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Know Your Enemy

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,

Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.
 Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.
 Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
 Lifts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

March 18, 2020 Mid-week Lent

CW Hymns: #103, #125

Leader: Pastor Trimmer
Music: Sam Meister
Usher: Gil Potter
Greeter: Audrey Scharmann

Personal Preparation: *For Peace* **CW Pg 10**

Pastor's Greeting:

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Opening Hymn: *Glory Be to Jesus* **CW # 103 Stz 1–4**

L: (*please rise*) In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

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. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I 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 and troubled by my sins. I confess that I am deeply sorry for them.

L: We confess our private sins before you and ask you to hear us

Jesus says to us, 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 that the work of Jesus alone saves me.

L: Because of the promises of our Savior Jesus, I do forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Believe his word; go and sin no more. Lord God, we thank 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 as we proceed through the darkness of this world. Amen.
(*be seated*)

Passion History:

Matthew 26:31-50

L: ³¹ Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

C: ³³ Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

L: ³⁴ "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

C: ³⁵ But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."
And all the other disciples said the same.

L: ³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

C: ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

L: ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." (*The Gospel of our Lord*)

Seasonal Response: *(together)*

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 I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....**CW # 125**

Sermon: *Know Your Enemy Ephesians 6:12* (NIV 84)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Prayer: *(please rise)* Lord God our mighty rock of salvation, give us such strength of faith that we may cling to you in every trouble and, armed with your strong Word, be preserved from every assault of Satan and his forces of Evil. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Together we pray Luther's Evening Prayer:

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 not power over me. Amen

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen *(seated)*

Closing Hymn: *Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus* **CW # 103 Stz 5-6**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.