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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for March 7, 2021 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:**Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many sons
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you
So let's just praise the Lord

Right arm
Left arm
Right foot
Left foot
Turn around
Sit down

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: We have come here today to worship the Lord.  In worship we hear the Word of God, we receive God's blessings, and respond with thanks and praise.  We begin by seeking God's blessing of forgiveness.  He has promised to remove the guilt and shame of our sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
*(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)*

P: Heavenly Father,
C: Heavenly Father,

P: I have done things that were wrong.
C: I have done things that were wrong.

P: I have been mean to others.
C: I have been mean to others.

P: I have not obeyed my parents.
C: I have not obeyed my parents.

P: I have not obeyed You, God.
C: I have not obeyed You, God.

P: But I am very sorry.
C: But I am very sorry.

P: Please forgive me.
C: Please forgive me.

P: I love You very much.
C: I love You very much.

P: And I know You love me, too.
C: And I know You love me, too.

P: God has heard your apology.  He loves you very much.  God has told us that when we believe and trust in Him, He makes us His children.  As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us. He has told me to tell you that you are forgiven.  So, as His servant, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Song:**Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

Chorus:
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died. Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

(Chorus)

Jesus loves me when I'm good, when I do the things I should.
Jesus loves me when I'm bad, even though it makes Him sad.

(Chorus)

**First Reading -**John 2:13–17

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

**Children's Message**"Is It Ok To Get Angry?"

**Second Song:**How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus:
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning at the end
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus:
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing How great is our God

Chorus x2

**Second Reading -**John 2:18–22

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Children's Message**"Show Us a Sign!!"

**Sermon Hymn*–***Thy Strong Word

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word be- speaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope con- fess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross for-ever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to pro- claim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**Sermon – “**Let's Face It. It Seems Like Foolishness To Some”

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also, with you.
P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Closing Song –**The Blessing

Verse 1:
The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Chorus:
Amen. Amen. Amen.
*Repeat*

Verse 1

Chorus

May His favor be upon you, And a thousand generations
And your family and your children,
And their children and their children
*Repeat*

May His presence go before you, and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you.
He is with you. He is with you

In the morning, in the evening.
In your coming and your going, in your weeping and rejoicing
He is with you. He is with you.
He is for you. He is for you. He is for you. He is for you.
He is for you. He is for you.

Chorus

**Offering**

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, March 10 - Mid-Week Lent Devotional Service**Online – Facebook, YouTube, FaithWesleyChapel.com

**Thursday, March 11, 7am & 7pm - Tamp Lutherans Pray**
TampaLutheransPray.com
Submit prayer requests on the site by Wednesday

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