



SEVEN
Last
Words
FROM THE
CROSS

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: VICTORY

WORDS FROM THE CROSS

THIRD WEEK OF LENT * MARCH 15, 2023



St. John Lutheran Church * Williston, Ohio* March 15, 2023



Third Midweek Service of Lent
Pastor Jaci Tiell, Grace Lutheran Church, Elmore

***Words From the Cross– Victory
Lent 2023***

This year's mid-week Lent worship centers on "The Last Seven Words of Christ from the Cross," beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Good Friday.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 95

L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

L: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.

L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

C: Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: God of our hope, we journey with you to the foot of the cross. Stay with us when difficulty comes. Grant us courage and peace in the face of persecution.

Turn our pain into joy, our mourning into dancing. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**Hymn #351***READING****Psalm 22:1-11***Silence for reflection***GOSPEL CANTICLE***Blessed Be the God of Israel**Hymn #250 v 1&2***GOSPEL READING**

"It is finished!"

John 19:30, Matthew 15:37-39, Matthew 27:50-54*Silence for reflection***SERMON****Pastor Jaci Tiell****HYMN***Lift High the Cross**Hymn#660***Prayers**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

*(A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.)*Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you--

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,
and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray--

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be
overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

SENDING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn #347

BENEDICTION

L: May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and preserve us.

C: Amen



Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church

Our preacher today is Pastor Jaci Tiell of Grace Lutheran Church, Elmore.

Today's Worship Assistants—11am

Organist: Beckie Goldstein

Worship Assistant— Nancy Strohscher

Ushers : Ron Gerkenmeyer/Jack Mathews

Sound Tech: Josh Buhrow

OFFERING

Offering Baskets are available near the south exit and at the Narthex doors.

Our Lenten offerings will support the Luther Home of Mercy and

Lutheran Disaster Relief (earthquake victims)

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to stay and join us for lunch in the basement following service.

Today's luncheon is being hosted by the ladies of the Rebekah Circle.