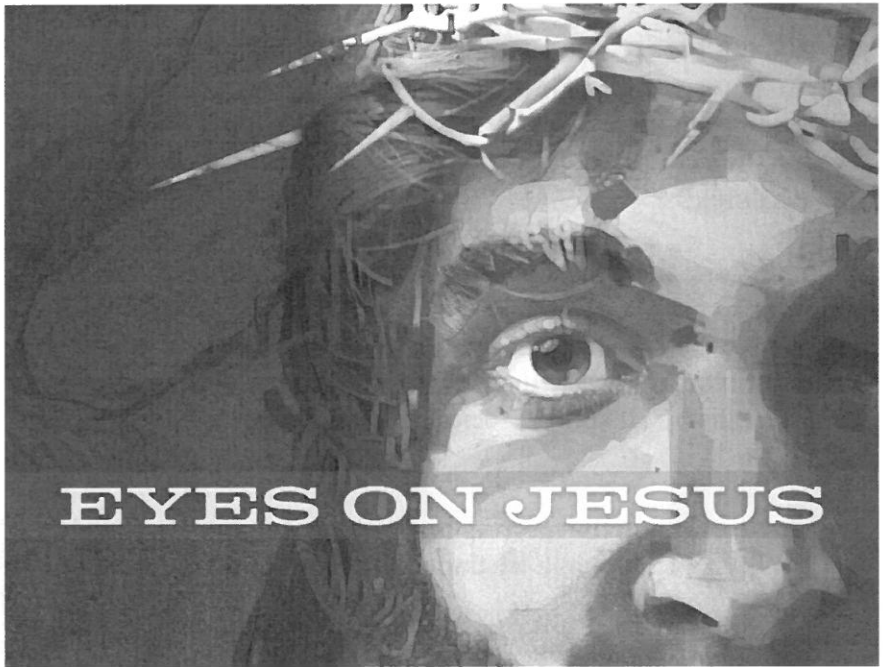


St. Johns Lutheran Church



Betraying Eyes

Lent Midweek 1

Eyes on Jesus: Betraying Eyes

AS WE GATHER

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing;

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we examine the motives and means of Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Why and how have we done the same? And how does our Lord look upon us?

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

HYMN *Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face (to the tune LSB 437)*

**Our eyes behold the Savior's face
And yet cannot perceive
That His perspective held our grace
Before we could believe.**

**Our focus flits and fails to see
The One whose steadfast gaze
Propelled Him to the darkened tree
Enveloped in death's haze.**

**Our sights train on the dreadful cross.
Beneath His knowing eyes,
Our sins are bare and set for loss;
He sees us as His prize.**

**Our vision blurs with anxious tears
As Jesus' eyelids fall
To conquer sin and all our fears
And tear in two our pall.**

**Our view scans for the coming Day
That evermore grows near,
When Jesus wipes our tears away
And all is crystal clear.**

CONFESSION

As we perceive how the people around Jesus were unable to truly see Him, let us confess our own failures to respond to His grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

The disciples misjudged the good deed of the woman who anointed Jesus,
and we have failed to see that He is pleased with the loving service of His followers.

Judas betrayed Jesus out of fear and for financial gain,
**and we have betrayed our weak faith in Him when making
difficult decisions.**

**We pray that You, heavenly Father, will forgive us all our sins
for Jesus' sake. Help us fix our eyes on Jesus each day until we
follow Him to our eternal home, where we shall see You face to
face.**

SONG: Change My Heart Oh God

**Change my heart, oh God;
make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, oh God;
may I be like you. (2x)**

(बदली गर्नोस् मेरो हृदय, सधैंको लागि साँच्चै
बदली गर्नोस् मेरो हृदय, हुन सक्छ तपाईंजस्तै) (२)

badli garnos mero ridai,
sadhain-ko lagi saanccai.
badli garnos mero ridai,
huna sakuñ tapaañ-jastai 2x

**You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.**

तपाईं कुमाले, म हुँ माटो, बनाउनुस् मलाई तपाईंको भाँडो ।

tapaañ kumaale, ma huñ maaTo,
banaaunos malaai tapaañ-ko bhaañD

FORGIVENESS

“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has
seen a God besides [the Lord], who acts for those who wait for

Him” (Isaiah 64:4). This God has given his Son Jesus to die for you. And by his death grants you the forgiveness of sins. For the sake of Jesus you are forgiven. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PSALMODY *Psalm 41:7-13; antiphon: v. 4*

All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;

he will not rise again from where he lies.”

Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,

and raise me up, that I may repay them!

By this I know that You delight in me:

my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

But You have upheld me because of my integrity,

and set me in Your presence forever.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

SONG: *Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light

of His glory and grace. 3x

PASSION *Mark 14:10–21, 32, 41–46*

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark, the 14th chapter.

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray [Jesus] to them. And when they heard it,

they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray Him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,

and the disciples prepare the passover and when it was evening he came with the twelve. and they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said,

“Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another,

“Is it I?”

“It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born. . . .”

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples,

“Sit here while I pray”. . . .

And he came the third time and said to them,

“Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

“The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”

And when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

“Rabbi!”

And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized Him.

HYMN *544 O Love, How Deep sts. 1–2, 5*

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

**He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.**

SERMON *Betraying Eyes*

OFFERING

HYMN

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water

So my soul longeth after Thee

You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

जसरी हरणलेपानीको तृणा गदछ मेरो दयको चाहना गन आराधना मा
तपाको

jasari hariN-le paani-ko trisaNaa gardacha mero ridai-ko caahanaa
garna aaraadhnaa maatra tapaaĩn-ko

You alone are my strength, my shield

To You alone may my spirit yield

You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

तपा मेरो श र मेरो ढाल तपामा गछ ु आा समपण मेरो दयको चाहना गन
आराधना मा तपाको

tapaaĩn mero shakti ra mero Dhaal
tapaaĩn-maa garchu aatmaa samarpaN mero ridai-ko caahanaa
garna aaraadhnaa maatra tapaaĩn-ko

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

For all who struggle with unemployment or underemployment,
with poor living conditions or displacement from home, with
personal demons or ill health, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who serve the Lord as they care for others—medical
personnel and first responders, counselors and advisers, friends and
neighbors, professionals and volunteers—

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church around the world, as clergy and lay leaders seek to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully endeavor to share their faith, especially in the face of persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 *LSB 234*

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART LSB 878 Abide with Me (stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

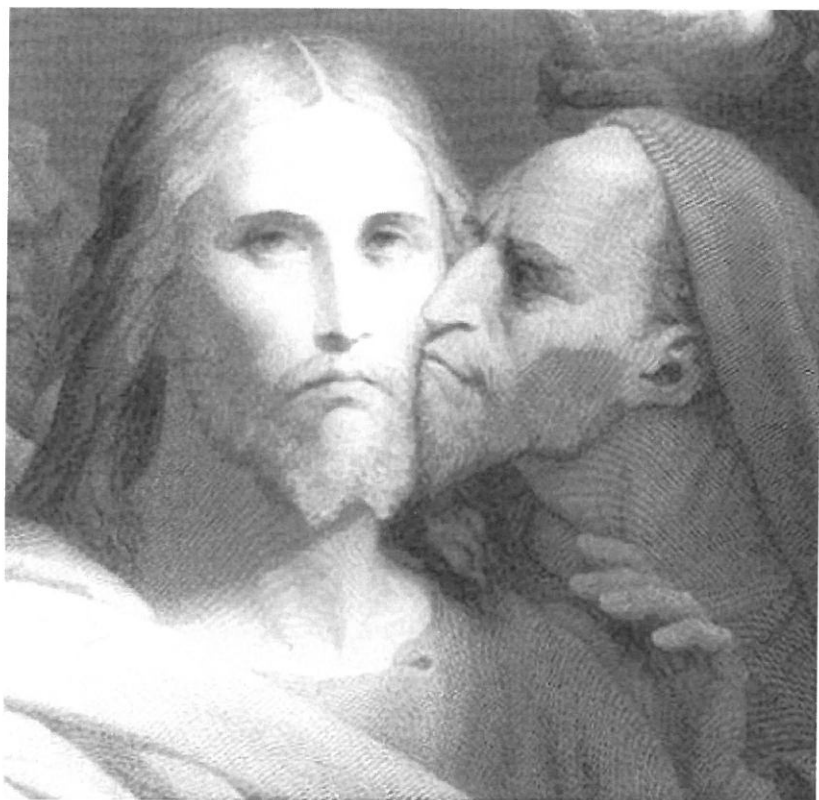
**I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me.