

**Wednesday Lenten Service**  
**March 7th, 2018**



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**JESUS CHRIST**  
Is OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

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**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Juneau, Wisconsin**

# **Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests**

## **Opening Hymn 112**

**“There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood”**

*STAND*

**P:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**P:** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**Psalm 84**

*(congregation sings all)*

*Printed on page 96 in the front of the red hymnal*

## **Psalm Prayer**

- P:** Almighty God, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage we may so treasure your Word and sacraments, that being nourished in faith we may one day dwell in the courts of heaven to praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

## **Special Singing**

**Grades 3-4      3:30pm Service**  
**“Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

**Adult Choir      6:30pm Service**  
**“What Have We Done”**

## **Passion Reading for Week Four      Mark 14:43-65 (EHV)**

*Jesus' Arrest and Jesus' First Trial in the Sanhedrin*

**P:** Pastor      **M:** Men      **W:** Women

- P:** Just then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. A crowd was with him, armed with swords and clubs. They were from the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders. Now his betrayer had given them a signal, saying,
- M:** **“The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and lead him away under guard.”**
- P:** He went right to Jesus and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.
- W:** *They laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood nearby drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.*
- P:** Jesus responded by saying to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as you would a criminal? Day after day I was with you, teaching in the

temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But this happened so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”

**M:**        **Then the disciples all left him and fled.**

**W:**        *A certain young man was following him, wearing just a linen cloth over his naked body. They seized him, but he left behind the linen cloth and fled from them naked.*

**M:**        **They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the experts in the law gathered together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.**

**W:**        *The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their testimonies did not agree. Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:*

**P:**        “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

**M:**        **The high priest stepped forward and questioned Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is this they are testifying against you?”**

**W:**        *But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything.*

**M:**        **Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”**

**P:**        “I am,” Jesus said. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

**M:** The high priest tore his robes and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?”

**W:** *They all condemned him as being worthy of death. Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face and struck him with their fists, saying, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.*

### **Seasonal Response**

**P:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

### **Sermon Hymn 127**

#### **“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

#### **Sermon**

**Hebrews 10:19-25 (EHV)**

#### **“Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests”**

<sup>19</sup> Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. <sup>21</sup> We also have a great priest over the house of God. <sup>22</sup> So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. <sup>25</sup> Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### **Offering**

## **Prayers & Prayer for Peace**

- P:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

- All:** 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.

## **Blessing**

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn 118**

**“O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”**

**Pastor: Paul Stratman**  
**St. Stephen, Beaver Dam**  
**Organist: Matthew Lober**

Please join us for a meal in the church basement today  
from 4:30-6:00pm.



## **UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES**

### **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Jesus Is Our Great High Priest

Pastor Vanderhoof

### **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

Pastor Schupmann

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 & 6:30 Services

### **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:30pm Service of Darkness

6:30pm Tenebrae Service (Choir Service)

### **Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:30am Sunrise Service

9:00am Festival Service

*(breakfast served between services)*