

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**  
**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
**April 8, 2020 – 12:00 p.m. Live-Stream**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin**

**HYMN** “Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved” green hymnal #96

*Cantor*

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.

*Congregation*

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of  
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble

e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -  
 death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the  
 child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and

sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.  
 Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.  
 help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

**PSALM 70**

**P:** LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**C:** You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**C: You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**C: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

P: If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**C: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P: even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

**C: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"**

P: darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

**C: Glory 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**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

#### **THE LESSON** St. John 13:16-38

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said,] "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his

master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

<sup>21</sup>After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup>Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." <sup>37</sup>Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup>Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Please kneel.*

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

*Please stand.*

### THE BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

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