

This year in our mid week Lenten worship we look at “Acceptable” Sins? We often focus on the sins of others. We talk about what we think of as “big” sins we see in the world. In this Lenten series we will focus on sins God hates with which we have, unfortunately, grown comfortable.

**GATHERING RITE**

*Stand*

(sing) Baptismal waters cover me  
As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father’s mercy here I plead,  
For grievous sins of thought and deed.

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

**C: Amen.**

M: With these words we were called by the Holy Spirit to be members of God’s family at our baptism. Gathered together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humble ourselves before God, and admit to him and to one another that we have not lived as God’s children ought to live.

*Silence for personal confession*

M: Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord;

**C: Do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.**

M: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve you present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(sing) I look to Christ upon the tree,  
His body broken there for me;  
I lay before him all my sin,  
My darkest secrets from within.

Lord, may your wounded hand impart  
Your healing to my broken heart;  
Your love alone can form in me  
A heart that serves you joyfully.

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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: God said, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."  
(Jeremiah 31:34). For the sake of Jesus Christ, God has had mercy on you and me, and has kept his promise to provide forgiveness. Therefore, I, as a called servant of Jesus Christ, and at his command, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

(sing) From your own mouth comes forth a word;  
Your Shepherd speaks, but you are heard;  
Through him your hand now stretches out,  
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.

Baptismal waters cover me;  
Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace,  
With joy I praise him for his grace.

*Be seated*

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## THE WORD

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### Special Music

#### Passion History according to Matthew

#### On Trial Before Pilate

**Pastor:** Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. When he was accused by the Chief Priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor.

**Congregation:** Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

**Women:** While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

**Men:** But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

**Pastor:** "Which of the two do you want to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked.

**Congregation:** They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

**Women:** But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

**Men:** All the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**Pastor:** Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him, and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, King of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away and crucified him.

## Seasonal Response

**All:** 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.

## Hymn

*Before You, God the Judge of All* CW 306



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I  
 2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in  
 3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
 wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
 But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly  
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.  
 Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

### Hymn

*Jesus Sinners Does Receive* CW 304:6,7

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtsches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.