

Lenten Worship 4

Lethargy—Slow Death

(Stand)

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (LSB 655)

Psalm 139:1–4, 11–12, 23–24

P: O Lord, You have searched me and You know me.

C: YOU KNOW WHEN I SIT AND WHEN I RISE; YOU PERCEIVE MY THOUGHTS FROM AFAR.

P: You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

C: BEFORE A WORD IS ON MY TONGUE, YOU KNOW IT COMPLETELY, O LORD.

P: If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,”

C: EVEN THE DARKNESS WILL NOT BE DARK TO YOU; THE NIGHT WILL SHINE LIKE THE DAY, FOR DARKNESS IS AS LIGHT TO YOU.

P: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

ALL: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

(Be seated)

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 29:13–16 “These people . . . honor Me with their lips but their hearts are far from Me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Epistle Lesson

Revelation 3:1–6 “Wake up! Strengthen what remains.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:42–51 “Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

(Stand)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated)

Hymn: “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” (Lutheran Worship, 302)

The Sermon

The Letter to Sardis: Lethargy—Slow Death

(Stand)

The Apostles' Creed

(Be seated)

The Offering

(Stand)

The Prayer of the Day

ALL: Lord Jesus, coming Judge, keep me ever watchful that I might not stain my garments with sin. Through Your Word and Spirit, perfect holiness in my life that the Last Day may find me prepared through repentance and faith. In Your name I pray. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: HEAR US, O LORD.

The 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: He who overcomes will . . . be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life,

C: BUT WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HIS NAME BEFORE MY FATHER AND HIS ANGELS. HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES. (Revelation 3:5)

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn: “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (LSB 707)