



## Midweek Lenten Worship

February 28, 2018



### BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 114, 1-3, 6, 7

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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

C **Amen.**

M God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble.

C **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea** (*Psalm 46, vv. 1, 2*).

M Be still, and know that I am God;

C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

M The LORD Almighty is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress** (*Psalm 46, vv. 10, 11*).

### 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.**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Let us pray.  
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 Gracious Father, you have been the light and salvation of your people in every age. Bring us, we pray, through the troubles of this present life that we may see your goodness in eternity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

Gethsemane

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 422

Jesus, Lead Us On

SERMON

John 12:4-6, Bible page 1078  
Luke 22:3-5, Bible page 1056  
Matthew 27:3-5, Bible page 997  
*Vicar Phil Loescher*

**Lures Are Tailor-Made**

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.

Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
By your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm weak, your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, your comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For your all atoning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.

OFFERING

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

**Search Me, O God**, *Lutheran School Children's Choir (Grades 2-4)*  
**No One Loves Me More Than Jesus**, *Joel Nelson*  
*by L. Moeller*

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 415, vv. 1, 2, 4

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

#### 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.**

#### PRESIDING MINISTER *Vicar Phil Loescher*

*Phil is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of study at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon.  
He will receive a divine call into the pastoral ministry this May.*

#### ORGANIST

*Carol Nelson*

*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. Wisconsin Lutheran High School mission trip participants are the hosts 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.

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