

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 4<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service in Lent March 25, 2020

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING, TEACHING, AND LIVING WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

### Lenten Reflection

Lent is a time in which God's Baptized People cleanse their hearts through the disciplines described as repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time for growing into Christ by concentration on our Baptism, so that the obstacles set in the way of God's Grace by our old nature may be removed by His Spirit and we may be signs of God's Kingdom in the world. It calls for a greater openness to the Word of God, zeal in joining the congregation in worship and conversion in every area of faith and life that we may walk in the Gospel of Christ together.



### Our theme for Lent is: *"Eyes of Jesus"*

This Lent, we are using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we examine the murderous eyes of the Pharisees and Scribes, Abel and Us. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us? Although we have betrayed and handed over our Lord, God has caused Holy Scripture to be handed over to us, wherein we know all our sins are forgiven, for Jesus' life was given over to death for us.

### Large Print Worship Guides

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HYMN OF INVOCATION: *"Atlas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

..... (LSB: 437)

1.

**Alas! And did my Savior Bleed,  
And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that Sacred Head  
For such a worm as I?**

2.

**Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing Pity, Grace unknown,  
And Love beyond degree!**

3.

**Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut His Glories in  
When God, the Mighty Maker, died  
For His Own creatures' sin.**

4.

**Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear Cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.**

5.

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, LORD, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

*(Please stand)*

**P** O LORD, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O LORD.

**C** 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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our Salvation.

✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALMODY: *Psalm 10:1-12; antiphon: v. 12*

**P** Arise O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted.  
**C** Why, O LORD, do You stand afar off? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble.

**P** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor, let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.  
**C** For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces LORD. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

**P** His ways prosper at all times; Your Judgements are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.  
**C** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."

**P** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.  
**C** He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

**P** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.  
**C** The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might.

**P** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, He has hidden His face, He will never see it."

**C** 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.

**P** Arise O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted.

*(Please be seated)*

OFFICE HYMN: "Upon the Cross Extended" ..... (LSB:453)

1.  
Upon the cross extended  
See, world, your LORD suspended.  
Your Savior yields His breath.  
The Prince of Life from Heaven  
Himself has freely given  
To shame and blows and bitter death.

2.  
Come, see these things and ponder,  
Your soul will fill with wonder  
As Blood streams from each pore.  
Through grief beyond all knowing  
From His Great heart came flowing  
Sighs welling from its deepest core.

3.  
Who is it, LORD, that bruised You?  
Who has so sore abused You  
And caused You all Your woe?  
We all must make confession  
Of sin and dire transgression  
While You no ways of evil know.

5.  
Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free.

4.  
I caused Your grief and sighing  
By evils multiplying  
As countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered  
With which Your soul is cumbered,  
Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

6.  
Your cords of Love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
And all I have to You resign.

7.  
Your Cross I place before me; Its Saving Pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,  
Be Guiding and Attending My way to Your Eternal Rest.

## ✠ Readings ✠

FIRST READING: *Job 24:13-17*

- ℣ A reading from Job, Chapter 24.
- ℣ O LORD, have Mercy on us.
- ✠ Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *1 John 3:11-15*

- ℣ A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- ℣ O LORD, have mercy on us.
- ✠ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 23:29-36*

- ℣ A reading from St. Matthew, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- ℣ O LORD, have mercy on us.
- ✠ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 14:1, 53-65*

- ℣ A reading from Mark, chapter 14.
- ℣ O LORD, have mercy on us.
- ✠ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

- ℣ Deliver me, O LORD, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- ✠ Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- ℣ In You, O LORD, do I put my trust, leave me not, O LORD, my God.
- ✠ Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

- P** Deliver me, O LORD, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

SERMON: *'Murderous Eyes'* (Mark 14:53-65)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face"*

1.  
Our eyes behold the Savior's face  
And yet cannot perceive  
That His perspective held our grace  
Before we could believe.

2.  
Our focus flits and fails to see  
The One whose steadfast gaze  
Propelled Him to the darkened tree  
Enveloped in death's haze.

3.  
Our sights train on the dreadful cross.  
Beneath His knowing eyes,  
Our sins are bare and set for loss;  
He sees us as His prize.

4.  
Our vision blurs with anxious tears  
As Jesus' eyelids fall  
To conquer sin and all our fears  
And tear in two our pall.

5.  
Our view scans for the coming Day That evermore grows near,  
When Jesus wipes our tears away And all is crystal clear.

✠ CANTICLE ✠

ANTIPHON (Please stand) ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MANIFICAT ..... [LSB: pg. 231]

**C** My soul magnifies the LORD, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

- I. for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.*
- II. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.*

- I. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and Holy is His Name;*
- II. and His Mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.*

- I. He has shown Strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*
- II. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.*

- I. He has filled the hungry with Good Things, and the rich He has sent empty away.*
- II. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His Mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His Seed Forever.*

**C** 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. (Please be seated)

OFFERING ..... [LSB: pg. 232]

✠ Prayer ✠

KYRIE (Please stand)..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**C** LORD, have Mercy; Christ, have Mercy; LORD, have Mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**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.

COLLECTS ..... [LSB: pg. 233]

**P** O LORD, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

**L** 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.

BENEDICAMUS ..... [LSB: pg. 234]

**L** Let us bless the LORD.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ..... [LSB: pg. 234]

**P** The Grace of our LORD ☩ Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART: *“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”*

(LSB: 877)

1.  
 God, Who made the earth and heaven,  
 Darkness and light: You the day for work have  
 given, For rest the night. May Your angel guards  
 defend us, Slumber sweet Your Mercy send us,  
 Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the  
 night.

3.  
 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and when we  
 die, May we in Your Mighty keeping All Peaceful  
 lie. When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O  
 LORD, do not forsake us, But to Reign in Glory take  
 us With You on High.

2.  
 And when morn again shall call us  
 To run life’s way, May we still, whate’er befall us,  
 Your will obey. From the pow’r of evil hide us, In  
 the narrow pathway Guide us, Never be Your smile  
 denied us All through the day.

4. ▲  
 Holy Father, Throned in heaven, All-Holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, freely given, Blest Three in One: Grant  
 us Grace, we now implore You, Till we lay our  
 crowns before You And in worthier strains adore  
 You While ages run.

