

# *Lenten Service*

*March 7, 2018*



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# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Worship Service 7:00 p.m.*

## THE PRELUDE

### Announcements

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

HYMN

*“Glory Be To Jesus”*

LBW #95

*Stand*

L When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem to die on the cross for us.

**C So we set our faces to the cross of Christ this day, and not on the treasures of the world.**

L Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal

**C but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do no break in and steal**

L For where you treasure is,

**C there your heart will be also**

L St. Paul tells us, “Do not be conformed to this world,

**C but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,**

L that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

**C what is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

## Confession and Absolution

L We confess that we have often conformed to the ways of this world and been more concerned about our earthly possessions than our heavenly treasure

**C We ask for your forgiveness, O Lord, for all the times that we have put the things of this earth before the things of God.**

L Hear these words from St. Paul: “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

**C We find forgiveness for all our worldly ways in the face of Jesus Christ, and in him we find everything we need for this life and the life yet to come.**

L Your sins are forgiven because of Christ. And former grasp of this earthly space has been replaced by a grip on his grace.

**C We thank you, Jesus, for facing the world by going to the cross and not being charmed by its temporary treasures. Let us focus our attention solely on the blessings that will last. Amen**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

**O Jesus Christ, you came from heaven to dwell on earth with us to point our eyes heavenward and see that there is more to life than our earthly existence. Loosen our grip on the things of this earth and help us to cling more tightly to the things of heaven as we go about our days, especially during this Lenten season. Let us recognize that the things of this earth are only temporary, but that the things of heaven are permanent. May our lives reflect that fact in how we spend our time, how we spend our money, and how we prioritize our values. In all things, let your cross keep us focused on what really matters in this world and in this life. In your name we pray, AMEN**

*Sit*

First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:10-14

*Stand*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:16-30

*Sit*

Message

*“Facing Our worldliness”*

Pastor John Boor

Hymn

*“Rock of Ages”*

LBW #327

*Stand*

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering**

*Stand*

Prayers

P Dear Jesus, forgive us for our worldliness in what we have on this earth instead of what we have in you. Help us to focus more on laying our treasures in Heaven rather than here on earth.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P O Lord, like the people of old who wanted to build a tower to the sky to honor themselves we have often seen possessions as a way of honoring ourselves instead of honoring you. Have mercy on us and give us servant hearts that are committed to using the possessions you have graciously given us to show others your love.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Christ Jesus, you turned away from receiving any fame or fortune in this world by dying in the most stark and humble and humiliating way on the cross to show the world that the fortunes of the world to come are of greater value. Help us not to be influenced by the quest for earthly notoriety, but to put what the world considers important in proper perspective with what you see as most important.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Lord of the Church, help us in this church to make wise decisions regarding our finances so that how we spend our funds may spread the Gospel message to more and more people and bring more and more glory to you. May all that we do in this place point people to the world yet to come.

L Christ, who faced the cross,

**C turn your eyes to us.**

P Giving Lord, help us to give you thanks for all the blessings that you have given us in the world and all the blessings yet to come. Let us never take any of your gifts, earthly or eternal, for granted, but to recognize you as the source and fountain of all good things. Let our lives be a living thank you for all that you grant us.

L Christ, who faced the cross,  
C **turn your eyes to us.**

P For these and all other things we have on our hearts, we ask for your grace, confident that we can face whatever comes our way because you faced the cross for us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Father remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray;

**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**

Benediction

Hymn

*“The Old Rugged Cross” (1<sup>st</sup> Verse)*

On a hill far away stood an Old Rugged Cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
And I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

(The congregation leaves in silence)



**THE OLD  
RUGGED  
CROSS**



## **The Season of Lent • Year B**

The general tone for worship during Lent should be reflective without being somber. Simplicity in liturgical elements and hymnody is conducive to setting the appropriate tone. As part of the reflective nature of this season, there is an emphasis on repentance. In the early church, Lent was the period when new believers experienced the catechumenate in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In this season, we are not only reminded of Jesus' faithful and intentional journey to the cross, but also of his calling for us to "take up the cross" and follow him.

