



Midweek Lenten Worship

February 21, 2018



BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 111

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Now is the time of God's favor;

C **now is the day of salvation.**

M Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

M May your mercy shine like the sun;

C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

M As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M This is a statement we can trust and is worthy of whole-hearted acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom each one of us must confess, I am the worst. But for this reason God was merciful to us in order that Jesus Christ might demonstrate in us, the worst of sinners, all his patience as an example to those who are going to believe in him and live forever. Jesus died for you and rose again. Your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

Now on his thorn-crowned head
And on his sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That he might make us whole.

In perfect love he dies;
For me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
You died to make me free!

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of worship and prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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PSALM PRAYER

M Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

The Passover and the Lord's Supper

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed (*Isaiah 53:6*).

HYMN 102

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

SERMON

John 8:42-47, Bible page 1073

Pastor Nate Strobel

Family Matters

In the midst of temptation...

Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling,
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Let me think about your passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (3:30 pm)
(7:00 pm)

What Grace Is This, *Lutheran School Grades 6-8*
Jesus, Priceless Treasure, *Leah Mischke*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN 108

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us so that the adversary can have no power over our lives, help us daily to remember our Lord's Passion and to rejoice in the remission of our sins and our redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

ORGANIST

Nicole Greanya

Come enjoy a warm meal and camaraderie with your friends from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. A free will offering is gathered at the soup supper to help defray the cost of the food and to support the ministry of the hosting group. The St. Paul's Cancer Support Group is hosting this week.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.
