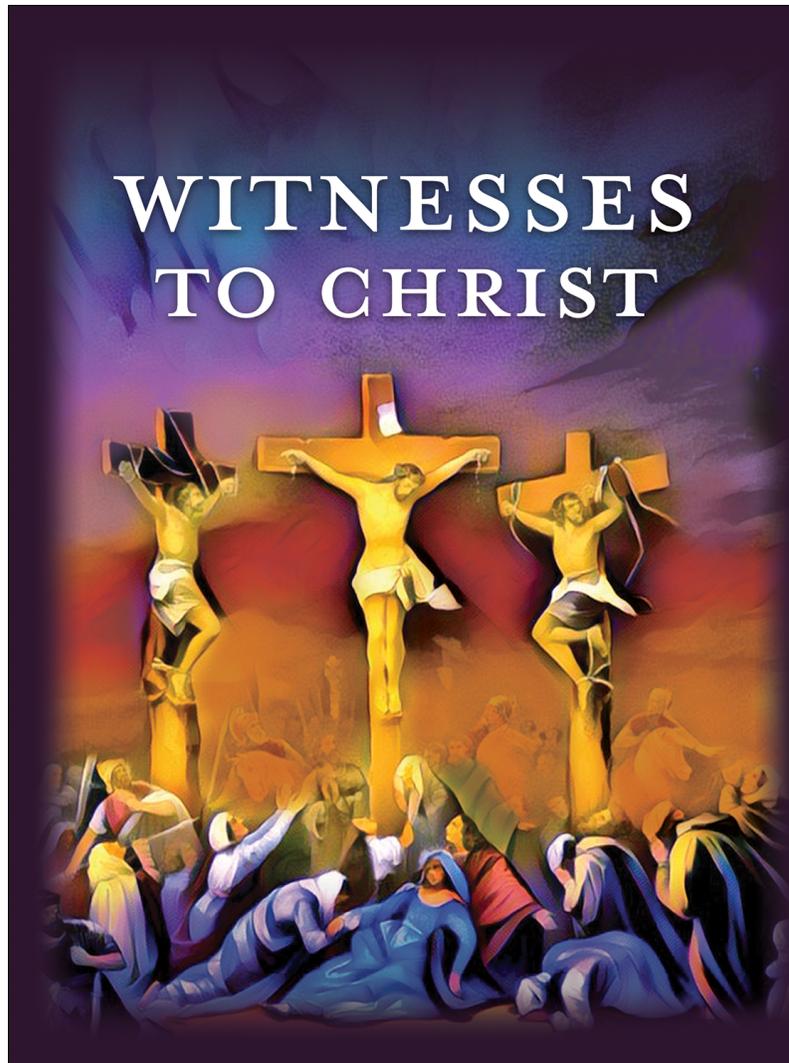


## Midweek of Lent 2

March 16, 2022

### MALCHUS



### AS WE GATHER

All four Gospels record the event in Gethsemane when the ear of the high priest's servant is cut off. Only John gives us names—Peter and Malchus. Our attention now is drawn to Gethsemane that night when Judas betrays Jesus as Peter cuts off the ear of Malchus. The chief priests, scribes, Judas, and Peter all seek power and control of the situation. Jesus—the only one with true power and authority—lays it down, as He also does with His life itself. In His resurrection, Jesus will take up His life again, reclaiming His power, control, and authority, which extends throughout the earth and heavens.

*Dale Scheiderer - Organist*

## Welcome

## Ringling of the Bell

## Opening Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451

## Invocation

## 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.

**C: Amen. We are forgiven and freed to live under Christ’s power and authority.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 67*

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

**C: that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**

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

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

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

**C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

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

**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.**

(4 p.m.) **Worship Presentation** by the SJLS 1st and 2nd Graders, *“My God is so Big”*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 53:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But 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.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Paul, 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: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who 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. <sup>5</sup>For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

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.**

<sup>1</sup>When 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. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>So 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. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup>Then 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.) <sup>11</sup>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.**

## Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436

Sermon Message: "Malchus"

## Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

## Prayers

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

## Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

LSB 421



## Lenten Worship Service Schedule

**Midweek Lenten Services:** *March 16, 23, 30, and April 6; 4:00 & 7:00 pm*

**Midweek Bible Study:** *Wednesdays, March 16-April 6, 5:30-6:30 pm*  
led by Pastor Kevin Wilson in Mrs. April Firestone's Classroom.

**Midweek Lenten Suppers:** *Wednesdays, March 16-April 6, 5:00-7:00 pm* in the School Cafeteria



## Holy Week Worship Service Schedule April 10-16

**Palm Sunday Services:** *April 10, 9:00 & 11:00 am*

**Maundy Thursday Services:** *April 14, 4:00 & 7:00 pm* with Communion

**Good Friday:** *April 15, Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm*

**Holy Saturday Service:** *April 16, 6:00 pm* with Communion

**Easter Sunday Services:** *April 17, 9:00 & 11:00 am* with Communion

**No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:**

10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade  
(Meet on the softball field)

10:15 am: Our Family Easter Breakfast hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

**Please join us here at St. John's for our  
Lenten Worship Services, Lenten Suppers, Bible Study and  
Holy Week Services!**