

*2017 Midweek Lenten Series*

*Who*  
**GAINS**  
*From the Cross?*

*Peter*

*The Thief*

*Barabbas*

*The Soldiers*

*Mother and Son*

*March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Joseph and Nicodemus*

## OPENING HYMN

### Opening Hymn

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:**

A - men. The Lord Al -  
might - y grant a qui - et night, and peace at the  
last. A - men. It is good to give thanks to the  
Lord, — To praise Your name, O Most High; To  
her - ald Your love in the morn - ing, Your  
truth - at the close of day. Je -  
sus, re - mem ber - me when You come in - to Your -  
king - dom. Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You  
come in - to Your king - dom.

## Confession and Absolution

**P:** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**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 is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P:** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

## Passion History Reading

**ALL:** My Song is Love Unknown

1. My song is love un -  
2. He came from His blest  
3. Here might I stay and

known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love  
throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But  
sing; No stor - y so di - vine, Nev -

to the love - less shown That  
such dis - dian! So few the  
er was love, dear King, Nev -

they might love - ly be, Oh,  
longed- for Christ would know! But  
er was grief like Thine. This

who am I That for my sake My  
oh, my Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who  
is my Friend, In Whose sweet praise I

Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
at my need His life did spend!  
all my days could glad - ly spend!

Sermon Meditation ~ *"Who GAINS from the Cross?"*

## MEDITATION HYMN

Offering

Luther's Evening Prayer

**ALL:** In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

[On **Ash Wednesday**, we continue with the Lord's Supper]

## Benediction

**P:** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

**C:** **That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**P:** The almighty and merciful God, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

**C:**   
A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

### THE READINGS AND HYMNS

#### **Who Gains from the Cross? – THE THIEF**

Speaker: **Home Congregation's Pastor**

Text: **Luke 23:39-43** Hymns: **158; 721; (Communion: 305); 796**

**39** Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." **40** But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? **41** "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." **43** And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

#### **Who Gains from the Cross? – MOTHER AND SON**

Speaker: **Pastor Michael Eichstadt** (Messiah, Hales Corners, WI)

Text: **John 19:25-27** Hymns: **145; 723; 625**

**25** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" **27** Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

## Who Gains from the Cross? – PETER

Speaker: **Pastor David Ude** (Living Hope, Appleton, WI)

Text: **Matthew 26:69-27:5** Hymns: **140; 178; 144**

**69** Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." **70** But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." **71** And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" **73** And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." **74** Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. **75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. **27:1** When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. **2** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. **3** Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, **4** saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" **5** Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

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## Who Gains from the Cross? – JOSEPH AND NICODEMUS

Speaker: **Pastor Neal Radichel** (Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI)

Text: **John 19:38-42** Hymns: **172:6,8; 178; 155** (w/guitar)

**38** Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. **39** He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. **40** Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of

linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. **41** At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. **42** Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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### **Who Gains from the Cross? – BARABBAS**

Speaker: **Pastor Matthew Ude** (Faith, Markesan, WI)

Text: **Matthew 27:15-23** Hymns: **151:1-4; 149; 151:5-7**

**15** Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. **16** And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. **17** Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18** For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. **19** While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." **20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!" **22** Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" **23** Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

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### **Who Gains from the Cross? – THE SOLDIERS**

Speaker: **Pastor Mark Bernthal** (Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI)

Text: **John 19:23-24** Hymns: **141; 370; 142 (5-6)**

**23** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. **24** They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture

might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

#### **Lenten Series Area CLC Pulpit Exchange**

	<b>MAR 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MAR 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MAR 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MAR 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>MAR 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>APR 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Appleton</b> 7pm Worship	D. Ude	Radichel	M. Ude	Bernthal	Eichstadt	D. Ude
<b>Fond du Lac</b> 6:30p Worship	Radichel	M. Ude	Bernthal	Eichstadt	D. Ude	Radichel
<b>Markesan</b> 7pm Worship	M. Ude	Bernthal	Eichstadt	D. Ude	Radichel	M. Ude
<b>Middleton</b> 7pm Worship	Bernthal	Eichstadt	D. Ude	Radichel	M. Ude	Bernthal
<b>Milwaukee</b> 7pm Worship	Eichstadt	D. Ude	Radichel	M. Ude	Bernthal	Eichstadt

**Thank you for joining us this evening! Please come again!**

#### **About Lenten Worship**

- *Lenten Worship echoes the traditional 6th century Compline Service. As the last service of the day, Compline petitions God for His peace through the coming night while also trusting His peace for the hour of our death. As part of Lenten Worship congregations will be introduced to the hymn "My Song is Love Unknown," which was written by Samuel Crossman in 1664. The service is offered in two formats, one leaving the Compline text in spoken form (Setting 1), and the other pairing the liturgical text with original music (Setting 2).*

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