



*Midweek of Lent 4*  
*March 25, 2020*

**EYES ON JESUS**  
Denying Eyes

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

**HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.**

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are available in your church mailboxes for you to use for your daily lent devotions.



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# ORDER OF VESPERS

## 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 take a look at the chief priests and scribes, who saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by violence. Yet, during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb. How, then, should we view those who oppose the Gospel in our day? And how might these insights guide our prayers?

## HYMN SING

## WELCOME

## HYMN

- P** We will use hymn 420 as the opening hymn for each of our midweek Lenten services. Today's second stanza thanks our Lord for taking the false accusations and gaining our freedom and security.

***Christ, the Life of All the Living***

**LSB 420: 1,5,7**

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

*Hymn continues on next page.*

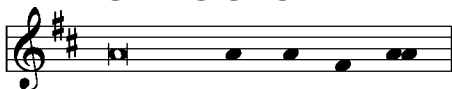
5    **Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

7    **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry,**

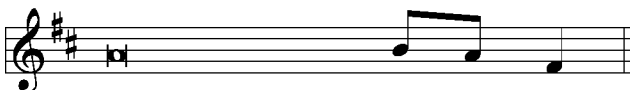
*Stand*

**OPENING VERSICLES**

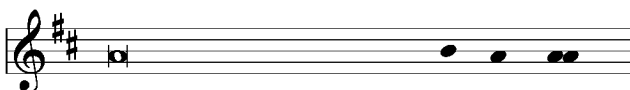
LSB 229



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## PSALMODY (Psalm 10)

*Psalm 10:1-12*

- L** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.
- C** **Why, O LORD, do You stand afar off?**  
**Why do You hide yourself in times of trouble?**
- L** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- C** **For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,**  
**and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.**  
**In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him;**  
**all his thoughts are, "There is no God."**
- L** His ways prosper at all times;  
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- C** **He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;**  
**throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."**
- L** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- C** **He sits in ambush in the villages;**  
**in hiding places he murders the innocent.**  
**His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;**

**L** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;  
 he lurks that he may seize the poor;  
 he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

**C** **The helpless are crushed,  
 sink down, and fall by his might.**

**L** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,  
 He has hidden His face, He will never see it."

**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.**

Sit

**HYMN**

**Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face**  
**Lisa Clark**



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And  
 2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The  
 3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -  
 4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As  
 5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive  
 One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the  
 neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and  
 Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and  
 ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.  
 dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.  
 set for loss; He sees us as His prize.  
 all our fears And tear in two our pall.  
 tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

## READING

**Job 24:13–17**

<sup>13</sup>There are those who rebel against the light, who are not acquainted with its ways, and do not stay in its paths. <sup>14</sup>The murderer rises before it is light, that he may kill the poor and needy, and in the night he is like a thief. <sup>15</sup>The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye will see me'; and he veils his face. <sup>16</sup>In the dark they dig through houses; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light. <sup>17</sup>For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## READING

**1 John 3:11-15**

<sup>11</sup>For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup>Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## PASSION READING

**Mark 14:1, 53-65**

<sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked

Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## RESPNSORY FOR LENT

*Psalm 51:14, 59:1, 141:8*



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



**G** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

*Sit*

## SERMON

**Murderous Eyes**  
Passion Reading  
Pastor Joel Schultz

*Stand*

## CANTICLE

LSB 933



- 1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the





great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

## PRAYERS

### KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.

## Additional Collects of Intercession

### Collect for peace

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.

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

LSB 234



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**P** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



**C** Thanks be to God.

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed*  
LSB 437

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

**POSTLUDE**

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