



Lenten Worship

March 19, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

Allenton, WI

Removing Our Guilt

Opening Hymn

Not All the Blood of Beasts #398

Not all the blood of beasts on Israel's altars slain
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,
as penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear
when hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there!

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing his bleeding love.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

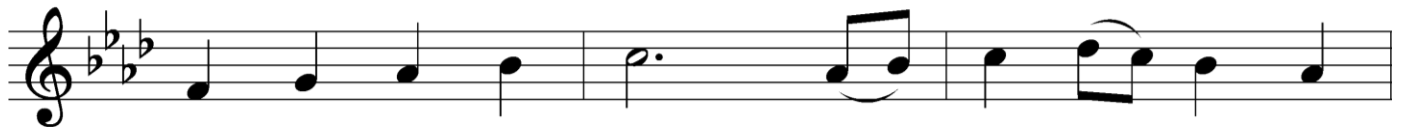
Amen.

Psalm

How Blest Are Those – Psalm 32B



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
you may still be found; you place them safe a -
all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

Psalm Prayer

Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

Amen.

Passion History

Luke 22:39-54

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and

healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

Hymn

If Your Beloved Son, O God #559:1, 3, 5

If your beloved Son, O God, had not to earth descended
and in our mortal flesh and blood had not sin's power ended,
then this poor, wretched soul of mine in hell eternally would pine
because of my transgression.

I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart; his blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through him I now obtain; he washes me from ev'ry stain,
and pure I stand before him.

My guilt, O Father, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, you my debt have paid and gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, fount of grace, the good in me to you I trace;
in faith and hope preserve me.

Sermon

Psalm 51:8-9

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

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Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Prayer

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness.

Refresh us with the joy of salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted #430

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.

'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;
proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

If you think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great,

here you see its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;

'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost:

Christ, the rock of our salvation, is the name of which we boast;

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

Announcements

Thanks to Pastor Mark Rohrback for leading us in worship and preaching this evening. Pastor Rohrback serves at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cedarburg.

Thanks also to Barb Olsen who served as our accompanist this evening.

Join us next Wednesday as we welcome Pastor Kurt Loescher from David's Star Lutheran in Jackson. We'll continue our focus on Psalm 51, using the theme "*Realizing Our Need for Repentance.*"



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