



Midweek Lenten Worship

March 21, 2018



BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 106

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

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

C **Amen.**

M From the cross our Savior cried, "I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

C **All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

M He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C **Let him deliver him, since he delights in him" (Psalm 22:6-8).**

M Despite the ridicule and shame, Jesus chose to remain on the cross.

C **It was his love for us that held him there.**

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.**

RESPONSE

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.**

PSALM 143

Hymnal page 118

PSALM PRAYER

M Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever
C **Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY

Calvary

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 117, vv. 1-5

O Dearest Jesus

SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-20, Bible page 1177

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

Will You Make It?
Know Your Enemy
Utilize God's Weaponry

HYMN 121, vv. 1, 3

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

**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.**

**If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me think about the load
You were willing to endure; Then I'll flee all thoughts impure,
Mastering each wild temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.**

OFFERING

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

O Church Arise, Lutheran School Junior Choir (Grades 5-8)
Whiter Than Snow, Joel Nelson

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 455

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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 Jeffrey Bonack

ORGANIST
Carol Nelson

SOUP SUPPER – SUPPORT TEENS AND MISSIONS

The soup supper today from 4:30 – 6:30 pm is hosted by mission trip participants from Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Free will offerings will support this outreach effort.

EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 to 11:45 am, at the school
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6th Grade)
- The Easter story, Easter crafts, singing, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register on the church's homepage at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.



EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center if you would like to purchase one of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be made out to St. Paul's and placed in the provided envelopes marked, "Easter Flowers," available at the Welcome Center.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

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

*** 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.