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Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – “Denying Eyes”

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church – LCMS, Clyman, WI

Guests and Members! Welcome to God’s House. *If you are visiting and you have no church home, consider joining our family at Zion as God comes to us in worship and we return our Praise to Him.*

Pre-Service music and ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” LSB 688

Invocation and Opening Sentences

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

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

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me. 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 (Psalm 27:1–5)

**C: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that

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I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

P: For He will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

C: 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.

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that we, Your children, may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help us to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny their faith in You. By Your Spirit, strengthen us to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Our Reading from the Passion

Mark 14:26–31, 66–72

We Confess our sin

All: Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know, the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some sin is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask Your forgiveness for them all. Deliver me and restore a clean heart within me, that I may rest in Your peace.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and

of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 59:1–3, 12–13

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 2:8–13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27–36

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” Jesus warned them not to tell anyone

about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

Apostles Creed

Hymn “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” **LSB 440**

Sermon “Denying Eyes” (Mark 14:32–42)

Hymn “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” **LSB 451**

We Gather our Tithes and Offerings

Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

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 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **vs 1, 4-5** LSB 437**