



March 18, 2020

**We invite you to reflect on this week's theme statement:
Jesus is accused of inspiring rebellion and the
destruction of Israel; he is accused of being in league
with Satan, who is "a murderer from the beginning"**

Opening Hymn: LSB: #420 "Christ the Life of All the Living"

Response:

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

People: Amen

Pastor: They made Christ's grave with the wicked

People: and his tomb with the rich.

Pastor: although he had done no violence,

People: and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

People: crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

People: and by his wounds we are healed.

Confession and Forgiveness:

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

People: Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We are weak before you in the truth of our anger, our hostility, and the death and destruction we have caused. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, and he desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Hymn: LSB #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:13

Gospel Reading: John 11:47-53

Sermon Hymn: “You Are My King”

*I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.*

Repeat

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You, In all I do I honor You*

*You are my King, You are my King
Jesus You are my King, Jesus You are my King*

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God's creation. That throughout these forty days of Lent, you may give your people the hope in Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: That we might put away anger, judgement, and violence in our hearts, and instead embrace your promise of love and mercy.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: That all who are injured by anger, hostility, or cruelty be granted wholeness, love, and restoration.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: That we may seek and work for justice for all who are victims of hatred or violence in our world.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: For all the saints and martyrs, many of whom suffered in their own wounding unto death, that they may be the shining examples of the victory of the crucified and the risen Lamb and the wounds of love that he bears for us still.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: Into your wounded, healing hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

People: By Christ's wounds we are healed. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Pastor: May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn: LSB #878 vs 1 & 6 "Abide with Me"

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*