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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - *“Hear our Prayer, O Lord”*
By Roger Wilson

HYMN 420 vs 1, 2, 3, 6 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES
In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, **whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away **through my groaning all day long.**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; **my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, **and I did not cover my iniquity;**

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life of the prophet Isaiah. His guilt was taken away and his sins forgiven. In grace You have forgiven us through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. You have called us to live in love and service toward others. As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit to share with others the love of Jesus and the promise of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 6:1-8

SECOND LESSON - Romans 10:14-17

Page 157- **VERSE FOR LENT**-*all standing*

GOSPEL - Matthew 9:35-38
Before all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 421 vs 1, 3, 4, 5 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY

“Largo ma non Tanto” by J. S. Bach
Frank Vasi, Soloist

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

all may kneel

Almighty God, your grace is the favor you show to undeserving sinners. Just as you showed grace to the prophet Isaiah and forgave his sins, you have forgiven us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, during this season of Lent, a time of repentance, we remember that Jesus was sacrificed for our sins on the altar of the cross. As Isaiah’s sins were burned away with a coal from the temple altar, our sins are washed away in Jesus’ blood. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering illness, sorrow and grief. Lead us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your holy Word and to bring help to them in their time of need. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Isaiah was quick to answer your call. You sent him out with the message of your power and love. You asked, “Whom shall I send?” Bless the pastors, teachers, missionaries and others who answered your call and said, “Here I am. Send me.” Watch over them and protect them as

they proclaim the Gospel of salvation. By the power of your Spirit, extend your kingdom through the preaching of the good news. Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have forgiven our sins. Now, by the power of your Spirit, make us bold witnesses for our Savior. You ask, “Whom shall I send?” Lead us to answer with joy, “Here I am! Send me!” **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven....**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 744 vs 1 - 4

POSTLUDE - *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” tune Rathbon; setting by Engel*

