



THY WILL BE DONE

5 Lent Midweek in the year of our LORD 2018



GOD'S WILL

and MY

WORLDVIEW

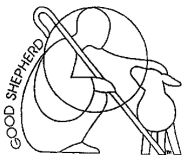


GOD'S WILL
and GOD'S
PROMISE

Saul had his worldview turned upside down and inside out. God called Saul to preach the name of the very Christ whom Saul had been persecuting! We follow God's will when God places the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

Thy Will Be Done

An Easter-Preparation Lenten Series



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We extend a hearty welcome in the name of Jesus to all our guests in our Father's house today. Whether you have been with us for years, or if this is your first time visiting, WELCOME!

"And for three days [Saul] was without sight, and neither ate nor drank." Acts 9:9

WELCOMING SONG

#385CW STANZAS 1 TO 4

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LEADER: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

PEOPLE: Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. (Romans 3)

LEADER: We know that the law is spiritual;

PEOPLE: but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

LEADER: I do not understand what I do.

PEOPLE: For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate—I do! (Romans 7)

LEADER: So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

PEOPLE: I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind

LEADER: And this is always making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

PEOPLE: What a wretched person I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? (Romans 7)

(SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION)

LEADER: At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!** (Romans 5; 8)

LEADER: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

PEOPLE: It is God who justifies. Who then is the One who condemns?

LEADER: Christ Jesus who died—more than that! He was raised to life—He is at the right hand of God

PEOPLE: **Christ is also interceding for us.**

LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

PEOPLE: **No! In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** (Romans 8)

WE SING

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**O my Savior, help afford by thy Spirit and thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

LEADER: Based on the merits of Christ, crucified and risen, I am privileged to tell you God's good news: I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the living God. Be at peace in Him.

GOD'S WORD FOR ALL (from the 4 Gospels)

Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in.

The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming him-

self too. One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with Jesus the Galilean.”

But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I don’t know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him.”



When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, “This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, “I do not know the man.” After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them, be-

cause even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!” Then Peter began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!”

At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord’s word, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times.” He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said.”

When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. “Is that how you answer the high priest?” he demanded. “If I said something wrong,” Jesus answered, “testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?”

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’” Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” They answered, “He is deserving of death!” Then some began to spit on him. They covered Jesus’ face, struck Him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

The guards also took Him and beat Him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law. They brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He said to them, "I AM what you are saying."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!" Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money." They reached a decision to buy the potter's field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners. So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: *They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.*

Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said, "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death." This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "It is as you say,"

Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!" But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed. Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." "You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, "I AM, as you say, a King. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." "What is truth?" Pilate said to Him.

After he said this, Pilate went out again to the Jews and told them, "I find no basis for a charge against Him." But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here." When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see Him, because he had heard many things about Jesus. He hoped to see some miracle performed by Him. He questioned Jesus with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY:

TUNE: #214CW VERSION 1

**From all Thy saints in warfare, for all Thy saints at rest,
To Thee, O blessèd Jesus, all praises be addressed;**

**Thou, Lord, didst win the battle, that they might conquerors be;
Their crowns of living glory are lit with rays from Thee.**

**Praise for the light from heaven, praise for the Voice of awe,
Praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.
Thee, Lord, for his conversion, we glorify today;
So lighten all our darkness to walk in Spirit's Day.**

INSTRUCTION IN GOD'S WORD

GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERINGS, PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

LEADER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

PARTING SONG: *WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME* #477cw Version 1

**What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure.
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace and rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised and honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth and all that mammon offers,
Yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

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GEORG MICHAEL PFEFFERKORN

Georg (that's Georg without an "e") Michael Pfefferkorn was born on the 16th of March in the year of our Lord 1645 at Ifta, near Creuzburg-on-the-Werra.

Georg Michael was quickly seen to faithful and gifted. Eventually the Lord called him into the pastoral ministry in the year of our Lord 1619. He pastored there in the Creuzburg area for 58 years.

After studying at the Universities of Jena and Leipzig (M.A. 1666) Georg was for a short time a private tutor at Altenburg. In the year of our Lord 1668, the Lord placed him the official position of "Master" of the two highest forms in the Gymnasium at Altenburg.

Five years later, Pastor Pfefferkorn Duke Ernst the Pious of Gotha appointed him as a tutor to his three sons. The very next year, Duke Friedrich the First appointed Pastor Pfefferkorn to serve at Friemar. This is near Gotha. And in the year of our Lord 1682, the Duke asked him to serve as member of the consistory, a court of advisers. He was also asked to serve as superintendent of the school-system Gräfen-Tonna, near Gotha. After a number of years, Pastor Pfefferkorn stepped down as superintendent of Gräfen-Tonna, And he finally died at Creuzburg on March 3 in the year of our Lord 1732. The Lord preserved about four hymns from His long-lived servant. The most widespread and widely used is titled: *WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME!*

7. The world abideth not; Lo, like a flash 'twill vanish;
With all it gorgeous pomp Pale death it cannot banish;
Its riches pass away, And all its joys must flee;
But Jesus doth abide,- What is the world to me!

8. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth, My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All, My Bliss eternally.

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With meditation on 1 John 2: 15-17

