**MORNING SERVICE**

426:1, 9, 10

438:3,4

Coll. 2:8-15

425:4

425:5

190:1, 2, 3, 4

186:1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Colossians 2:13-15: Hope through the sacrifice of Christ

1. A deserved death, 13a
2. A merciful forgiveness, 13b-14
3. A sure victory, 15
4. A deserved death

Baptism speaks of hope. A biblical symbol for hope is the rainbow.

Opposite of hope is darkness. We read about total darkness: dead in sins and trespasses. Why this darkness, what is it, can we escape?

A great wonder: baptising is speaking of new life!

1. A merciful forgiveness

Blotting out of handwriting: the Father is blotting out.

What has Christ done to fulfil this? That handwriting and also sins were nailed on the cross. This was crucial for forgiving of sins possible. How to receive this blessing?

1. A sure victory

When an army did win a battle, the army made a triumph tour.

Christ won from every enemy. His victory is sure. That gives hope, also for parents. How to speak about this victory and this hope?

**EVENING SERVICE**

429:1, 2

Jeremiah 38:1-13

108:1, 2, 3, 4, 5

442:1, 2, 3

420:3, 5, 6

Jeremiah 39: 17: Jeremiah and Ebed Meleg

1. His oppression, 38:1-6
2. His rescue, 38:10-13
3. His comfort, 39:17-18
4. His oppression

We live after Easter. We see parallels between Jeremiah and Ebed Meleg on the one hand, and the way of suffering and resurrection of Christ.

God’ s Word is dividing: people are listening to it either opposing it.

God’ s Word is being afflicted: Jeremiah is suffering.

1. His rescue

Jeremiah is in the pit. Lamentations 3 gives an impression of his situation.

God uses Ebed Melech to help Jeremiah. Who is Ebed Melech?

Ebed Melech is willing.

Ebed Melech is caring.

1. His comfort

Jeremiah is out of the pit, but still imprisoned. How is Ebed-Melech by now?

Ebed Melech is afraid: his enemies are alive.

Ebed Melech is encouraged. God has a Word for him!