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**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT  
EVENING VESPERS**

**March 30, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

**PREPARATION**

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

P: to herald your love in the morning,

C: **your truth at the close of the day.**

OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#343 Green Hymnal

**CONFESSION**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know-- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed-- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING.....2 Kings 4:1-7

4Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.”  
2Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.” 3He said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not just a few. 4Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.” 5So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. 6When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” But he said to her, “There are no more.” Then the oil stopped flowing. 7She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.”

PSALM.....Psalm 53 (Responsively)

1Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good.

**2God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

3They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**4Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?**

5There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly, they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them.

**6O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 9:10-17

10On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. 11When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

12The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” 13But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” 14For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15They did so and made them all sit down. 16And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

SERMON

“Fast From Despair; Feast on Hope”

Vicar Sam Leister

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (In Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

#### RESPONSORY

P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

#### SENDING HYMN

“Now the Day Is Over”

#280 Green Hymnal

#### CLOSING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours off night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray.

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

#### LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

**All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

#### CLOSING CHIMES

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**WELCOME TO ALL!**

WITH CHRIST’S LOVE AND GOD’S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah this evening. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Vicar. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from other churches of our community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests this evening and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

2022 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.....“Fast from Hatred; Sow Love”  
Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 a.m.....Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast  
Friday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m.....Good Friday Tenebrae Service

PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The Port Royal Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfasts will be held each Saturday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4<sup>th</sup> street. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for breakfast which will go to the Fire Company Auxiliary to cover the cost of the meal.

April 2	Garrick Paden, Youth Pastor	Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
April 9	Vicar Sam Leister	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 16	Rev. Don Walters	Thompstontown Methodist Church