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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C **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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

- L** Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite *LSB 220*

- C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord,**
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

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Additional Psalms *Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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Reading *Jeremiah 26:1–15*

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Ephesians 5:1–9*

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

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading *Luke 11:14–28*

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Reading Response

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent) *LSB 222*

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
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Sermon "Ocular Faith"

Benedictus *LSB 226*

- C** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
for He has visited and redeemed His people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of His servant David,

as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
who have been since the world began:
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;

to perform the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant,
the oath that He swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us that we,

being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve Him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before Him
all the days of our life.

**And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways;
to give knowledge of salvation to His people
in the forgiveness of their sins,**

through the tender mercy of our God;
when the day shall dawn upon us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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.

Offering

Kyrie *LSB 227*

- C** **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus *LSB 228*

L Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 228*

P The grace of our Lord +I Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G Amen.

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

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Lenten Devotion booklets for 2021 are available now. They are located on the entrance tables at both churches. If you would like one, please contact Pastor.

We have been in pandemic mode for a year now. Please remember there is still ongoing expenses even though churches are closed, and contribute as you can per announcement in previous bulletins.

Office hours:

Monkton – Mon., Wed, Thurs; 8-12

Logan – Tues; 8-12

Tavistock – Sunday: 3-4

Individual communion is available to anyone wishing to receive the Lord's body and blood, please e-mail or phone Pastor to schedule. As always, Pastor will be available any time to anyone needing spiritual support.

Lutheran Hour for next Sunday, March 14:

“All Bets are Off” – Mark 12:13-34

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hear this inspirational message on 820 CHAM at 8am or 920 CKNX at 9am next Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

Both Logan & Redeemer Churches are opening for in-person services as of April 2nd as per schedule below.

There will continue to be online services and also the option to remain in your cars for anyone who wishes to do so.

Masks will be mandatory and social distancing observed.

Until then, churches will remain online including Lenten services and Maundy Thursday Service.

Good Friday at Logan at 10:30 am (NO Communion)

Good Friday at Redeemer at 7:00 pm (NO Communion)

Easter Sunday Redeemer at 9:30 am WITH Communion

Easter Sunday at Logan at 11:00 am WITH Communion

ANNUAL MEETINGS AT BOTH CHURCHES

will take place in the upstairs sanctuary to observe social distancing already marked off. **NO POTLUCK!!**

Logan will be held on Sun. March 21st. at 1:00pm.

Redeemer will be held on Sun. March 28th at 10:00 am.

