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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us in Communion.

Worship Schedule for Lent:

Wednesday, noon & 6:45 p.m.	MidWeek Lent Worship
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Worship with seated communion (no singing)
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship with individual family table communion
Sunday, 9:15 a.m.	Pastor’s Adult Bible Class in the Sanctuary Children & Youth Sunday School

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
PLACES OF THE PASSION
Lent MidWeek 2: The Mount of Olives

March 3, 2021
Noon & 6:45 p.m.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

~Matthew 26:30

THEME HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB #685 (v. 1)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Let us ever walk with Jesus.

To see the depths of His love.

To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

We walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives.

He sang a hymn overflowing with hope.

For though the sheep will be scattered--

After Christ is raised, He will go before them to Galilee.

Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where You guide!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father, trusting in His forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, hear us as we confess—

That we fail to honor You in our worship and songs.

Instead, we hide in our pride and prejudice.

We find cover in the darkness of deceit and denial.

We lurk in the shadows of pettiness and greed,

Believing that there is finally no grace for us--

Or anyone else.

Our hearts and homes have become places filled with bitterness.

**We have no song to sing. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.)*

Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

I shall follow where you guide. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

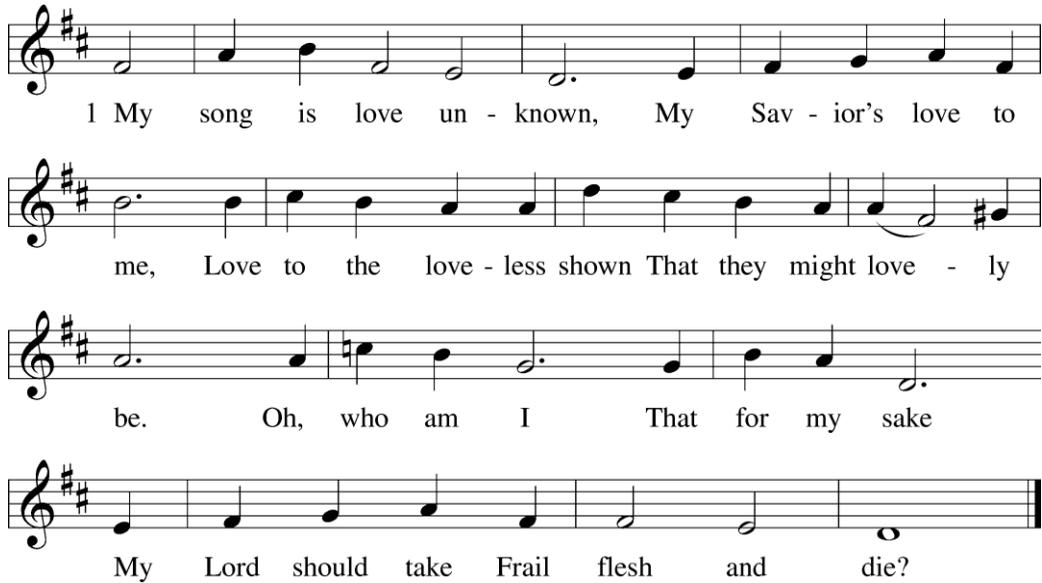
Lord Jesus Christ, in the darkness of that night so long ago on the Mount of Olives, with Your disciples You sang songs of hope. Place those same songs into our hearts and mouths, for You have won the battle; for You live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOSPEL PREPARATION VERSE

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB #430 (v. 1,7)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days
Could gladly spend!

PASSION READING

Matthew 26:30-35

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"
And all the disciples said the same.

~Children are dismissed for Children's Church during the 6:45 service at this time~

SERMON HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB #420 (v. 1-2)



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



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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SERMON

"Places of the Passion: The Mount of Olives"

Matthew 26:30-35

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

SERMON HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB #420 (v. 3-4)



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



all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



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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PRAYERS

Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for the calling, privilege, and importance of singing Your praises and celebrating Your goodness. That's why we say, "and from morn to set of sun"--

Through the Church the song goes on!

Heavenly Father, to worship You through Jesus and in the Spirit is our greatest delight and most solemn obligation. That's why we believe, "and from morn to set of sun"--

Through the Church the song goes on!

Heavenly Father, forgive us for dismissing worship so easily and taking it so lightly. Because it's You we meet with, may we come expectant and evermore grateful, so we are prepared to sing, "and from morn to set of sun"--

Through the Church the song goes on!

Heavenly Father, continue to feed our minds with Your Word, fill our hearts with Your presence and empower our worship by Your Spirit. May we not be selfish consumers, looking to be pleased; but be true worshipers, longing to be consumed with Your glory and grace. Empower us to believe, "and from morn to set of sun"--

Through the Church the song goes on!

Heavenly Father, through our corporate songs and praises, we pray that we will be humbled, gladdened and transformed; and that the nations will be drawn to Your saving love.

Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

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

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

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

LSB #883 (v. 1,2,4)



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

DISMISSAL