

SILVERSTREET LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Centering Words: (Psalm 149) The love of God brings peace to our lives. The judgment of God brings peace to our world.

Prayer of Confession: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

Opening Hymn: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LBW #549

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God’s Holy Word:

Ezekiel 33:7-11: God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

Psalm 119:33-40: I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

Romans 13:8-14: The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Matthew 18:15-20: Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Children’s Sermon [3:13]: *The children should remain seated with their families.*

Sermon [9:56]: The Rev. Dr. J. Harry Crout

Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with us always. The night is long gone. Let us take up our work as children of light by sharing signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

The Lord’s Prayer [1:25]

Closing Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LBW #551

Benediction: God has put a new song in our hearts. God has put a song of justice and peace in our souls. God has put a song of joy in our very being.

Response: We go to sing a new song to the Lord. We go to bring a new song to the world. We go to live a new song with every step we take.

Closing Meditation [0:26]: “Jacob’s Ladder,” Karsen Wix

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