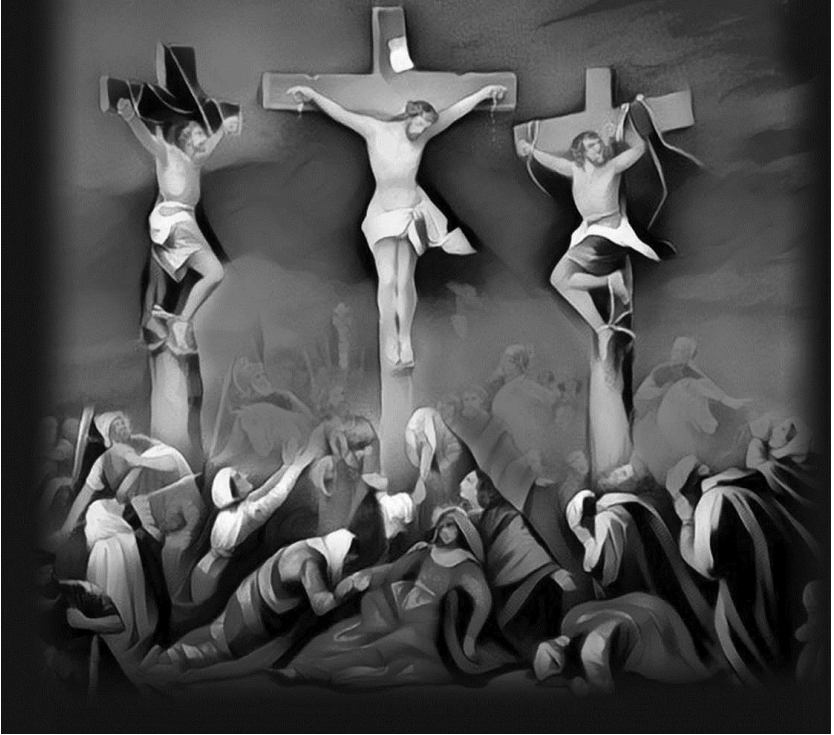


WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Midweek Lent 3
March 16, 2022
7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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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 find those who witnessed His power,
C **who experienced His authority and control over all things.**
P Even the high priest's servant, Malchus, points us to Jesus and His love for us.
C **Malchus witnessed Jesus laying aside His power and control.**
P Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested, put on trial, crucified, and killed.
C **Jesus laid down His life for us on the cross,**
P and Jesus took up His life again on Easter morning.

Confession and Absolution

- P** While Jesus laid aside His power and control for us and our salvation, we admit that we sometimes seek to have more power, control, influence, and authority in sinful pride. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness, renewal, and restoration.
- C** **Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You with sins of pride and for not trusting You in all things. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, and help us to rely on You for everything, in the name of Jesus.**
- P** Almighty God, in His merciful power, has given Jesus Christ to die and rise for you. Because of Jesus, Your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father

and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen. We are forgiven and freed to live under Christ's power and authority.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67

☩ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

☩ that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.

☩ Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

☩ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

☩ Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

☩ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

☩ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

☩ 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

Isaiah 53:1–5

¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

☩ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 1:1–5

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 18:1–11

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The

servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

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!

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Sermon

Offering & Rite of Friendship

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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.

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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