

Lenten Midweek 4

March 22, 2023

Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

3:30pm & 7:15pm

St. John Lutheran Church and
The Lutheran Church-Missouri S
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Divine Service III with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

(3:30) Prelude – “Call to Lent” Day School 6-8 Choir

Hymn *My Song Is Love Unknown* 430

*Invocation, Confession, Absolution 184

*Kyrie 186

*Salutation & Collect 189

Old Testament Reading *Zechariah 9:11-12*

Epistle Reading *2 Corinthians 3:15-18*

*Gospel Reading *John 18:33-40*

*Nicene Creed 191

Hymn *O Dearest Jesus* (sts. 1-5) 439

Sermon “Barabbas” John 18:33-40

*Offertory 192

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

(3:30) “Christ the Life of All the Living”

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Hymn *O Dearest Jesus* (sts. 6-8) 439

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Elders: 3:30 – Jeremy & Mike; 7:15 – Matt & Dan

Day School Choir Director: Alicia Haggin

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:11-12

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Holy Gospel Reading: John 18:33-40

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

Hymns for Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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430 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!

439 *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* (sts. 1-8)

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, What dark
transgression?
2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou doest inherit, This I do merit.
4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him, Who would not know
Him.
5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.
6. There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me, Such woe it wrought me.
7. O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying While Thou wert dying.
8. O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?

422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!