

March 23, 2022

*Midweek Lenten
Service*



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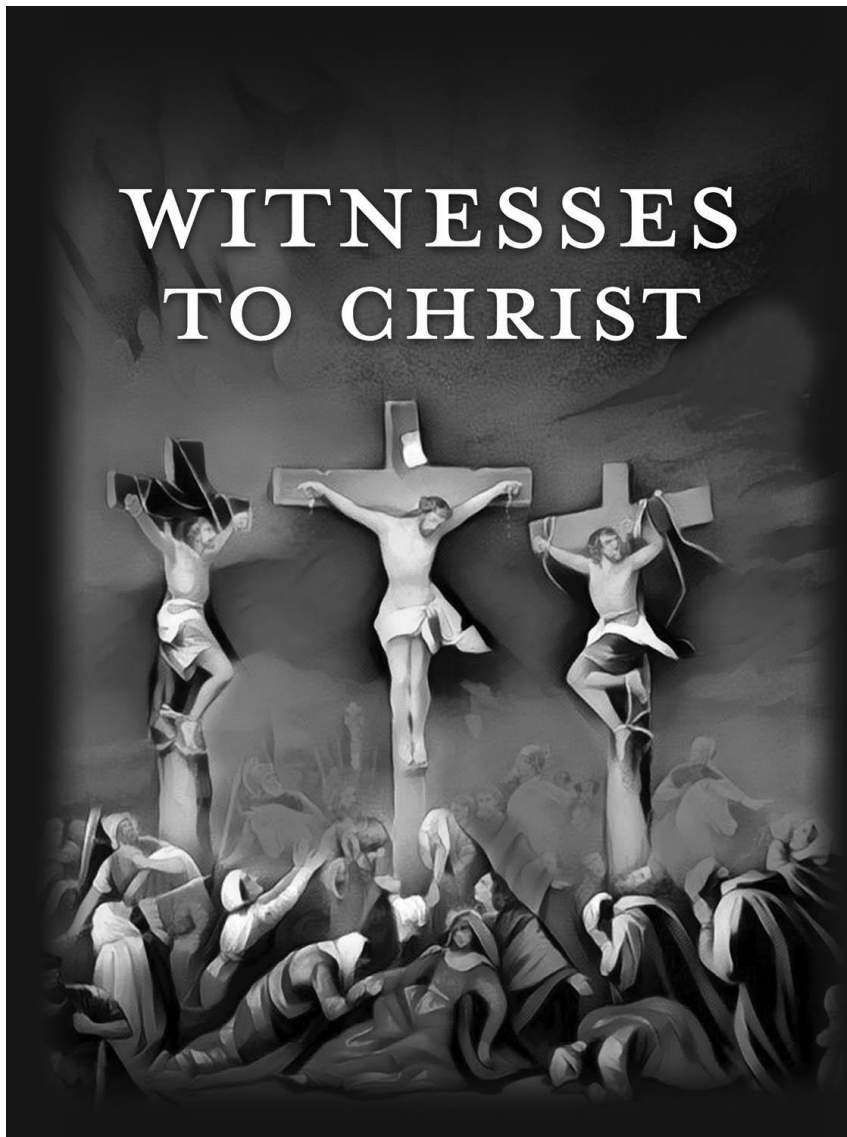
Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am
Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:
9:30 am
(Grace Hall)

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. J. Mansfield

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

setting: J. Herl

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P As we continue our Lenten journey, we witness Peter's denial of Jesus.

C **Three times Peter denies his Lord.**

P When the rooster crows and Peter realizes what he has done,

C **he is overwhelmed with guilt.**

P Yet, when Jesus is raised from the dead, He restores Peter.

C **Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed His sheep.**

P Though Peter had sinned and was filled with guilt,

C **Jesus forgives and fills Peter with grace.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Like Peter, we have all experienced the pain and guilt of past sins. We know that we have been far from perfect. Though we follow Jesus, our thoughts, words, and actions have been poor representations of Christ to the world. Yet, in His infinite mercy, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him for forgiveness and restoration.

C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have denied You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We have failed to trust You in all things. Lord, forgive us, restore us, and remove our guilt.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus, all of your sin has been forgiven—all of the guilt you feel has been made powerless by God's grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven and restored by God's abundant grace.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

PSALM

Psalm 130

P Out of the depths
I cry to You, O LORD!

C **O Lord, hear my voice!**
Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness,**
that You may be feared.

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;

C **my soul waits for the Lord**
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.

C **And He will redeem Israel**
from all his iniquities.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 12:10–14

A The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, the twelfth chapter.

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the

mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

A The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:12-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

LSB 517 sts. 1, 10, 3



1	By	all	Your	saints	in	war	-	fare,	For
2	Praise	for	Your	great	a	pos	-	tle	So
△ 3	Then	let	us	praise	the	Fa	-	ther	And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 ea - ger and so bold, Thrice fall - ing, yet re -
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 pen - tant, Thrice charged to feed Your fold. Lord,
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 make Your pas - tors faith - ful To guard Your flock from
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 harm, And hold them when they wa - ver
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
 With Your al - might - y arm.
 And praise to God a - lone.

SERMON

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

setting: C. Schalk

Stand

OFFERTORY

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 587

I I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my

God and Lord; And this my faith confessing, Un -
 moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.

PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who hears our prayers and helps us in our afflictions.
- A** Lord, encourage all those who struggle with lingering guilt from past sins. Remind them that by Your death and resurrection, You have conquered sin and removed their guilt forever. O my Savior, help afford,
- C** **by Your Spirit and Your Word.**
- P** Lord, shield all those who suffer the attacks of Satan. Clothe them with Your full armor so that they might believe Your Word rather than the lies of Satan. O my Savior, help afford,
- C** **by Your Spirit and Your Word.**
- A** Lord, grant reasonable weather upon the earth that will nourish Your good creation. Protect us from fire, storm, and flood. Teach us how to better love, appreciate, and care for Your creation. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, thank You for the gifts of community and friendship. Thank You for all the joy and laughter You have placed into our lives. Help us always to recognize these as Your good gifts. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

A Lord, comfort all those who worry about family and friends who have wandered from the faith. Give us patience, knowing that You continually pursue Your sheep. Help us welcome them back into Your fold with grace and love. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P Lord, bring healing and patience to those who suffer illness and injury, [*especially . . .*]. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

A Lord, bring hope to all those who are grieving. By Your resurrection victory, remind them of the victory to come in Your return. O my Savior, help afford,

C by Your Spirit and Your Word.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

G Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

setting: D. Schack

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