

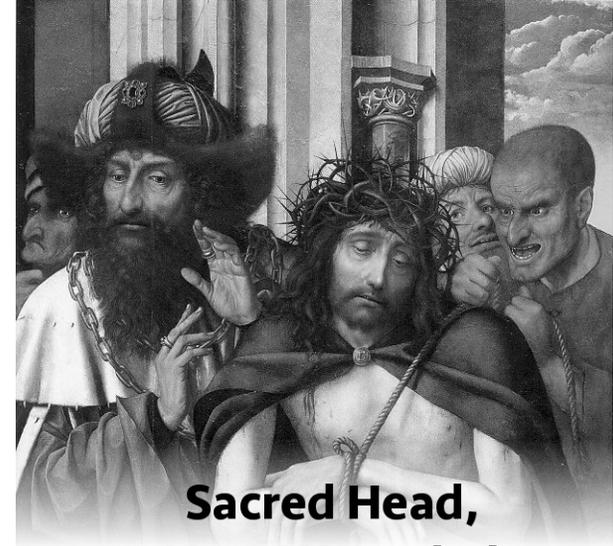
of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Theme Hymn: #450 (v. 1, 2, 3) – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Sermon: "The Wound of Betrayal"

Closing Hymn: #919 – Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



**Sacred Head,
Now Wounded**

2nd Wednesday of Lent
February 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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WELCOME! We thank God for you and pray that He will richly bless our worship together.

The Order of Vespers:

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Psalmody

Psalm 3; antiphon Psalm 3:3 (E.S.V.)

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

¹ **O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;**

² many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him in God."

³ **But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.

⁵ **I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ **Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my
enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.**

⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!

**Glorify 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.**

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

Office Hymn: #882 – O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 15:1-6 (English Standard Version)

Absalom's Conspiracy

¹ After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ² And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," ³ Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." ⁴ Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." ⁵ And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. ⁶ Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:1-7 (English Standard Version)

To the Church in Ephesus

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:20-25 (English Standard Version)

²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.^[a] ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written