We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure... Hebrews 6:19



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Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm – Psalm 27:11-14

¹¹Teach me your way, | O LORD,* and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
¹²Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;* for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.
¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD* in the land of the | living!
¹⁴Wait | for the LORD;* be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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<u>Hymns</u>

Opening Hymn: 882 – O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day **Sermon Hymn:** 420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living **Closing Hymn:** 428 – Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Readings

First Reading – Leviticus 24:13-16

P: A reading from Leviticus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

¹³ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁴ "Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵ And speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶ Whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death."

Second Reading – Acts 22:12-16

P: A reading from Acts, the twenty-second chapter.

¹² And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, "The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name."

Holy Gospel – Matthew 26:57-68

P: A reading from St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false

witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophesy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?"

Those Serving the Lord This Evening

Officiant: Rev. David Weirauch Organist: Deanna Karsten

Maundy Thursday Communion Invitation

We have a time slot sign-up available for those wishing to receive communion on Maundy Thursday who are uncomfortable attending the public worship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be scheduled for a Communion time, add your name to the online sign-up using the provided link or call us in the office.

Maundy Thursday is April 1. Time slots for Communion are available between the hours of 10:00am and noon.

Sign Up Link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A8A629A2FEC61-family