# WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE March 16, 2022

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL 🕂 SEEK THE THIRSTY 🕂 TEACH THE WORD

All four gospels record the event in Gethsemane when the high priest's servant's ear is cut off. Only John gives us names—Peter and Malchus. Our attention now is drawn to Gethsemane that night 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 that extends throughout the earth and heavens.

# + In the Name of Jesus +

# WELCOME

# INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **OPENING SENTENCES**

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- C And my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C Make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

**PSALM** [read responsively by whole verse]

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

#### Save me, O God!

#### For the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

#### I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

# My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

#### Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

#### let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-14, 16-18

# Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress;

make haste to answer me.

Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

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.

Silence for reflection

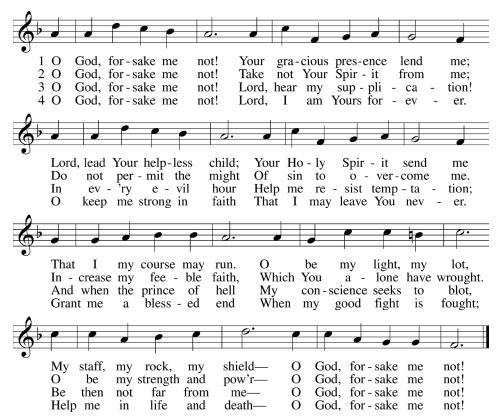
# **PSALM PRAYER**

- P Let us pray.
- C God of hope, in Christ's Passover from death to life, You have restored Your fallen creation and raised up to life a people marked for death. Fill us with thanksgiving that we, who by the rescue of Your grace have been made new, may delight in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

# **HYMN**

O God, Forsake Me Not

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# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

- <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.

Isaiah 53:1-5

<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.

R O Lord, have mercy on us.

С 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.

R O Lord, have mercy on us.

С Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL READING**

<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?"

- R O Lord, have mercy on us.
- С Thanks be to God.

# LENT RESPONSORY

Ρ Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

С Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

- Ρ In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- С Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.
- Ρ Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- С Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

John 18:1-11



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# SERMON

Witness to Christ: Malchus

# CANTICLE

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- P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

#### **MAGNIFICAT** [I: Left side of congregation – II: Right side of congregation]

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

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- I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

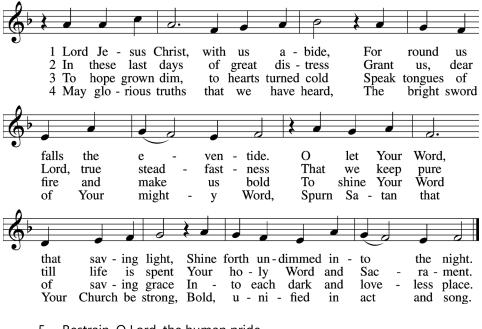
- I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- 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.

## OFFERING

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide

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- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
  Preserve our faith our whole life through—
  Your Word alone our heart's defense,
  The Church's glorious confidence.

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# **KYRIE**

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

# LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

# COLLECTS

- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C And let my cry come to You.
- P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Heavenly Father, ruler of all things and God of all consolation, Your Son healed every manner of infirmity and disease and so displayed Your mercy toward the sick and the suffering. Mercifully come to the aid of Your servants, [especially\_\_\_\_\_\_], that according to Your merciful will, they may be delivered from illness, restored to health, strengthened in faith, and offer You the thanks and praise of a grateful heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Deliver us, O Lord, from temptation to manage and control the troubles and uncertainties of this mortal life and grant us faith in You, that our peace may come not from the things around us but from the grace and mercy You have manifested upon the cross, once for all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

- P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.



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# Worship with us next week!

## WEDNESDAY, March 23

**6 PM** – **Potluck Supper** *Please bring a favorite dish to share!* 

**7 PM – Lenten Worship Service** WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION: *Peter* 

