**SALT Parish**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Canyon**

***“Open My Life, Lord”***

**Opening Dialog**

P: When our lives are joyous and laughter abounds,

***C: Christ is dwelling there.***

P: When the news is grim and we have nowhere to turn,

***C: Christ is dwelling there.***

P: In the water and word, the bread and wine,

***C: Christ is dwelling there.***

P: In our life and our death, in the new life to come,

***C: Christ is dwelling there.***

**Gathering Song *“A New Commandment*** WOV #664

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall people know you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall people know you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

**Greeting**

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

***C: And also with you.***

**Prayer**

P: Open our lives, Lord, to reflect your glory. Lead us to the cross, to the grave, to the empty tomb, and into the world as imitators of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray.

***C: Amen.***

**Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Psalm 16**

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**2 I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’**

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
**6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.  
**8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.  
**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Lesson: Galatians 2:15-21**

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. 17But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. 19For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day *“Take My Life, That I May Be”*** Hymn #685

Vs. 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 2 Take my hands, and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Vs. 3 Take my voice and let me sing aways, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Vs. 4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

**Prayers**

P: Lord of all life, when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,

***C: open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.***

P: When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,

***C: open our hands to do your work in the world.***

P: When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,

***C: open our ears, that all will know your love.***

P: When we are hardened against our neighbor,

***C: open our hearts and heal our resentment.***

P: When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,

***C: open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.***

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***C: Amen.***

**Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1*** *Hymn #686*

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone a trust, O Lord from thee.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

P: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life + bless you now and forever. ***C: Amen.***

**Sending Hymn *“Now the Day is Over”***  vs. 1-4 ELW #570

Vs.1 Now the day is over; night is drawing nigh;  
 shadows of the evening steal across the sky.

Vs. 2 Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose;  
 with your tend'rest blessing may our eyelids close.

Vs. 3 Comfort ev'ry suff'rer watching late in pain;  
 those who plan some evil, from their sin restrain.

Vs. 4 Through the long night-watches may your angels spread  
 their bright wings above me, watching round my bed.

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

***C: Thanks be to God.***