



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**Wednesday,
April 3, 2019**

“Judge NOT”

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”– Verses 1 & 2

**There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

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

C: Amen.

P: Judge not, that you be not judged.

C: Speak the truth in love.

P: Take the log out of your own eye, then take
the speck out of your friend's.

C: Speak the truth in love.

P: Look at others through the lens of forgiveness.

C: Speak the truth in love.

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”– Verses 3 & 4

**He died that we may be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Save by his precious Blood.**

**There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin.
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P:** Because of our sinful and holier-than-thou judgment of others, we ourselves deserve to be judged by our Heavenly Father.
- C:** **Most merciful God, our eyes are wide open to the sins and shortcomings of others. We see the smallest details of the faults of our neighbors but fail to see the large-scale sin in our own life.**

On the other hand, our eyes are too often closed to your commands. We see only our self-righteousness and think we have no need for any kind of help or forgiveness. Though we deserve your present and eternal punishment, we plead for your mercy and beg for your grace.

P: In his mercy and grace, God's eyes are blinded to our sin by the death of Jesus on the cross. Though we deserve his complete and total judgment, our punishment was placed on his Son. Though we are unjust in our judgment of others, God's judgment is righteous and perfect. In his mercy be forgiveness totally and completely. It is my joy to declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”– Verse 5

**O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-3

Epistle Reading

Romans 2:1-4

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:1-5

“I Lay My Sins On Jesus”

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases' my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.**

*Sharing
their faith
story:
Mike and
Ruth
Marty*



Prayers

P: All-knowing God, you see our sins, faults and failures. We are sinful in thought, word, and deed, by what we leave undone. We deserve nothing but your punishment and judgment. Yet because of our Savior, Jesus, you have declared us “not guilty.”
Lord in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: All-knowing God, you are the Lord of your church and it grieves you when we judge others without recognizing the sin in our own lives. Help us to take the plank out of our own eye before we remove the speck from the eye of someone else.

Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All-knowing God, far too often the nations of this world judge unjustly. We ask that you would fill the leaders of the nations and the leaders of our communities with so much of your love that all people would be able to live without fear of improper judgement, and the nations would know peace.

Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All-knowing God, you know every hurt we suffer in body, mind or spirit. Use your wisdom and guidance to bring health and healing to all who are ill or suffering from disease. Bring comfort to those who suffer from worry, depression or any kind of mental illness, that they would once again be given comfort and rest. Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: All-knowing God, you knew us before the foundation of the world and chose us to be your own. We thank you for the lives and influence of those who have gone before us in the faith. Help us to imitate them in the way of love and forgiveness so that others will see you through us. Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we place our very lives, knowing that you judge us only based on the merit of the blood of Jesus our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

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.

Benediction

CLOSING HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

















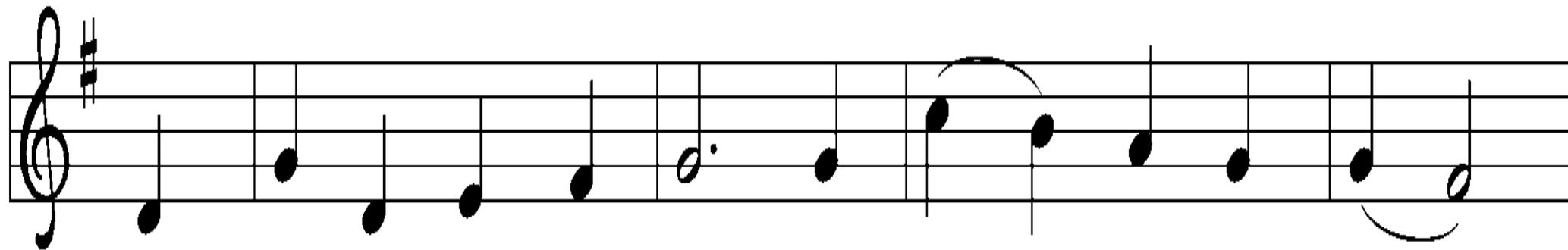








Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**