

# Mid-Week Lent 2020

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April 1, 2020

## Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Mark's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

### ❖ ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES:

- A **staffed nursery** is located in the back of the church lobby.
- A **privacy room**, especially reserved for nursing mothers, is located on the east side of the church entryway.
- **Activity sheets for children** can be picked up on the Information Center's shelf in the church lobby.



### ❖ HEARING AND READING ASSISTANCE:

- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available on the entryway wall near the sanctuary's west entrance door. The sanctuary is also *looped* for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.
- We also have **large print service booklets** that you can pick up on the shelf under the Information Center bulletin board in the church lobby



### ❖ CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER:

- A **connection card** has been handed to you by one of the ushers. Please complete the appropriate side of the card and pass it toward the center aisle to the usher at the end of the offering.



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** In the Gospel of John, chapter 20, we are told, “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” It is because of this truth we are gathered here once again to hear how Jesus Christ has made such a life possible. It was not an easy feat. The way to our having a life that goes beyond the day to day routines of this life and which holds certainty beyond this life came at a great price. Jesus had to die, or we were going to end up dead. This is important because there is a death beyond the physical. The death Jesus enables us to be free from meant he had to go to war. During this time of Lent we will be looking at, from various vantage points, this war he entered so we could have life in his name. The Lord deepen your appreciation for this life you have been given as you hear for the first time or the how many times the length Jesus was willing to go with you in mind. THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR.

## OPENING HYMN

**Christ, the Life of All the Living**  
*Christian Worship # 114*

- 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.*
- 2 Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.*
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.*
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround thee, Treating thee with cruel scorn,  
And with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne  
That as thine thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
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 has 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.*

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**C: Your mercies are new every morning.**

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

**C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

**C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**THE PASSION READING** ... See Separate Link

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.  
By His wounds we are healed.**

## HYMN

**Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**  
*Christian Worship # 472*

*1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken.  
For the foe, Well we know,  
Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.*

*2 Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.  
Watch and see Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.*

*3 Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin Lurk within,  
All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.*

*4 But while watching also pray To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve him And forever love him.*

## SERMON

Based on John 18:38

### **“The Son of God Goes Forth to War – The Warrior Faces Satan’s Ally --- the World”**

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

## THANK OFFERING

*Please mail your contributions to the church or go to our website to donate online. Thank you.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*1 We have a sure prophetic Word  
By inspiration of the Lord,  
And, though assailed on ev'ry hand,  
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.*

*2 By pow'rs of empire banned and burned,  
By pagan pride rejected, spurned,  
The Word still stands, the Christian's trust,  
While haughty empires lie in dust.*

*3 Whate'er the Word in times of old  
Of future days and deeds foretold  
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,  
As traced on the prophetic scroll.*

*4 Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure,  
The teachings of the Word endure.  
Blest all who trust this steadfast Word;  
Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.*

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Christian Worship # 122

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay.  
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, As a victim won the day.*
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness Of th' appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us his Father's home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.*
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did his work and met his death;  
Like a lamb he humbly yielded On the cross his dying breath.*
- 4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be,  
Symbol of the world's redemption, For your burden makes us free.*
- 5 Unto God be praise and glory; To the Father and the Son,  
To th' eternal Spirit honor Now and evermore be done—  
Praise and glory in the highest While the timeless ages run.*

## Announcements

### Serving at Worship

Sermon: Pastor Hanson of Christ Lutheran in Lodi

Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

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