks God's voice to those he holds most dear.

Pastor: "Oh, that my people would listen to me. Then I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

People: Let all the faithful now rejoice God's words of love to hear.

Pastor: Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants you have brought perfect praise, O Lord. Give us faith to praise you perfectly with our lips, and love to praise you perfectly with our lives.

People: Let all the faithful now rejoice God's words of love to hear.

Second Lesson

Romans 3:10-18

as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.", "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-22a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to you O Lord.

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

Hymn "Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433 Verses 1, 5, 6

**1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!**

**6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

**5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

Sermon

"The Mouth of Christ"

Pastor Scott Henze

Prayers for the Body of Christ

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs. For all nations of the world that their leaders may proclaim justice to all the citizens of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, speak the word and it shall be.

Pastor: For your body, the church, that the words of your mouth may strengthen us to proclaim your love to all in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, speak the word and it shall be.

Pastor: For our congregation, that by our lips and through our deeds we may show your love in welcoming new members into the body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, speak the word and it shall be.

Pastor: For the sick, that you would bring your mouth near to them to breathe your Holy Spirit into them, bringing them health and strength, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, speak the word and it shall be.

Pastor: Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing the word of your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn ...Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450

The mouth of Christ, our brother,
Approach us from above,
As we draw near each other
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

All Worshipers are asked to depart in silence. Offering plates are located at each door.

Midweek Lenten Worship-Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

Join us this Lenten season for Midweek Lenten Worship.

The theme is **"The Body of Christ"**

Wednesday, March 10

"The Ears of Christ"

Wednesday, March 17

"The Eyes of Christ"

Wednesday, March 24

"The Heart of Christ"



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School via Zoom at 9:45 AM for children & youth

Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 AM each Sunday in room 201