

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

\*Opening Song - "Once Again"

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Confession and Forgiveness

O most merciful God, who has given Your one and only Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To everyone who believes on His Name, He gives power to become the children of God, and blesses them with His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. Amen.

\*Prayer of the Evening

Most holy and most loving God, by Your Spirit unclutter our hearts and minds, and enlarge within us an honored place for Christ. Expose our choices and activities that hinder Your work in our hearts. When discipleship proves costly, help us to embrace sacrifice as readily as we accept our many blessings. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson - Ezekiel 34:11-16

Song - "Change My Heart, O God"

\*Gospel – Luke 19:1-10

Sermon - "Lost ... and Found"

Song - "Man of Sorrows"

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion
\*The Lord's Prayer
Distribution Songs: "What Wonderous Love is This" | "Jesus Paid It All"

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song - "Lord, I Need You"

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Old Testament Lesson - Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>11</sup> "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I Myself will search for My sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I Myself will tend My sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.'"

## **Gospel – Luke 19:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a Sycamore-fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This Lenten season, the Mission Team invites us to generously support two of Faith Lutheran's mission partners: Grand Avenue Community Outreach and Upper Des Moines Opportunity in Spencer.

Tonight's offering will go to support these Spencer missions.

Worship partners for tonight are: Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Linda Conlon Communion Servers: Bread: Kent & Carol Heazlett; Wine: Jim & Joan Unrau Counters: Larry Wigen | Greeters: Marlene Thorson, Lora Johnson Imposition of Ashes: Pastor Ben Unseth, Jim Paulsen | Instrumentalists: Jolynne Eilts, Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth Prayer Intercessors: Bill Neiderheiser, Justin Spieker, Dave Simington, Joe Simington Prayers of the Church: Barb Solberg | Scripture Reader: Nancy Ketcham | Camera: Cindy Tigges Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks Worship Leader: Jim Paulsen | Vocalists: Emily Quanbeck, Brittany Spieker



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