

Thank you to our pianists, Darci Matzke & Amibeth Olderman

All are invited to join us for supper between services tonight.
Thank you to Billy & Laurel Schleis for hosting this meal.

Next week's Theme: "Father Forgive Our... Abandoning Your Truth"

Christ, by Countless Foes Surrounded

(The Mob in Pilate's Court)

Jeffrey Schallert, adapt.



1 Christ, by count - less foes sur - round - ed,
2 "Is - rael, in her false con - vic - tion,
3 Lamb of God, for all men strick - en,



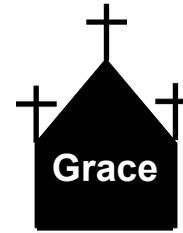
From the depths of woe un - sound - ed,
Shout - ed for my cru - ci - fix - ion.
Show your mer - cy to the heath - en!



Lift - ed up his voice to heav - en:
From their fol - ly, ere they per - ish,
Lest they face un - end - ing ter - rors,



"Fath - er, may they be for - giv - en!"
Save the peo - ple that you cher - ish."
Call them from their fool - ish er - rors.



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**Theme: "Father Forgive Our...
Despising Your Salvation!"**



February 28, 2018

“Father, Forgive Our Despising Your Salvation!”

Opening Hymn #126: “Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth”

STAND

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

M: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

M: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

M: O Lord God, be with us during this hour of prayer. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight.

C: Forgive us our sins, O Lord, and through your Son, make us worthy to stand in your courts. Amen.

BE SEATED

Psalm 32 (page 78)

Psalm Prayer with a spoken “Amen”

Reading of the Passion History - Part 3 - The Mob in Pilates Court (see colored insert)

Seasonal Response: 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: “Christ, by Countless Foes Surrounded” - see back of bulletin

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:15-26

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas.

¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ 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.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered. ²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴ 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!” ²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Sermon Theme: “Forgive Us When We Despise Your Great Salvation!”

- 1. We sometimes demand earthly blessings that have not been promised.**
- 2. Father, fix our eyes on the needs of our souls.**

Offering

STAND

Prayers

M: Lord God, we confess our many sins to you. All too often we have felt that you owed us the blessings of this world and have held them as more important than the promised blessings of the world to come.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

M: For the sake of your Son, who was rejected by his own people for not being the type of messiah they wanted, forgive us for sometimes following in their footsteps.

C: According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions.

M: Give us the grace to set our hearts, not on the treasures of this world but on the spiritual treasures, which are hidden above in Christ.

C: Forgive us our sins, O Lord, and through your Son, make us worthy to stand in your courts. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #128: “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Prayer for Peace

M: 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.

Blessing

M: 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.**

Hymn #593: “Now the Light Has Gone Away”