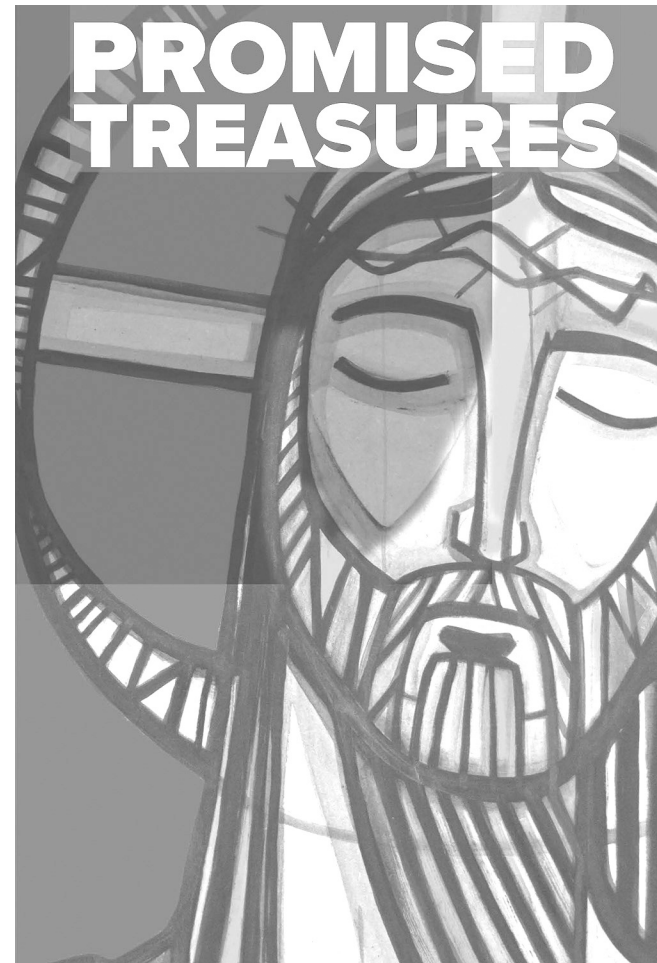


Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



4th Wednesday of Lent
March 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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WELCOME! We thank God for you and pray that He will richly bless our worship together.

The Order of Vespers:

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Psalmody

Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² **When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his
temple.**
- ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
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.**

Office Hymn: #427 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-14 (English Standard Version)

Walk in Love

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

⁸ For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Gospel Reading

John 8:12-18 (English Standard Version)

I Am the Light of the World

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.”

Sermon: “Light Shining in the Darkness”

Closing Hymn: #878 – Abide with Me