



## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

### Ironies of the Passion

**"It Is Better that One Man Die for the People!"**

March 13, 2019

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 110, vv. 1-5

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

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

C **Amen.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING

M The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

C **slow to anger, abounding in love.**

M He will not always accuse,

C **nor will he harbor his anger forever.**

M He does not treat us as our sins deserve

C **or repay us according to our iniquities.**

M For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C **so great is his love for those who fear him.**

M As far as the east is from the west,

C **so far as he removed our transgressions from us.**

M As a father has compassion on his children,

C **so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.**

M For he knows how we are formed,

C **he remembers that we are dust.**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

M As a parent embraces a wounded child, so God reaches out and takes hold of us today. To God it doesn't matter if our wounds were self-inflicted or received from others. It doesn't matter if our scars of mind and body are pitiful and ugly. It doesn't matter who we were or are or what we have done or not done. As wounded children we cry out and run into our heavenly Father's embrace. And for Jesus' sake, he not only accepts us, but welcomes us and loves us, cleansing, healing, and restoring us to wholeness of heart, mind, body, and soul. Heal me, O God,

**All for I have sinned.**

M Merciful Father,  
**All I confess that I am broken. I have lived a lie by inaction, hurt others without thinking, and not done what you have asked me to do.**

M Lord Jesus Christ,  
**All I confess that I am broken. I have acted in spite, hurt others by my words and deeds, and deliberately done what is wrong.**

M Holy Spirit and Comforter,  
**All I confess that I am broken. I have lived for myself and not for others, judged where I should forgive, belittled where I should have built up. I have not acted justly or walked in your ways.**

M Heal me, O God,  
**All for I have sinned.**

M Your heavenly Father, your healer, hears the cries of your anguished heart—even those so deep they are silent. He sees you: imperfect, guilty, hurting, angry, scared, helpless, confused. And these are his words to you: I love you. I sent my Son to die for you. I forgive you. Amen.

**RESPONSE: HYMN 103, vv. 1, 2, 6**

**Glory Be to Jesus**

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
 Pour for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins.  
 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
 Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.  
 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

**PSALM 32**

Hymnal page 78

**PSALM PRAYER**

M Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
 C **Amen.**

**THE PASSION HISTORY**

**Plot, Passover, and Lord's Supper**  
*Selected verses from the Gospel of Luke*

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*).

SERMON

John 11:45-53, Bible page 1077

Pastor Wayne Shevey

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee

**“It is Better that One Man Die for the People”**

OFFERING

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

**Nothing But the Blood**, Lutheran School Children’s Choir  
**Only Always**, Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
 name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
 dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Dear Jesus, as we remember your passion today, you revived in us a spirit of repentance and faith. We have been renewed in our assurance that your suffering and death have covered the multitude of our sins, and that, on account of your work, we are dear children of your Father in heaven. As we go out into the world, fill us with a passion to share with others what you have so graciously given us. We pray though the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be a short communion service immediately following the service for those who were not able to commune this past weekend or who would like to receive communion again today.*

**PRESIDING MINISTER** (3:30 pm) Pastor Peter Panitzke  
(7:00 pm) Pastor David Kuehl

**ORGANIST** Carol Nelson

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Wayne Shevey for leading us in worship today. Pastor Shevey serves as campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. He has served at the college since 2013. Prior, Pastor Shevey served for 14 years as pastor of a mission start-up congregation in the western suburbs of St. Louis, Missouri.

Wisconsin Lutheran College exists to provide higher education for students interested in the arts and sciences taught within the framework of Christian doctrine. Realizing that in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," the college integrates God's truths into every discipline, helping students relate their faith to life in today's world. Wisconsin Lutheran College programs are designed for job preparation and upgrading, but they are all the more concerned with preparing young Christian men and women to face life and deal with it through the application of Christian principles found in God's Word. For more information visit [www.wlc.edu](http://www.wlc.edu).

### SOUP SUPPER

A soup supper will be served, 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 Quilting Fellowship is hosting today's supper.

### THRIVENT FINANCIAL PRESENTS

Thrivent Financial will present *Financial Strategies for Women* on Thursday, March 14, at 10:00 am at Stoney Creek Adult Community. For more information please contact Stoney Creek at (414) 422-4686.