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Worship is Sunday 9:15am

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through
worship, witness, and ministry to our members
and community**

WELCOME: Holy Spirit, when you lead us into the wilderness, assure us of your constant presence.

If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time.

Midweek 1
Eyes on Jesus: Betraying Eyes

As We Gather

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we examine the motives and means of Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us? Although we have betrayed and handed over our Lord, God has caused Holy Scripture to be handed over to us, wherein we know all our sins are forgiven, for Jesus' life was given over to death for us.

Prelude

Welcome

***Hymn #142: Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat And the burdens of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus, Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears, These wonders I confess
The wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;

Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

Invocation

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.**

Collect of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when You were betrayed, You handed over to Your Church the blessed Sacrament of Your body and blood. The next day You were handed over by Your Father to death on our behalf. Grant that, as our faith is strengthened by feasting on You, the Bread of Life, we may never betray You but steadfastly confess You as our Redeemer; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Acts 7:48–53

L: A reading from Acts, chapter 7.

⁴⁸Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

⁴⁹“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?

⁵⁰Did not my hand make all these things?’

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: *Psalm 41*

L: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”

C: **Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

L: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;

You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

C: **The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness You restore him to full health.**

L: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”

C: **My enemies say of me in malice,
“When will he die and his name perish?”**

L: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

C: **All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.**

L: They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies.”

C: **Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**

L: But You, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!

C: **By this I know that You delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**

L: But You have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

**C: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.
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.**

L: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1–5

L: A reading from 2 Timothy, chapter 3.

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel: Mark 14:10–21, 32, 41–46**

P: A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. ¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of

you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?”²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him.⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him.

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 #133: Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.

(Please be seated)

Sermon by Pastor Randy Kaminska

Hymn: Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face
(Sung to tune "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed")

- 1 Our eyes behold the Savior's face
And yet cannot perceive
That His perspective held our grace
Before we could believe.
- 2 Our focus flits and fails to see
The One whose steadfast gaze
Propelled Him to the darkened tree
Enveloped in death's haze.
- 3 Our sights train on the dreadful cross.
Beneath His knowing eyes,
Our sins are bare and set for loss;
He sees us as His prize.
- 4 Our vision blurs with anxious tears
As Jesus' eyelids fall

To conquer sin and all our fears
And tear in two our pall.

(please stand)

5 Our view scans for the coming Day
That evermore grows near,
When Jesus wipes our tears away
And all is crystal clear.

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Antiphon

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

P: For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P: and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the Church around the world, ourselves, and all people in their various needs. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. *Psalm 145:15*

For farmers and ranchers and those who bring food to market, that God would provide favorable weather, bountiful harvests, and relief from both drought and flood, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Look on them all in Your mercy, heavenly Father.

P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. *Psalm 25:15*

For all who struggle with unemployment or underemployment, with poor living conditions or displacement from home, with personal demons or ill health, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Behold their turmoil, Lord Jesus, and grant them relief and hope.

P: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. *Psalm 97:4*

For all people in authority over communities and countries, all whose decisions affect the climate of the planet and the health of its inhabitants, and all who are charged to maintain justice within their borders and peace among nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Gaze upon Your servants, O Lord; protect and guide them that they may serve with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD. *Psalm 121:1–2a*

For all who serve the Lord as they care for others—medical personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and neighbors, professionals, and volunteers—let us pray to the Lord.

C: Observe how they use the gifts You have given them, O Holy Spirit, and open doors of opportunity for them so that many may rejoice together.

P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. *Psalm 17:8*

For the Church around the world, as clergy and lay leaders seek to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully endeavor to share their faith, especially in the face of persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

C: See their struggle, O Holy Spirit, and give them strength to persevere and grow.

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! *Psalm 34:8*

For the Church, wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament, relying on God's steadfast love and faithfulness, and looking forward to the fulfillment of all His gracious promises, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Watch over Your Church, Lord Jesus; protect and defend us until that day we see You face to face.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.**

Hymn #188: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinner, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; Those who drink shall thirst no more.

3 Those who drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Lutheran World Relief Personal & Baby Care Kits

Next Sunday, March 5th we will *begin collecting items for both the Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits like we did last year.* Please keep this ½ sheet someplace handy so you know what we will be collecting each week. If you have any questions please see Lori Haseley or Jane Milleville. We will need help to assemble the kits sometime after Easter (watch for more info to come). Thank you!

Week #1 (March 5th)

Bars of Soap (2 or 3 bars, 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)

Bars of Soap (2 or 3 bars of *Baby (gentle) soap*, any brand, in original wrapping: no mini or hotel size bars (can be found in baby section of most stores)

NO LIQUID SOAP

Week #2 (March 12th)

1 Bath towel (light-weight, size between 20"x40" to 52"x27, dark color recommended).

1 hand towel (dark color) and or **2 receiving blankets** (between 36" and 52" square)(I have been sewing blankets so if you want you can go and buy 1 1/4yds of flannel)

Week #3 (March 19th)

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

4 Cloth Diapers (flat fold)

NO TOOTHPASTE

Week #4 (March 26th)

Adult Size Comb

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies) or **2 Long or Short sleeved gowns or sleepers** (without feet) (All sizes between 6 and 24 months)

Week #5 (April 2nd)

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

1 Jacket or Sweatshirt with a hood, or (All sizes between 6 and 24 months) and or **2 pairs of baby socks**