The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LENT 5……………………………………………………………………..March 25, 2020

Opening Hymn: # 170

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.
All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for private confession.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
C: Yes, I believe.
M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Prayer
M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Psalm 119b (spoken responsively)
M: Teach, O Lord, to follow your decrees;
C: Then I will keep them to the end.
M: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law
C: And obey it with all my heart.
M: Direct me in the path of your commands,
C: For there I find delight.
M: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
C: Preserve my life according to your Word.
M: Fulfill your promise to your servant,
C: So that you may be feared.
M: How I long for your precepts!
C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer
M: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
C: Amen.

The Passion Reading - # 5
Response
All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Sermon Hymn: # 127
Sermon Text: John 6:66-68
Sermon: The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers

Offering
Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #112

Evening Prayer
All: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend 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.

Blessing
M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #591

Announcements
We thank Pastor Phil Gieschen of St. Peter for preaching in our service today. Our theme next week will be: The Warrior Faces Satan’s Ally, the World.

Pastor Bilitz will be posting a video Bible Study – A Walk Through the Bible – beginning this Thursday. It will be on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stjandtr) and on our churches’ website (www.stjohn-trinity.org). We will study: 1 Samuel 18,29 - Saul’s Jealousy and Jonathan’s Friendship. Study sheets and passages will be available on the website.

Time of Grace will also post a daily family devotion each morning in their Grace Talks Facebook group.

Other daily devotions can also be found at www.WhatAboutJes.com.