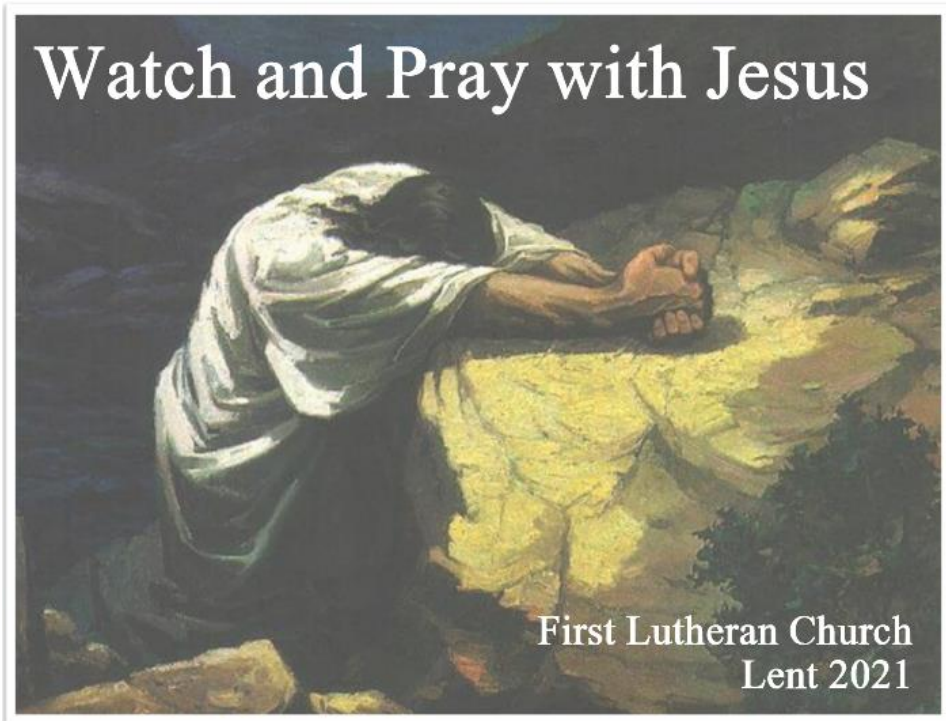


LENTEN THURSDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 4, 2021

7:00 p.m.



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EVENING PRAYER

“Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)

PRELUDE

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

C: God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way. (Genesis 12:1-2)

L: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

C: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him. (1 Peter 2 and John 3:17)

L: We come with grateful hearts into this holy space of prayer and reflection.

C: We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day’s journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us with your love in this time of worship and restore us with your grace. Amen.

319 HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

Congregation shall sit.

WATCH AND PRAY WITH JESUS

FIRST READING: Mark 14:32-42

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

HYMN "Hear Our Prayer"



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Almighty, all-merciful God, lover of justice and giver of peace, hear our prayers.

A brief silence.

L: For the church, that in this season of fasting and repentance, the people of God, with sincere hearts, may amend their lives and obey the gospel. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For peace among the nations and integrity within the governments. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For all leaders in your church, that they may lead the church by humble example and give public witness without concern for earthly reward. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For our community of Topeka and surrounding towns, for all who live here, that neighborhoods may be places of hospitality and care. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For the poor and the oppressed, that they may find deliverance from their distress, and for all who seek to alleviate human suffering. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For those who suffer illness of mind or body and for those who care for them, that they may be healed of disease and know the joy of abundant life. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For these concerns and those known only to you, Holy God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

SENDING PRAYER

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Go in peace, assured of God's presence with you, with the mind of Christ Jesus as your path and guide, and the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit.

May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit † keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long.

C: Amen.

742 SENDING SONG *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

DEPART IN PEACE.

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Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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