

# WHEN YOU ARE SEIZED WITH REMORSE



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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Psalm 32:1) During the season of Lent, we are blessed to follow Jesus to the cross and see how he has forgiven our sins by his sufferings and death. We are so thankful to share in that blessedness with you at St. Paul's. Our mission is to Grow in Christ and to go with Christ.

Thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



## WORSHIP DURING THESE TIMES

All pews are open for seating. Face coverings are optional - up to the individual. Please feel free to use the Bibles/Hymnals in the racks. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. There are bulletins available in the narthex or from an usher. Please keep or discard them at the end of worship. Offerings can be placed in the marked boxes in the narthex.

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP INFORMATION

On our website you will find previous and current links for our worship services, bulletins, and announcements. We livestream the 8:00 a.m. service every Sunday. We can also make a copy of our worship on a DVD for you. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return the DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of it.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us after first service, at 9:15 a.m., for our Family Bible Hour. We have Sunday school for 4K-8th grade and Adult Bible Class. Childcare is offered during the Adult Bible Class. There are other Bible Study Opportunities during the week. Contact one of our Pastors for more information.

## COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as well as those following Monday evenings. Because God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), we practice close communion, inviting up to the Lord's Table those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14*

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms. Near the entrance of the church, there are children's quiet bags with pictures, books, and a sketch tablet. If you use them, please put them back after the service. Based on Scriptural examples and developmental evidence, parents at St. Paul's worship with their young children. We encourage members to reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

# THE CRUCIAL HOURS

**Today's Worship Focus** Throughout Lent, our theme is "The Crucial Hours", looking at key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the completeness of his saving work for us, the depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us. Tonight, we see the example of Judas and consider what to do when we are seized with remorse.

## Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

CW 782 1b



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,  
that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.  
I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,  
and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.

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*Please stand*

## Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Anthem**

*His Mercy Is More*

*Sung by Small Group*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord! His mercy is more; stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us. His blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

## **The Passion Reading**

**LEADER:** Then they led him off to Pilate. To avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

**WOMEN:** So Pilate came out to them and asked,

**LEADER:** "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

**CONGREGATION:** "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

**LEADER:** "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

**CONGREGATION:** "But we have no right to execute anyone."

**WOMEN:** This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

**LEADER:** They began to accuse him, saying,

**CONGREGATION: "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.**

**WOMEN: Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him,**

**LEADER: "Are you the king of the Jews?"**

**MEN: "Is that your idea, or did others talk to you about me?"**

**LEADER: "Am I a Jew? It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"**

**MEN: "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."**

**LEADER: "You are a king, then!"**

**MEN: "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."**

**LEADER: "What is truth?"**

**WOMEN: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.**

**LEADER: The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him,**

**CONGREGATION: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

**LEADER: Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.**

**WOMEN: Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews,**

**LEADER:** "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.

**WOMEN:** When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them,

**LEADER:** "Here is the man."

**WOMEN:** As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted,

**MEN:** "Crucify! Crucify!"

**WOMEN:** But Pilate answered,

**LEADER:** "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

**MEN:** "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.

**WOMEN:** When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. He asked Jesus,

**LEADER:** "Where do you come from?"

**WOMEN:** But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate asked,

**LEADER:** "Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you realize I have power to free you or to crucify you?"

**MEN:** "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

**WOMEN:** From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free. But they insisted,

**CONGREGATION:** "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

**LEADER:** On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends- before this they had been enemies.

**WOMEN:** Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them,

**LEADER:** "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and release him.

**WOMEN:** Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them,

**LEADER:** "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

**WOMEN:** For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

**MEN:** While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message:

**WOMEN:** "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

LEADER: But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CW 420 sts. 1–2, 4–5

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## Sermon

*Matthew 27:3-5*

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” <sup>5</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

### Where to Turn when Seized with Remorse

## Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402

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*Please stand*

## Prayer

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Lord’s Prayer

**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.

### Benediction

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
 May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

CW 782 st. 2

2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.  
 All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.  
 Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one  
 and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

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*Be seated*

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10:30 a.m. Dennis Eirich, Wally Gierach, Dan Stange, Bill Mass, Aaron Mass.

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