

**John 6:66-68**  
**The Warrior Rejected by Many**  
**Followers**

Christ Lutheran Church  
Midweek Worship

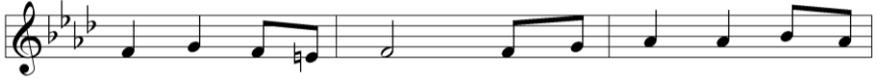
# The Son of God Goes Forth to War

## Opening Hymn

127 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him  
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there  
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly, Nor sup -  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -  
 ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -  
 pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture  
 ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.  
 own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,  
 right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's  
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient  
 in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that  
 bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -  
 fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (87 87 D) *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850.

**M:** In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

**All:** **O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

**C:** **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

*Silence for private confession.*

**M:** Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** **Yes, I believe.**

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### **Prayer**

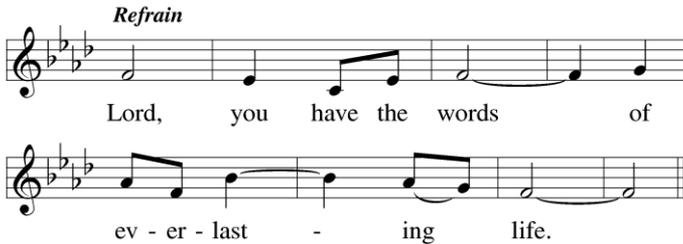
**M:** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 119b

*Refrain*



Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*



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Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees;  
then I will keep them to the end.  
Give me understanding, and I will keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.  
Direct me in the path of your commands,  
for there I find delight.

**Refrain**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
preserve my life according to your Word.  
Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
so that you may be feared.  
How I long for your precepts!  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**Glory be 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.**

**Refrain**

**Psalm Prayer**

M: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Passion History Reading

**All:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

## Hymn

588 Abide with Me (v.1-5)



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,  
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,  
What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

## Sermon

**John 6:66-68**

<sup>66</sup> From that moment<sup>[a]</sup> many of his disciples turned back and no longer accompanied him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the Twelve, “You don’t want to go away too, do you?”

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life.

## Offering

### 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.**

### Evening Prayer

**All: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### Blessing

**M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ †, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

588 Abide with me (v.6,7)

- 6 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.
- 7 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!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.  
 Tune: EVENTIDE (10 10 10 10) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

### **Lenten Rotation 2020**

March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Waterstradt	John 6:66-68
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March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Hoppe	Ephesians 6:12
	The Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy	
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