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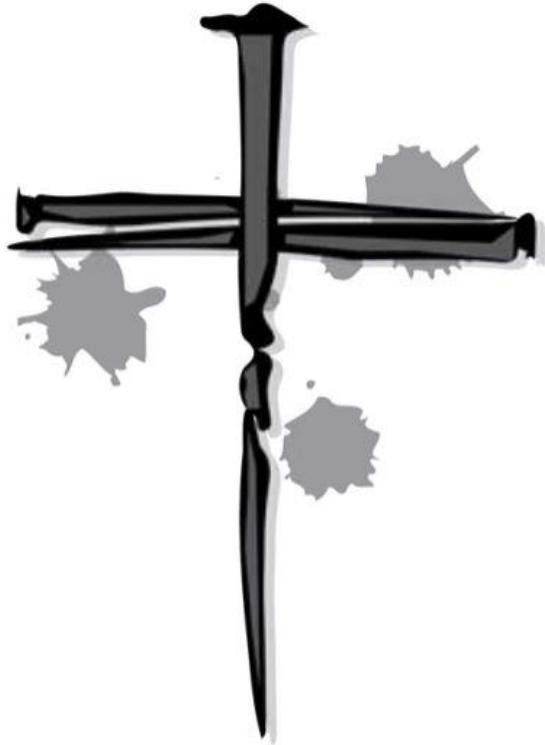
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Sixth Midweek Lenten Service

April 10, 2019
6:30 pm



Three Words



of

TRUTH

“What Is Truth?”

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Order of Service, Vespers (p. 120)

~Hymn 303 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God* (ELH p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening prayers* (ELH p. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

~Psalmody--Psalm 71

(read responsively)

P: In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;

C: Let me never be put to shame.

P: Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness;

C: Turn Your ear to me and save me.

P: Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;

C: For You are my rock and my fortress.

All: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

P: Since my youth, O God, You have taught me,

C: And to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds.

P: Even when I am old and gray,

C: Do not forsake me, O God,

P: till I declare Your power to the next generation,

C: Your might to all who are to come.

All: 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.

~Psalm Prayer

P: Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow Your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to Your love and faithfulness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Men's Group: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (Christian Worship, Hymn 139)

*Jesus, in your dying woes, Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus!*

*Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief who near you dies,
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus!*

*Jesus, in your thirst and pain, While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan: Hear us, holy Jesus!*

*Jesus, all our ransom paid, All your Father's will obeyed,
By your sufferings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus!*

*Jesus, all your labor vast, All your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up your soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus!*

~The Passion History #5

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~Hymn 292, vv. 1-5 *O Dearest Jesus*

~Sermon Text

John 18:33-40 Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." "You are a king then?" Pilate asked. Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." "What is truth?" Pilate said to him. After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?" Then they shouted back, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Now Barabbas was a rebel.)

~**Sermon Theme:** *"Three Words of Truth: What Is Truth?"*

~Offering

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~Versicle

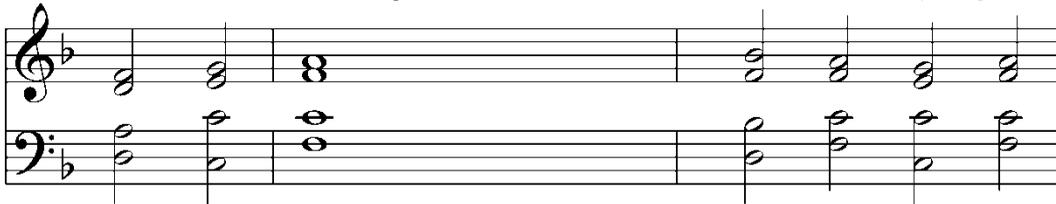
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

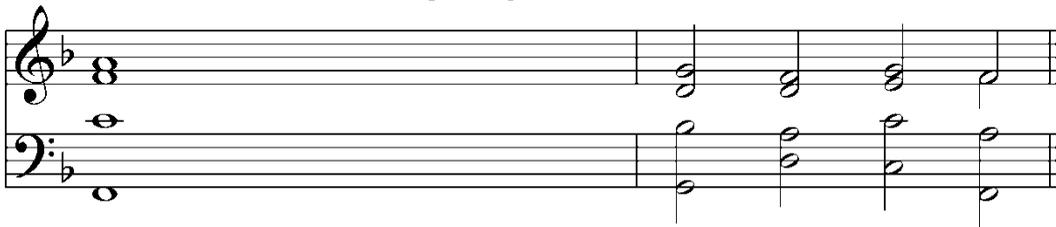
C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Nunc Dimittis — “Now I Depart”

(ELH p. 124; Lk. 2:29-32)



1. Lord, now You let Your servant de- part in peace:
2. For my eyes have seen Your Sal- va- tion:
- >3. A Light to light- en the Gen- tles:
4. Glo- ry be to the Father and to the Son
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be:



1. accord- ing to Your Word;
2. which You have prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
- >3. and the glory of Your peo- ple Isra- el.
4. and to the Ho- ly Ghost.
5. forev- er- more. A- men.

~Kyrie — “Lord, Have Mercy”

(ELH p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 125; Mt 6:9-13)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Collect** — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 126-127, #2)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 127; 2 Cor 13:14)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Hymn 205, vv. 1-4** *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Preacher: Pastor Keith Siverly / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

Men's Group Director: Carl Bloedel

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Week Services

April 18: Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM: Divine Service & Tenebrae, with Holy Communion

Pr. Petersen: *"A Gracious Invitation to a Gracious Meal"*--Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:15

April 19: Good Friday

Noon: Tre Ore, St. Paul's, North Mankato

6:30 PM: Divine Service, with Holy Communion

Pr. Ulrich: *"Three Words of Truth: It is Finished!"*--John 19:28-30

April 21: Easter

7:30 AM: Sunrise Service

8:30 AM: Easter Breakfast

10AM: Festival Service, with Holy Communion

Pr. Ulrich: *"Three Words of Truth: He Has Risen!"*--2 Timothy 2:8

