

*Lenten 3* - 11:00 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.

*March 11, 2020*

PRELUDE

\*HYMN

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

LSB 423

\*INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LENTEN PRAYER

L: Whenever we are poor in spirit, longing for the kingdom of heaven,

C: **Let Your blessing be known, O Lord.**

L: Whenever there is mourning, needing comfort,

C: **Let Your blessing be known, O Lord.**

L: And let the meek begin to see the inheritance that shall be theirs, and ours.

C: **Let Your blessing be known, O Lord.**

L: Oh, make us merciful, we pray,

C: **That we may obtain mercy.**

L: Make us pure in heart

C: **That we may see God.**

L: Make us instruments of peace

C: **That we may be called Your children.**

L: Even when we are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, because the kingdom of heaven is ours,

C: **Let Your blessing be known, O Lord.**

L: When men revile, persecute, and utter evil falsely on account of Jesus Christ

C: **Let Your blessing be known, O Lord.**

L: Give us, and all who bear the cross, the joy and gladness which Your prophets and apostles knew; the joy of great reward awaiting us.

C: **Let Your eternal blessing give us peace!**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*A RESPONSIVE REFLECTION (From Isaiah 53:6-12)

L: But He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have done.

C: **All the while we thought that His suffering was punishment sent by God.**

L: But because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

C: **We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by blows He received.**

L: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way.

C: **But the Lord made the punishment fall on Him, the punishment all of us deserved.**

PSALM 51

\*PASSION NARRATIVE

Matthew 27:15-26

HYMN *Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be*

1. **Jesus! And shall it ever be, A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine through endless days?**

2. **Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon Let midnight be ashamed of noon.  
'Tis midnight with my soul till He,  
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.**

3. **Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend On whom my hopes of heaven depend?  
No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I no more revere His name.**

4. Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away,  
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
No fear to quell, no soul to save.
5. Till then - nor is my boasting vain - Till then I boast a Savior slain;  
And oh, may this my glory be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

MESSAGE

"I Was Jesus' Closest Friend"

(Mark 3:17)

OFFERING - *All worshipers are asked to fill out an ivory or blue card found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

**\*OFFERTORY** (sung as offering is brought to altar)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**\*LITANY FOR THE CONVERSION OF ALL PEOPLE**

L: O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

L: Jesus, Son of the Living God,

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

L: Our spiritual deadness,

**C: O Lord, forgive.**

L: Our forgetfulness of others, especially of those who have never had the Gospel preached to them,

**C: O Lord, forgive.**

L: Our wasted opportunities, our readiness to pass others by, our national and racial prejudices, and our own unchristian example at home and abroad,

**C: O Lord, forgive.**

L: [Intercession for persons in need] God of love, save Your people

**C: And bless Your inheritance.**

L: God of love, establish Your kingdom in every land

**C: And fill the earth with Your glory.**

L: We pray that Your church may everywhere be found

**C: In snow or sand, hill or valley, jungle or field.**

L: We pray for all mission workers, for evangelists and catechists, for pastors and teachers, for doctors and nurses.

**C: Multiply the work of their hands.**

L: We pray for those in our midst who confess not the Name of Jesus: for all who have hardened their hearts, for all who have become careless, for all who have turned back, and for all who are Christian in name only.

**C: Recover them, O Lord, and establish them in the truth of the Gospel.**

L: We pray for ourselves, that we may be charitable, and that by our example those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may be guided into the way of peace:

**C: Turn us and grant us newness of life by Your good spirit that Your people may rejoice in You.**

L: O Savior of the world, who by Your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,

**C: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech You. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE**

**\*COLLECT**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

**CONFIRMAND TESTIMONIES (6:15)**

Ella Arbeiter, Kameran Bluette, Karson Bluette, Haley Hinton, Annika Johnson

**HYMN**

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (11:00)*

**LSB 563 (1-4)**

L: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Ghost be and remain with you all.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Abide With Me*

**LSB 878 (1, 4, 6)**

SILENT PRAYER (as sanctuary is darkened)

POSTLUDE     + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Sem. Benjamin Ramthun

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Organist: Alice Kastens

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