

Welcome

By His Wounds We Are Healed

A series of Services for the Season of Lent
Week 4: The Wounds of Adultery
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Jesus is accused of associating with tax collectors and prostitutes.

OPENING HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*
Hymn Tune MARTYRDOM CM

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head, For sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died, For his own creatures sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face, While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.

But tears of grief can repay, The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: It's all that I can do.

RESPONSE

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

C **Amen.**

P Out of his anguish Christ shall see light;

C **he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.**

P The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

C **and he shall bear their iniquities.**

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 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.**

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

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Hymn Tune Munich 76 76 D

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us, From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus, To wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes, His name abroad is poured.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:14

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Here ends the reading.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

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!

OFFERING

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

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

C Heal us, O God.

P 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.

C Heal us, O God.

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

C Heal us, O God.

P 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.

C Heal us, O God.

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

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

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Hymn Tune SOUTHWELL SM

Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin;
From selfish passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me your loving servant be, And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity, Point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see, And share your joy at last.

LENT 2020 “BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED”

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

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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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**.

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