



## Midweek Lenten Worship

March 7, 2018



### BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 113, vv. 1-3, 5

Upon the Cross Extended

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

C **Amen.**

M I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

C **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth** (*Psalms 121:1, 2*).

M The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C **the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

M The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

C **the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore** (*Psalms 121:5-8*).

### 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.**

O God, forsake me not! Lord, hear my supplication!  
 In ev'ry evil hour Help me o'ercome temptation;  
 And when the prince of hell My conscience seeks to blot,  
 Be then not far from me -- O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am yours forever.  
 Oh, keep me strong in faith That I may leave you never.  
 Grant me a blessed end When my good fight is fought;  
 Help me in life and death -- O God, forsake me not!

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 Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin / Peter's Denial

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 127

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

SERMON

Mark 14:32-42, Bible page 1020

*Pastor Nate Strobel*

**Lures**

*No One Is Exempt  
 "Thank You Jesus!"*

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 treach'rous 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)

*Above All, Pastor Jeffrey and Rose Bonack*  
**With Joy We Meditate the Grace, Michele Eiche and Joni Panitzke**  
*by Vikki Cook, arr. by Jon Eiche*

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 125

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

*Pastor Nate Strobel*

## ORGANIST

*Carol Nelson*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SOUP SUPPER

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. Stoney Creek Adult Community is the host this week with all proceeds going to our Mexican Mission Partner Costa Maya Ministries.

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

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|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>March 29</b> | <b>Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion</b> | <b>3:30 and 7:00 pm</b>        |
| <b>March 30</b> | <b>Good Friday</b>                         | <b>1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm</b> |
| <b>March 31</b> | <b>Easter Vigil *</b>                      | <b>5:00 pm</b>                 |
| <b>April 1</b>  | <b>Easter Sunrise *</b>                    | <b>6:00 am</b>                 |
|                 | <b>Easter Festival</b>                     | <b>7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am</b> |
|                 | <b>Easter at The Bridge</b>                | <b>10:15 am</b>                |

**\* The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise services will be identical.**

### EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 to 11:45 am, at the school
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- The Easter story, Easter crafts, singing, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register on the church's homepage at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).
- If you'd like to assist with this fun and faith-strengthening event, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).



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.