

Lenten Service

March 30, 2022



Lenten
Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastor John Boor
March 3-30-2022
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

“O Lord Throughout These Forty Days”

LBW #99

**O Lord, through-out these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past**

**You strove with Satan, and you won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust. In God’s eternal Word.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God’s love.**

**Be with us through this season Lord, and all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven’s praise**

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

Merciful Lord, You are our refuge in time of trouble and our hope in distress. Keep us in Your care that we may be raised from the death of sin to life in Christ and give faithful witness to Your mercy by proclaiming Your name and Your salvation to the nations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST 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.

SECOND 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.

Stand

READING: John 18:33–40

The Holy Gospel according to John the 18th chapter

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sit

Message

Pastor John

Hymn

“Deep Were His Wounds”

LBW #100

**Deep were his wounds, and red, on Cruel Calvary
As on the cross he bled in bitter agony. But they, who
Sin has wounded sore, find healing in the wounds he bore.**

**He suffered shame and scorn, and wretched, dire disgrace;
Forsaken and forlorn, He hung there in our place. But all who
Would from sin be free Look to his cross for victory.**

**His life, his all, he gave when he was crucified;
Our burdened soul to save, what fearful death he died! But each of
Us, though dead in sin, through him eternal life may win.**

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.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

Offering

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all those who are incarcerated, that they might know the power of Your love that liberates them from enslavement to sin, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who are on the margins of society and often overlooked, for the homeless, the orphaned, the poor, and the friendless, that we might follow Your example and show compassion to those most in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are lonely, shut-in, separated from family, or struggling to make friends, that You might be present with them and surround them with a loving community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who struggle to accept Your grace and mercy, that You might soften their hearts to know that Your word of forgiveness and freedom is sure and certain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who have rejected You, wandering off on their own, that You might draw them to Yourself and show them Your love that the world cannot give, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who are ill, injured, recovering, or preparing for surgery, [*especially . . .*], to strengthen them with Your healing and patience through their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**

Benediction

Stand

Hymn

“The Old Rugged Cross” (Verses 1 & 2)

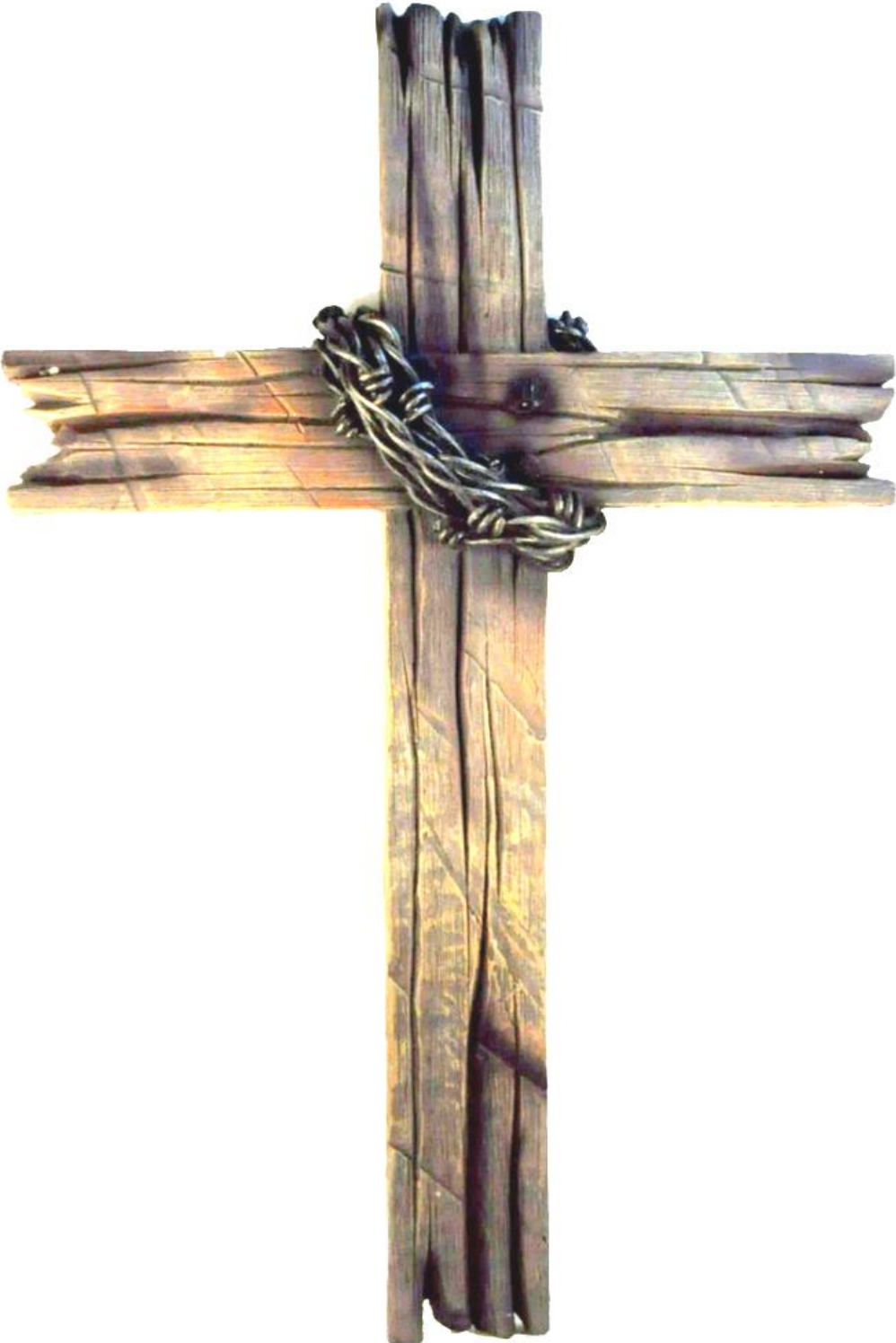
**On a hill far away stood an Old Rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain**

**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**

**To the Old Rugged Cross, I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach, gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share**

**And 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)



Season of Lent

Lent is a solemn time in the church year, yet it is filled with rich images of God's love. These images are often paradoxical and challenge our faith, but as we journey with Jesus to the cross we find ourselves with a deeper faith in the one who came to save us. The cross, with all of its shame and horror, is also the symbol of God's loving commitment to the whole creation. The cross seems foolish, but in reality it is the power of God to save.

