

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 18, 2020

Midweek Lenten Service

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the “Denying Eyes” of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

Vespers

Welcome

Invocation ~ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)

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.

First Reading *Isaiah 59:1–3, 12–13*

Second Reading *2 Timothy 2:8–13*

Gospel Reading *Mark 8:27–36*

Responsory for Lent ~ Deliver me, O Lord my God,

(Psalm 51:14; 59:1; 141:8)

for You are the God of my salvation. In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God. 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.

Sermon ~

Denying Eyes

Canticle ~ Let my prayer rise before You as incense, and the lifting

(Psalm 141:2)

up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer ~

Benedicamus and Benediction ~ Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Hymns:

- Open: LSB 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake
- Sermon: LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
- Close: LSB 883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night