



Midweek Lenten Service

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The Hidden Warrior

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Hymn - "Before the Ending of the Day" (CW 595)

1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your

world, we pray. Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore

And guard and keep your peo - ple now.
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

STAND

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for private confession.

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Psalm 16 (CW, page 68)

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone



Keep me safe, O God, *
for in you I take refuge.

Keep me safe, O God, *
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; *
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the Lord always before me. *
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; *
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life; *
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**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.**

Refrain

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The History of Our Lord's Suffering and Death

Matthew 26:57-75 (p.1516)

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.

⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Seasonal Sentence (read by the congregation)

M: This is the word of the Lord.

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn - "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow" (CW 109)

1 When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will look to you
 2 Oh, what a mar - v'lous of - f'ring! Be - hold, the Mas - ter spares
 3 My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can harm me none
 4 There - fore I will for - ev - er Give thanks con - tin - ual - ly,

And hence my com - fort bor - row That you were slain for me.
 His ser - vants, and their suf - f'ring And grief for them he bears.
 Since Je - sus' blood - y pas - sion For me God's grace has won.
 O Je - sus, lov - ing Sav - ior, For what you did for me.

Your pre - cious blood was of - fered For me, oh,
 Our God comes down from heav - en; For me, his
 His blood my debt has can - celed; Of hell and
 I'll spend my breath in prais - es For your sad

most un - wor - thy, To take a - way my guilt.
 guilt - y crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.
 all its tor - ments I am no more a - fraid.
 cry, your suf - f'ring, Your wounds, your guilt - less death.

Sermon - John 11:33-37 (p.1635)

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" (NIV®)

Jesus, The Hidden Warrior

Offering

We are still researching the best way(s) for you to submit your offerings to St. Paul's. We will inform you when we have a plan in place.

We are also still researching the best way(s) for you to let us know that you're watching. One way we know for sure, if you're a FaceBook member, is by "liking" the video while it's playing. We're also fairly certain that if you've "liked" or "followed" our FaceBook page, FaceBook will let us know that you're watching. We'll inform you when we learn more about this.

STAND

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Evening Prayer

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn - "Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free" (CW 123)

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you set us free — Ac - cept our thanks e -
2 By vir - tue of the wounds you bore, True God and Man, our
3 De - fend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by your al -
4 For thus the cer - tain - ty we gain That you will al - ways

ter - nal - ly! For - giv - en through your pre - cious blood,
hope re - store. Give cour - age when we yield our breath;
might - y name To bear our cross - es pa - tient - ly,
true re - main And not for - sake us in our strife

We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
De - liv - er us from hell and death.
Con - soled by your great ag - o - ny.
But lead us out of death to life.

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LIVE-STREAMING - We will attempt to live-stream all our services throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic on Facebook Live. You should be able to find all our videos (live and archived) at our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrownsville.

You do not need to “like” or “follow” our page in order to watch the video. You don’t even need to be a Facebook member. But if you do join Facebook and then “like” or “follow” our page, you will be notified when our videos are posted and those videos will appear in your Facebook “newsfeed.”

Links to copies of the worship folders will always be available on the “News and Worship Support” page of the congregation’s website: www.stpaulsbrownsville.org. We will try to use email, Facebook, and the website to let you know when videos and worship folders are scheduled to be available.

NEXT WEDNESDAY - Pastor Matthew Kiecker from St. John, Lomira, is scheduled to be our preacher next week. His sermon will focus on the skirmishes that have taken place in the war against our warrior’s greatest enemy, including his skirmishes against that enemy and our skirmishes against that enemy.

A full schedule of the Lenten services is printed on the back page. We will get the word out if his schedule makes it necessary to live-stream at a different time than the posted schedule.



2020 Lenten and Holy Week Services

(all times 3:30 and 6:30 unless indicated)

February 26 Pastor William Carter (St. Paul, Brownsville)
The Promised Warrior Isaiah 42:13
Ash Wednesday Communion Services

March 4 Pastor Jonathan Learman (St. Peter & Zion, Theresa)
The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers John 6:66

March 11 Pastor Steven Bode (Zion, Allenton)
The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World John 18:38

March 18 Pastor William Carter (St. Paul, Brownsville)
The Hidden Warrior John 11:33-37

March 25 Pastor Matthew Kiecker (St. John, Lomira)
Skirmishes Hebrews 4:15

April 1 Pastor Matthew Kuske (St. Paul & St. Luke, Lomira)
Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy Ephesians 6:12

April 9 Pastor William Carter
The Battle Is Personal Luke 22:47,48
Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:00 p.m.)

April 10 Pastor William Carter
The Greatest Battle Ever Fought Matthew 27:45-50
Good Friday Communion Service (1:00 p.m.)

April 10 selected readings
Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7:30 p.m.)

April 12 selected readings
Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.)

April 12 Pastor William Carter
Victory! Revelation 19:11-16
Easter Festival Communion Service (9:00 a.m.)