

**ST PAUL EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
March 8th, 2023**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*please stand

Opening Music

Order of Worship

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Congregation: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Pastor: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Congregation: Why are you cast down O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Invocation (Unison)

Dear God, we know that our hope lies in you. Through tears and tribulation, joy and celebration you proclaim the promise of life eternal. Help us Lord, to stand firm in the hope of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (1&2) 597

FIRST LESSON – Joshua 24:14-15

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

GOSPEL READING – ST. MATTHEW 26:14-16

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Lenten Message “Fast From Bargaining” Pastor John

HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (3&4) 597

PRAYER LITANY

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Congregation: Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: and I will praise you with the harp, O God my God.

Congregation: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Pastor: We deserve condemnation, and you offer us the hope of salvation from the cross that we might be whole, within your family. O Lord help us to see more clearly the hope in your sacrifice. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

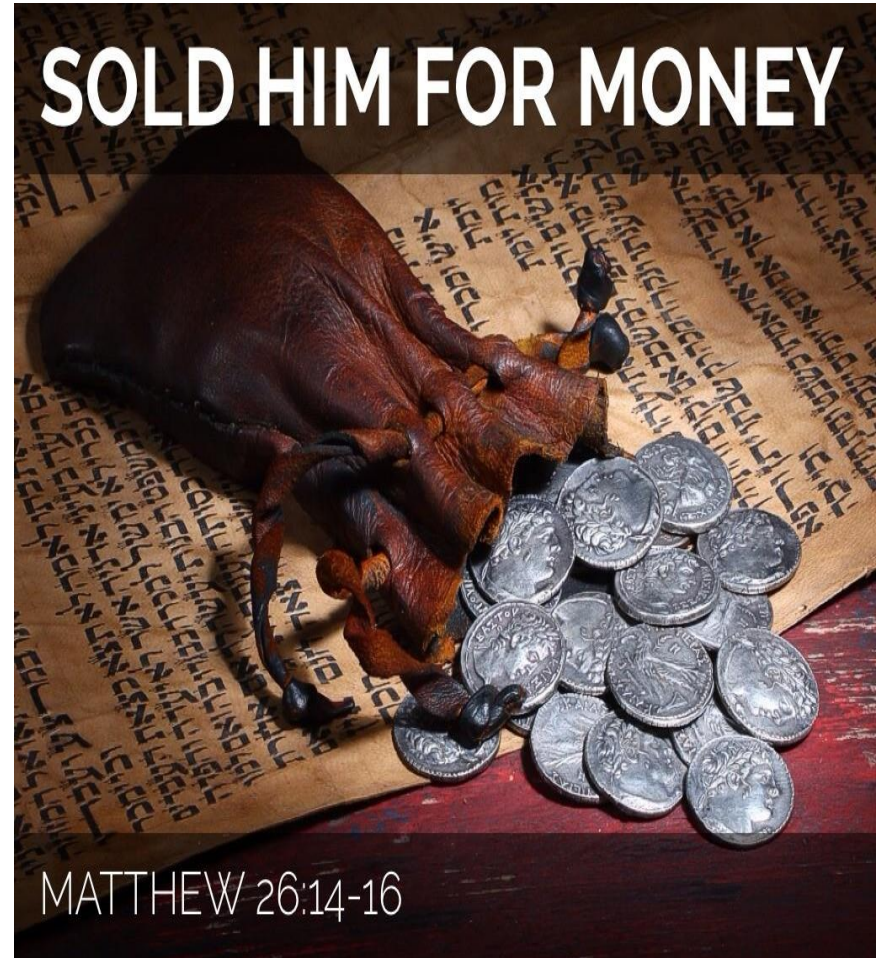
The Benediction

A moment in silence for reflection

Closing Music



SOLD HIM FOR MONEY



MATTHEW 26:14-16

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