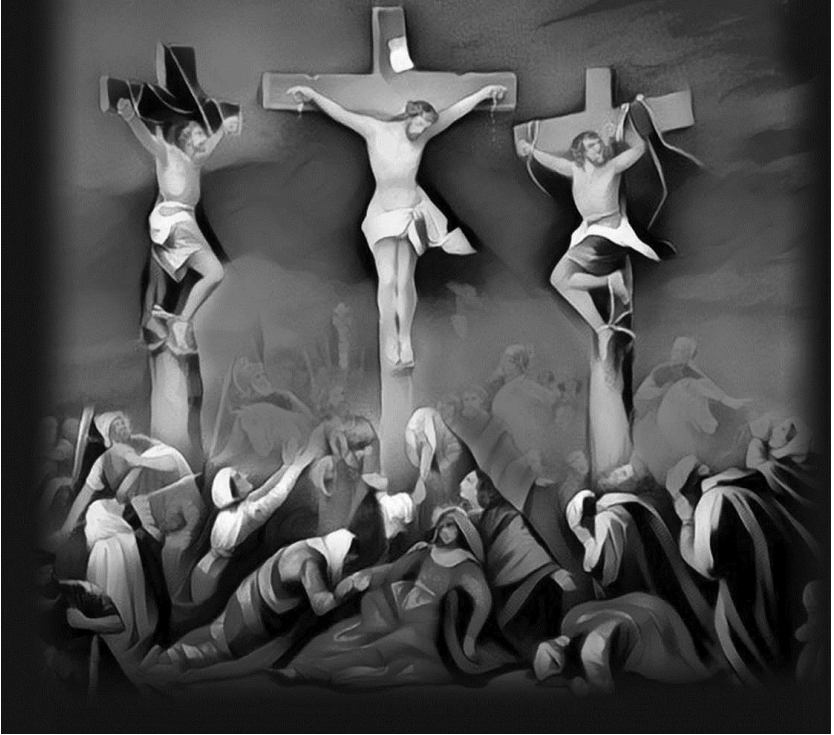


# WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Midweek Lent 2  
March 9, 2022  
7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
Brillion, WI

## Welcome

### Christ, the Life of All the Living

*LSB 420*

### 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 see the contrast between Mary and Judas,  
**C** the contrast between generosity and greed,  
**P** the contrast between giving and getting,  
**C** the contrast between joy and jealousy.  
**P** Mary points us to the joys of giving.  
**C** Mary points us to the joys of Jesus.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** While we would like to think of ourselves as generous, joyful, and giving, we admit that our lives do not live up to the perfect standard God expects. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confessing our shortcomings and sins.
- C** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have committed sins of greed, jealousy, and selfishness. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, renew our generosity, and lead us out of greedy selfishness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.
- P** Almighty God, in His generous mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, God has forgiven us all. 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 generously forgiven and joyfully restored.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 100*

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- C** **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**
- P** For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
- 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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 11:24–28*

<sup>24</sup>One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. <sup>25</sup>Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. <sup>26</sup>The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. <sup>27</sup>Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. <sup>28</sup>Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 9:6–12*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest

of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:1–11*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. <sup>3</sup>Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup>The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.”

<sup>9</sup>When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Mini Message

**“Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said** (Tune: LSB 432)

(Cong.) 1 “Behold! The Lamb of God,” John said,

“Who takes all sin away.”

This Lamb is Christ, who in our stead

For sin would mutely pay.

“Behold your King!” by Pilate scourged;

Sin’s hellish sum on Him converged,

While “Crucify!” the hateful urged,

Their Savior to betray.

(Choir) 2 The Way—of justice was deprived;

The Truth—was overrun;

The Life—was all from Christ derived;

God glorifies His Son!

“I am the Bread of Life,” Christ said;

“My sacred blood for all, I shed;

Who eats and drinks of Me is fed.”

All death by Christ undone.

3 (Men) Christ’s glory is not seen by those

Who view God’s Word as dross,

(Women) For worldly wisdom never knows

How gain could come from loss.

(Men) Yet, this the glory of the Christ:

His perfect life He sacrificed,

(Women) His finished work for all sufficed—

Debt canceled on the cross.

(Cong.) 4 May we this holy Lententide

Christ’s Passion clearly see;

This somber vision will provide

The truth that sets us free.

Hear John, who speaks of what he knows;

Come, follow on the path Christ chose:

The cross, the tomb from which He rose

In joyous victory!

## Sermon

### My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing  
God, who is solely Mighty and holy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His mercy surely Shall rest securely  
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.  
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token All that was spoken  
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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## Offering & Rite of Friendship

### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** Christ, have mercy.  
**P** Lord, have mercy.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** blessèd Jesus, King of grace.

## 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

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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

**C** Amen.

## Lord of All Hopefulness

*LSB 738*

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

