

Welcome

By His Wounds We Are Healed

A series of Services for the Season of Lent
Week 5: The Wounds of Stealing



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as you are able.

Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.

OPENING HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* LBW 104

RESPONSE

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

C **Amen.**

P By a perversion of justice, Christ was taken away.

C **Who could have imagined his future?**

P For he was cut off from the land of the living,

C **stricken for the transgression of God's people.**

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 have stolen from you in our failure to love, serve, and obey you. 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 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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* LBW 448

Please be seated.

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:15

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:1-7

¹³Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-5

²³Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.” ³So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. ⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.” ⁵But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

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

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 For all that you provide us in this life and for all that you provide for all people everywhere, that we may put away envy and be grateful for your gifts.

C **Heal us, O God.**

P That we may recognize those in need, especially the hungry and the poor, pray for them, work for change in government for their good, and seek to uphold them from the resources of our own charity.

C **Heal us, O God.**

P That those who are sick or suffering may be blessed with better health and wholeness.

C **Heal us, O God.**

P For those who are dying, that, leaving all their earthly things behind, they may come to embrace the greater treasures in your eternal presence.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LBW 499

In preparation for placing flowers and greenery in the church for our Easter Celebration, Sunday, April 12, there is a need for magnolia branches. If you have a magnolia tree, and would like to do some trimming and share some of the branches, please contact Dawn Merrell. We need the branches on Easter Eve, April 11, at the church between 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Thank you!

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How Can You Continue to Participate at Union Lutheran Church during the Coronavirus?

Worship Services (Sundays and Wednesdays) are available on our website and church's Facebook page for: Sunday, March 22; Wednesday, March 25; Sunday, March 29; and Wednesday, April 1. More services will be available soon.

On Sundays, Pastor Heidi will be at church from **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, pending state and local guidelines and restrictions. She will be happy to come to your car and offer personal prayer, confession, and absolution. Please **DO NOT** get out of your car. Pastor Heidi will come to you.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Pastor Heidi is offering a **Bible Study** on *Encouragement: The Key to Caring*. You can follow along on the church's website or Facebook.

Prayer Vigils will continue be held each Friday with Tara Davis (704) 637-9334, Coordinating . You can schedule a time between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to come and pray at Union online or contact Tara to schedule. *A change has been made that there will be only one person at a time at the church. This individual will pray at the cross in the parking lot.*

DROP OFF FOOD (canned goods) to help those in need. We have a shopping cart set up outside the church office.

How to financially give? **Online** (<http://ulcsalisbury.org>) or **mail** are ways to continue to give to the ministry of Union.

In lieu of the spread of the virus in our community on Tuesday, March 24, the Church Council decided to suspend all activities until further notice.

If you need assistance during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Heidi Punt or the Church Council. Their contact information is as follows:

Rev. Heidi Punt	815-883-4883	Gladys Morgan	704-636-1977
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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**.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

How many flowers? _____

Amount \$ _____

Deadline is Wednesday, April 1.