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**†Make Disciples for Jesus through Word & Sacrament†**

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## ***The Son of God Goes Forth to War***

**Pastor:** Craig Engel

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**Opening Hymn: #109 *When O'er My Sins I Sorrow***

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

**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 16 found on page 68 in the front of the hymnal**

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**Passion History Lesson: Matthew 26:36-56**

**Seasonal Response**

**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.**

**Sermon Hymn: #715 *What Grace Is This!***

**Sermon Text: John 11:33-37**

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They told him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

**Sermon Theme: *Hidden Warrior***

**Offering**

**Prayers / Lord's Prayer**

**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: #369 *Beautiful Savior***

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**Next Wednesday** evening Pastor DeVries will be preaching and the theme is *The Son of God Goes Forth to War: The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers*. St. Peter's will be serving salads and sandwiches for supper beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There is **Dartball** on Friday at 7pm at Grace. Everyone is welcome.