

LENT



the darkness of deception

Mid-Week Lent 6
March 20, 2024
“The Darkness of Deception”

PRESERVICE 11:00a

The Way of Love

ESM Grades 2-3 Choir

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. (1 Peter 2:1)

C: Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. (1 Peter 3:10)

P: Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;

C: rescue me from deceitful and wicked people. (Psalm 43:1)

P: The plans of the righteous are just,

C: but the advice of the wicked is deceitful. (Proverbs 12:5)

P: Jesus said, “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’

C: But it is within, out of men’s hearts . . . all these evils come from inside a man and makes him unclean.” (Mark 7:20-23)

ALL: O Lord, have mercy on us all.

HYMN

O God Forsake Me Not

731

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the wrong I have done and the good I have failed to do, I ask for Your mercy. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins and ask for Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY – PSALM 130

(all sing)

I wait for the Lord

My whole being waits

And in His Word I put my hope

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

(all sing)

I wait for the Lord

My whole being waits

And in His Word I put my hope

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

(all sing)

I wait for the Lord

My whole being waits

And in His Word I put my hope

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

for with the Lord is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

(all sing)

I wait for the Lord

My whole being waits

And in His Word I put my hope

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

FIRST READING		Colossians 2:6-10
SONG 11:00a 7:00p	Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain The Way of Love	435 ESM Grades 2-3 Choir
GOSPEL READING		Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56

HYMN Jesus Sinners Doth Receive **609**

SERMON "The Darkness of Deception" **Pastor Davis**

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

POETRY READING Darkness of Deception **anonymous**

EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY

Austin Wagner whose confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: May Christ, who bore my sin in His body on the tree, heal you by His wounds.

C: Amen.

P: May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.

C: Amen.

P: And may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN Jesus, Refuge of The Weary **423**

SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, help us to remain rooted and built up in you. Amen.