

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

February 24, 2013

Lent 2

GOD CALLS US INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Partita on "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"	Daman/Gawthroop
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INTROIT “There is a Redeemer” (Vs. 1 only) Green Hymnal #145

VOTUM / SALUTATION Our help is in the Name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***PEACE** Jesus said: “Peace be with you. My peace I give to you.”
 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.
 One: The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**
 One: Let’s stand and share a sign of peace with each other.

CALL TO WORSHIP *--adapted from Psalm 27*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
 One thing we ask of the Lord; this we will seek: **to live in the presence of God;**
to see the beauty of God; to seek the truth of God. Come let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN	“How Great Thou Art”	Hymnal #467
		[*Please stand as you are able.]

CALL TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL *--from Hebrews 4:15-16*
Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. **Gracious God: Your Son Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem and longs to gather your children under the wings of your love. We confess that often our thoughts, words and actions have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. We have spurned your word and grieved your heart. Forgive us, loving God. Though we have wandered far from home, help us to know that we are never out of the reach of your love. Give us grace to hear your call so that we might return to you. Lead us again to embrace the truth of your Word and to trust your never failing love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in**

doing your will. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us of all sin. Give us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

HYMN "O Lamb of God Most Holy" (Vs. 1 and Refrain) Hymnal #82
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE - *Isaiah 49:15-16*

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO FAITHFUL LIVING *Matthew 22*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **And so let us live.**

*HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"" Hymnal #84

GOD COMES TO US IN WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.** Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord from Psalm 27 Pew Bible pg. 493

Strength is promised to those who wait for the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 13.31-35 Pew Bible pg. 950
 Jesus is warned by the Pharisees of Herod's threat on his life..
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Lie of Exception" Rev Shepler

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

***HYMN** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Hymnal #363

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS I Will Sing of My Redeemer J. Mc Granalian
ANTHEM / OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY**

People: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

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WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Sunday: 7:00 am Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
10:00 am English Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Korean Service
5:00 pm Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
Tuesday: 6-8:30 pm Soup & Cinema

HELPING YOU THIS MORNING

Coffee Hour: The Mounts/Williamsons Coffee Hour Ushers: Greater Consistory Members

MISSIONS COOKIE SALE ~ Proceeds from the February 17th cookie sale total \$267. All proceeds benefit the missions’ budget. Thank you to all the bakers and buyers!

TUESDAY EVENING SOUP & CINEMA – We will be meeting every Tuesday evening during Lent beginning February 20 at 6 – 8:30 pm to share soup and a movie. A sign-up sheet for soup is on the bulletin board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

~March 3-9 FISH Shelter
~March 10-16 Men Winter Shelter
~March 10 Ann Hays preaching – Rev Shepler at retreat in NY
~March 13 Consistory Meeting
~ March 17 Kiwanis visit
~March 20 Five Loaves Food Delivery
~March 24 Palm / Passion Sunday
~March 28 Maundy Thursday Seder with Communion
~March 29 Good Friday – Noon Passion readings with Service of Healing prayer
~March 31 Easter Sunday
~April 20 Spring Consistory Retreat Pancake breakfast 8am – Noon



EASTER PLANT ORDER FORMS ARE COMING SOON

THRIFT STORE NEWS - The Thrift Store has been producing up to \$75 per week in sales. The shop is only open Saturdays from noon till 6pm. All proceeds from the shop go back into the purchase of food for the food pantry. The shop carries clothing for all sizes, sexes and ages. Plus, there is jewelry, accessories, kitchen items, toys, games, books, and shoes. Volunteers are needed to sort through bags of donated goods and then to price and shelve the items. Please contact Jacqueline Stagg if you are interested in helping. Free clothing is made available through the food pantry ministry – there is always an over-abundance of clothing to be made available. Contributions of goods are welcome – but we suggest that you contact Jacqueline before leaving the items at the church.

PRAYERS & BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this month:

Troy Chibbaro – 13 Marilyn Cook – 15 Helen Erdey & Sam Hays – 17
Michael VanGlahn, Sr. – 20 Emily Mount – 25 Beth Kirkbright – 27



INCLEMENT WEATHER- If we are cancelling Sunday worship service, a message will be on the answering machine no later than 8 am Sunday morning. Please also check your emails When in doubt, call the church office with the most latest updates. We are looking to simplify things. Therefore, we will be using the phone number listed in the most recent church telephone directory listed for you. If there are any changes, please let Kathy know in the church office.