



## Midweek Lenten Worship

March 14, 2018



### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 100

#### A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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

C **Amen.**

M When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;

C **he brought me into a spacious place.**

M The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

C **What can mere mortals do to me?**

M The Lord is with me; he is my helper.

C **I look in triumph on my enemies.**

M I was pushed back and about to fall,

C **but the Lord helped me.**

M The Lord is my strength and my defense;

C **he has become my salvation** (*Psalm 118:5-7,13-14*).

### 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.**

HYMN 114, v. 7

**Christ, the Life of All the Living**

**Lord, for all that wrought my pardon, For thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,  
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

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.**

PSALM 130

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PSALM PRAYER

M God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people, who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption. We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ANTHEM

**Out of the Darkness, by Jon Eiche**

PASSION HISTORY

*The Trial Before Pilate*

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 104

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**Lures - Never Alone**  
*Spiritual Danger*  
*Needs a Battle Plan*

HYMN 116, vv. 1, 3

**In the Hour of Trial**

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver, With a look recall,  
Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.

Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me On my path below,  
Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;  
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.

OFFERING

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

**Oh Come, My Soul**, *Lutheran School Grades 1 and 8*  
**Power of the Cross**, *Called to Sing*  
*by Keith Getty, acc. by Nicole Greanya*

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 128

**Not All the Blood of Beasts**

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

*(3:30 pm) Kathy Bremer*

*(7:00 pm) Darik Mischke*

## SOUP SUPPER

Enjoy a warm meal and camaraderie with your friends from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. Today's soup supper is hosted by the Dorcas Society. 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.

## 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).



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

<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.**



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.