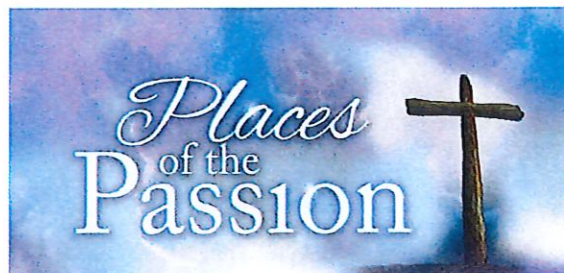


Midweek Lenten Service

March 16, 7:30 PM

Gethsemane: A Place of Strength



As We Gather

This evening, we meditate upon the simple words of our Lord's prayer in Gethsemane: "Thy will be done." As we listen to Jesus pray, the Spirit brings about a change in our hearts. So often, our prayer can be about our will. With this prayer, our eyes are opened to God's will. Rather than struggle to make God part of our lives, we see our Lord struggle because we are part of His life. His work in this world was for our salvation. When disciples enter into places of sorrow, places where they struggle and fail to carry out God's will, Jesus bears their weakness before His Father. His prayer and labor turn our places of sorrow into the places of God's strength.

HYMN

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

LSB 423, verse 1, 3



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

LENTEN SENTENCES

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Rend your hearts and not your garments.

People: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Jesus said, "If any man would come after Me,

People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

People: He was bruised for our iniquities.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, in the quiet of the night You sought a place of prayer. Calm our hearts from the busyness of the day that we may also seek You in the quiet of the night and open our hearts to You in prayer. Wear down our fearful barriers and teach us to trust in Your will and to surrender in faith to Your good and gracious will. Then help us arise to serve You anew, to delight in Your will, and to walk in Your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

READING

Romans 8:26–39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PSALM

Psalm 139, responsively by verse

Pastor: O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

People: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Pastor: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?

People: **If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!**

Pastor: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
People: **even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

Pastor: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
People: **even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.**

Pastor: For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
People: **I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Pastor: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
People: **Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

Pastor: How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
People: **If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You.**

Pastor: Oh that You would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!
People: **They speak against You with malicious intent; Your enemies take Your name in vain!**

Pastor: Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
People: **I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.**

Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
People: **And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Pastor: **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.**

READING

Luke 22:39-46

NARRATOR: And He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. And when He came to the place, He said to them,

JESUS: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.

NARRATOR: And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

JESUS: Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.

NARRATOR: And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and He said to them,

JESUS: Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord"

LSB 771, verses 1& 4

1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On

God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -

moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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SERMON “Gethsemane: A Place of Strength” (Luke 22:39–46) *Pastor Scott Henze*

OFFERING

CONFESSION

Pastor: Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

People: He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.

Pastor: Take off the sandals from your feet,

People: for the place where you are standing is holy ground.

Pastor: Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

People: She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

Pastor: Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips,

People: and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!

Pastor: But in the very place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,”

People: there they will be called “sons of the living God.”

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Pastor: Lord, open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light

People: and from the power of Satan to God,

Pastor: that they may receive forgiveness of sins

People: and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

(LSB 780) Repeat

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis-ten to me. O

PRAYER

Pastor: I desire then that in every place the people should pray,

People: **lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.**

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: **let my cry come to You.**

Pastor: In the day of trouble I call upon You,

People: **And You answer me.**

Pastor: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

People: **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Pastor: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

People: **listen to my plea for grace.**

Pastor: Let us pray . . . O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known.

People: **We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Inscribe Your Law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work.

People: **In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation.**

Pastor: By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments.

People: **Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul.**

Pastor: Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand.

People: **Keep us this day under Your protective care and preserve us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

HYMN "My God, My Father, While I Stray" (TLH 418)

1 My God, my Fa-ther, while I stray Far from my home on life's rough way,
2 Tho' dark my path and sad my lot, Let me be still and mur-mur not

Oh, teach me from my heart to say, "Thy will be done."
Or breathe the prayer di-vine -ly taught, "Thy will be done."

Pastor: Help us, O Lord, this night

People: To live without sin.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, let Your mercy be on us.

