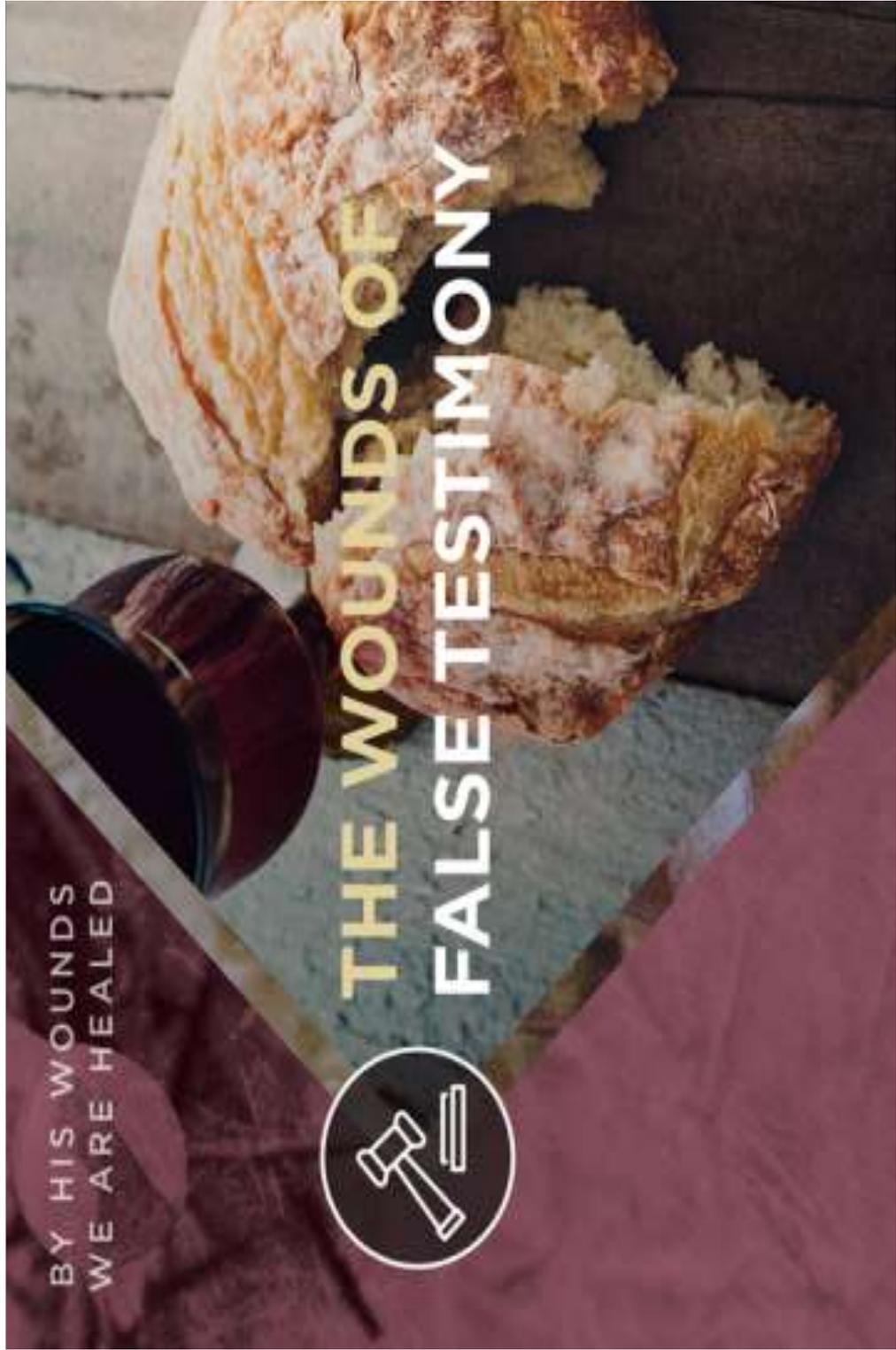


BY HIS WOUNDS  
WE ARE HEALED



# THE WOUNDS OF FALSE TESTIMONY



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

7:00 PM Service

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## Order of Service

Jesus is falsely accused of testifying to himself.

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



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- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose  
to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

### Response

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God will allot him a portion with the great,

**C and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;**

P because Christ poured out himself to death,

**C and he was numbered with the transgressors.**

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

**C crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

**C and by his wounds we are healed.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have only looked out for our own reputation and have not trusted you as our God. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God is gracious and merciful, and desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

# Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray,  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross,  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die,  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

15 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Epistle Reading****I Timothy 6:12-16**

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pi-late made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

**Gospel Reading****John 18:33-38**

P Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the [Judeans]. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

## Sermon Hymn

### Jesus, Greatest at the Table

LSB 446



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -  
2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly  
3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -  
4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we  
5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,  
taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,  
on that grie - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered  
see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:  
mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,  
Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der  
As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured  
Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less  
Do as I have done for you; All the world will



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.  
touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.  
out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.  
for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.  
know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

**Sermon**      *“Thou Shalt Not Give False Testimony  
Against Thy Neighbor”*  
**Exodus 20:16**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

*LSB 845*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

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| <p>5 Let us recall that in our midst<br/>Dwells Christ, His only Son;<br/>As members of His body joined<br/>We are in Him made one.</p> | <p>6 For love excludes no race or clan<br/>That names the Savior's name;<br/>His family embraces all<br/>Whose Father is the same.</p> |
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**Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

**P** Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God's creation. That during these three holy days, you may give your people hope that it is Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

**C** **Heal us, O God.**

P That we may trust that our only true identity and hope is the one that comes through the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That those who are ill in body, soul, or mind may receive the tender service of Christ's humble and gentle love.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P That our leaders may learn from the compassion of Christ and seek to be servants of justice for the least of these among us.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P For those who are on the verge of death or have now joined the saints in light, that the vision of love might shine brightly for all eternity.

**C Heal us, O God.**

P Into your healing, wounded hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

**C By Christ's wounds, we are healed. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**C Amen.**

## **Stripping of the Altar**