



Mid-Week

Lenten

Worship



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Preservice Preparation

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Messiah, betrayed and abandoned, grant conviction to our faith, that we may not, in trials and tribulations, prove wavering and unfaithful, but may remain immovable in Your Word and steadfast in testimony to your Way; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Preservice Hymn to read for Meditation LSB 452

“O Perfect Life of Love”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” **LSB 610**

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Stand

L Now is the time of God’s favor;

C **now is the day of salvation.**

L Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

L May Your justice shine like the sun;

C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

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First Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

A Reading from St. Paul’s first lesson to the Corinthians

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach[a] to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson St. Mark 14:32-42

A Reading from the Passion Account of St. Mark

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." 45 And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him and seized him. 47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." 50 And they all left him and fled.

51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

OFFICE HYMN

We Sing the Praise of Him Who DiedLSB 429

SERMON by Pastor Brandt

Title: *"Seeing God's Method of Operation"*

Text: The Gospel lesson

SERMON THOUGHT PROGRESSION

What do you see.....Foolishness or wisdom
....weakness or strength?

There is strength or power here!
Judas
Soldiers
Peter tries the “power” way
The disciples understand “power.”

Jesus, right in the middle is doing nothing.
He appears weak and foolish.
But He is in control.
Jesus tells them all what is really happening.
Scripture is being fulfilled.
God’s plan is being carried out.

What is power? (God’s power) in our days and our lives?
It begins in utter weakness.
It is faith.
It is the way of the cross.
It is the way of humble service.

See that God’s methodology is not ours. We fix our eyes on Jesus.

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CLOSING HYMN

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