People: As our trust is in You.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People: And let our cry come to You.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this hour sought a place of quiet as a refuge for prayer, open our hearts that we may offer to You petitions and supplications on behalf of ourselves, those within the household of faith, and all people according to their need. Strengthen us in the conviction that You will both hear and grant us all things needful, according to Your gracious will; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

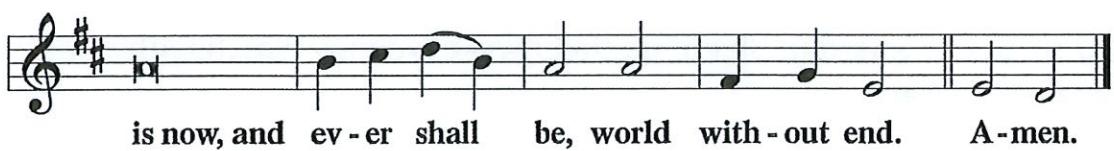
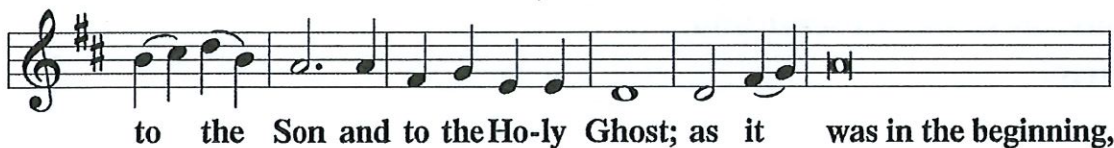
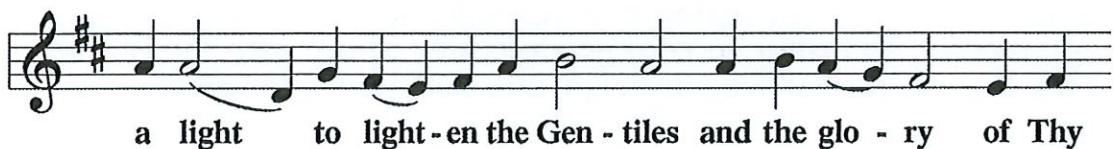
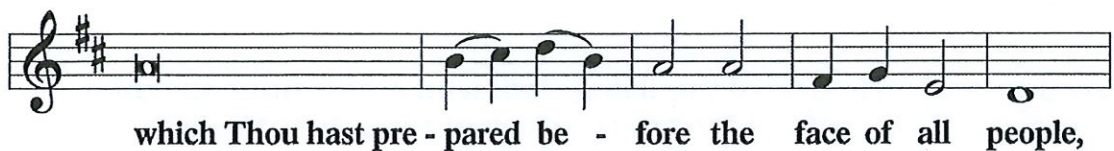
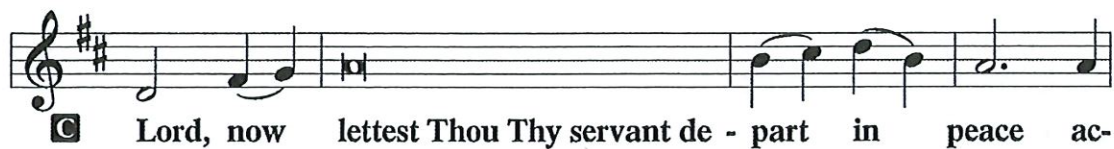
People: Amen.

ANTIPHON

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



All worshipers are asked to depart in silence.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Saturday, April 9
@10:00 AM



Resurrection Run

Sunday, April 17

**7:00 AM Outdoor sunrise service
(Race starts at 7:40 AM)**

Registration is open for the **Resurrection Run** on April 17, 2022. Runners can run in person from St. Paul Weston, or run virtually whenever or wherever they would like. Registration cost: \$35.00 (Online Registration) Registration on Easter morning: \$40.00

1. Resurrection Run T-shirt & Finishing Medal (First 200 registrations)
2. 5K run through Tequesta Trace Park
3. <http://stpaulweston.com/rezrun/> to register

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

March 23 - Midweek of Lent 3: "The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love" (Luke 22:47-53)

March 30 - Midweek of Lent 4: "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" (Luke 22:54-62)

April 6 - Midweek of Lent 5: "The Trial: A Place of God's Will" (Luke 22:63-23:25)

Holy Week

April 14 - Holy Thursday: "The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23) at 7:30 PM

April 15 - Good Friday: (2 services)

Stations of the Cross— Youth led reenactment at Peace Mound Park located at 1300 Three Village Road in Weston at 12 Noon.

"Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49) at 7:30 PM at St. Paul

April 17 - The Resurrection of Our Lord -Easter Sunday; 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM



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Sunday School at 9:45 AM for children & youth

Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 AM each Sunday