



March 25, 2020

**We invite you to reflect on this week's theme statement:
Jesus is accused of associating with tax collectors and
prostitutes**

Opening Hymn: LSB: #437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Response:

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

People: Amen

Pastor: Out of his anguish Christ shall see light;

People: he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

Pastor: The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

People: and he shall bear their iniquities.

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 undeserving of your presence; we deserve to be shunned for the impurity within us. 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Hymn: LSB #550 "Lamb of God"

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon Hymn: "People Need the Lord"

Sermon

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 come to the truth that all are favored in your grace and that we are all welcomed in your presence.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: That all who have been excluded in life, those who are in prisons, those who are alone, infirm, unloved, or bullied, that they may all know that your love is constant and will not abandon them.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: That people of differing ages, genders, classes or views may put away all malice and work together for wholeness and healing in the world.

People: Heal us, O God.

Pastor: For those who are dying, that they may trust in the banquet with all the saints at the final table in your kingdom with Christ, our Lord.

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"