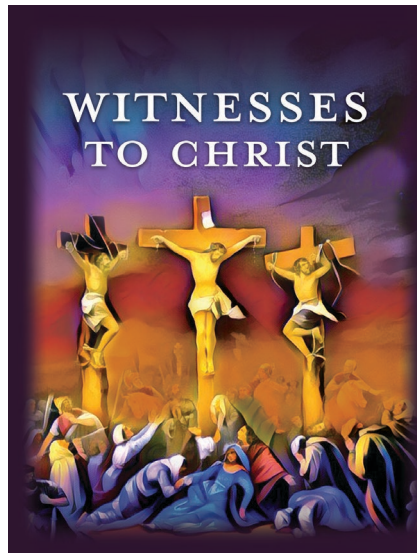


Zion Lutheran Church



March 16th, 2022
Evening Service

Lent – Week 2

MALCHUS

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.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

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.

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
 Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 Who, Thyself for me once giving
 To the darkest depths of woe:
 Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
 I eternal life inherit.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

First Reading – Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
 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.
 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.
 Surely He has borne our griefs
 and carried our sorrows;
 yet we esteemed Him stricken,
 smitten by God, and afflicted.
 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.**

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 1:1-5

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:

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 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. 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.**

Third Reading – John 18:1-11

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. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 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. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go."

This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” 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.) So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

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

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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

C: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

HYMN OF THE DAY -- “Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said

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| 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. | 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. |
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| 2 The Way—of justice was deprived;
The Truth—was overrun; | 3 Christ’s glory is not seen by those
Who view God’s Word as dross,
For worldly wisdom never knows
How gain could come from loss. |
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Yet, this the glory of the Christ:
His perfect life He sacrificed,
His finished work for all sufficed—
Debt canceled on the cross.

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!

4 May we this holy Lententide
Christ's Passion clearly see;

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SERMON

MAGNIFICAT



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
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el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace and salvation, for reconciliation and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For endurance and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our weak souls, that they be nourished by God's Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all whom God has given authority on this earth, that they use what God has given with humility in the knowledge that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all whom God has given authority in His Church, that they might follow Christ's example of service and love, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that God might give her days of peace and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who have reason to rejoice, that God might increase their joy so that it spreads to many others, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who are sick, injured, or recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God might place His healing hand upon them and restore them to health, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who grieve the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that God may comfort them with the power and hope of the resurrection to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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COLLECTS

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: **And let my cry come to You.**

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: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane

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- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.