

Welcome

By His Wounds We Are Healed

A series of Services for the Season of Lent
Week 3: The Wounds of Murder
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as you are able.

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.” (JOHN 8:44)

OPENING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* LBW 99

RESPONSE

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P They made Christ’s grave with the wicked

C **and his tomb with the rich.**

P although he had done no violence,

C **and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

C **crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

C **and by his wounds we are healed.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* LBW 482

Please be seated.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)
WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:13

¹³“You shall not murder.

Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 11:47-53

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. ⁵³ So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *By Your Wounds We All Are Healed*

The melody is familiar though this hymn is not in the LBW or WOV.

Hymn Tune: Nettleton 87 87D

Jesus, Savior of the people, giver of unending grace,
Heal our lives that now are feeble; bless us in this holy place.
You have come to earth convicted as a child of gentle reign.
By your wounds we all are healed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Jesus, by your teaching, healing, sharing meal with one and all,
You invite all those believing, everyone who hears your call,
Warming hearts in hope unbounded, spreading love throughout the plain.
By your wounds we all are healed; sing the song of glad refrain!

When the cries to crucify you were the wounding words to hear,
Even then, you made all things new with forgiveness, love, and cheer!
By our sin you were afflicted, on the cross you bore death's pain,
By your wounds we all are healed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Please be seated.

OFFERING

All loose and designated gifts will go towards the Lutheridge Scholarship Fund.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P 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 hope that it is Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

C **Heal us, O God.**

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

C **Heal us, O God.**

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

C **Heal us, O God.**

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

C **Heal us, O God.**

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

C **Heal us, O God.**

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

C **By Christ's wounds, we are healed. Amen.**

THE 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**

BLESSING

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.
C Amen.

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LBW 370

LENT 2020 “BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED”

March 4-April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

WEEK 3: THE WOUNDS OF MURDER (March 18)

In this service for Week 3 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of murder and violence we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 4: THE WOUNDS OF ADULTERY (March 25)

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of adultery and unfaithfulness we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 5: THE WOUNDS OF STEALING (April 1)

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of stealing and dishonesty we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

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HOLY WEEK AT UNION:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School including the Junior/High School and Parenting Classes

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 5

As Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring "hosannas." By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

3:00 p.m. Yadkin Valley Cluster Youth (Union)

4:30 p.m. Rev. Heidi Punt, Installation Service

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus' last supper with his closest friends where he institutes what the church knows as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 10

This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus' life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity's sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise

This day brings us joy and renewed hope as we celebrate the miracle of all miracles: Jesus is risen from the dead, alleluia! The whole church, in heaven and on earth, sings of God's glorious power and rejoices that death no longer has the last word. Jesus has triumphed, and we who believe are promised eternity. That promise is our future hope, but it also guides our lives in the present as we are freed from sin.

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast sponsored by Union Youth

9:30 a.m. Sunday School including the Junior/High School and Parenting Classes

10:30 a.m. Easter Service

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we act upon

The Worship & Music Committee invites you to help us bring spring in the Sanctuary this Easter. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to a bright and colorful display of **Gerbers**. The cost per 1.5 gallon planter flower is **\$10**. Please make checks payable to **Union Lutheran Church** and at the memo line mark **Flowers**.

Please return your form to the church office, drop off in the mail or offering plate, by **Wednesday, April 1**.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

How many flowers? _____

Amount \$ _____

Deadline is Wednesday, April 1.