

A Midweek Journey in

LENT

March 26, 2025



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*If only
they could talk*



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PRELUDE

"Gethsemane"

Joseph Herl

If Only They Could Talk

Silent Witness Four: The Spear

*But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once
there came out blood and water.*

John 19:34

PROCESSIONAL

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 450 v. 1, 5



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint-ing be,



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets,

People: **but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: No one has ever seen God.

People: The only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made God known.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Pastor: Therefore, we must pay close attention to what we have heard.

People: It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,

Pastor: while God himself also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles

People: and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.

VERSE

LSB 436 v. 1

♪ **Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely,

People: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Pastor: looking unto Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

People: For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

VERSE

LSB 436 v. 2

♪ **Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

Pastor: "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

People: We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

Pastor: When we cry, "Abba, Father," it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God,

People: and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Pastor: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations."
People: **We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.**
Pastor: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses."
People: **We are witnesses to all that he did. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,**
Pastor: but God raised him up on the third day and made him manifest,
People: **not to all people, but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.**

VERSE

LSB 436 v. 3

♪ **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Jesus, when the spear pierced your side, blood and water flowed, but more than that, your love flowed out to us. Thank you for bearing the pain, for washing our sins away, for giving your very life, purely out of compassion for us. Help us to show love just as extravagantly and sacrificially to those around us.
People: **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 53:7-8

(He was oppressed and afflicted)

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:7-11

(Above all, keep loving)

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Beneath the Cross”

Patterson

“O Come and Mourn”

Hopson

St. Paul Lutheran School Choir, Royal Oak, MI

GOSPEL READING

John 19:31-37

(His side was pierced, and at once there came out blood and water)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

LSB 419 v. 1, 3-4



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -
 dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode
 Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to
 pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
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HOMILY

“Truth. Touch. Time”

1 Peter 4:7

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“Wondrous Love”
 “Wounded and Afflicted”

St. Paul Lutheran School Bell Choir

PRAYER

During this Lenten season, we hear not only the echoes of the ages, but those that ring against these very walls, as we pray the prayers of those who find their place in the stone, glass, wood, tile, paint or fresco of Historic Trinity.

Pastor: Gracious and holy Father, please give me: intellect to understand you; reason to discern you; diligence to seek you; wisdom to find you; a spirit to know you; a heart to meditate upon you; ears to hear you; eyes to see you; a tongue to proclaim you; a way of life pleasing to you; patience to wait for you; and perseverance to look for you. Grant me: a perfect end, your holy presence. A blessed resurrection, And life everlasting.

People: **Amen.** ~ *St. Benedict (480-547)*

Pastor: Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. ~ *St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me, Blood of Christ, inebriate me, Water from the side of Christ, wash me, Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me, Permit me not to be separated from Thee, From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me, And bid me come unto Thee, That with thy Saints I may praise Thee, Forever and ever. ~ *Anima Christi (14th century)*

People: **Amen.**

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.

BENEDICTION

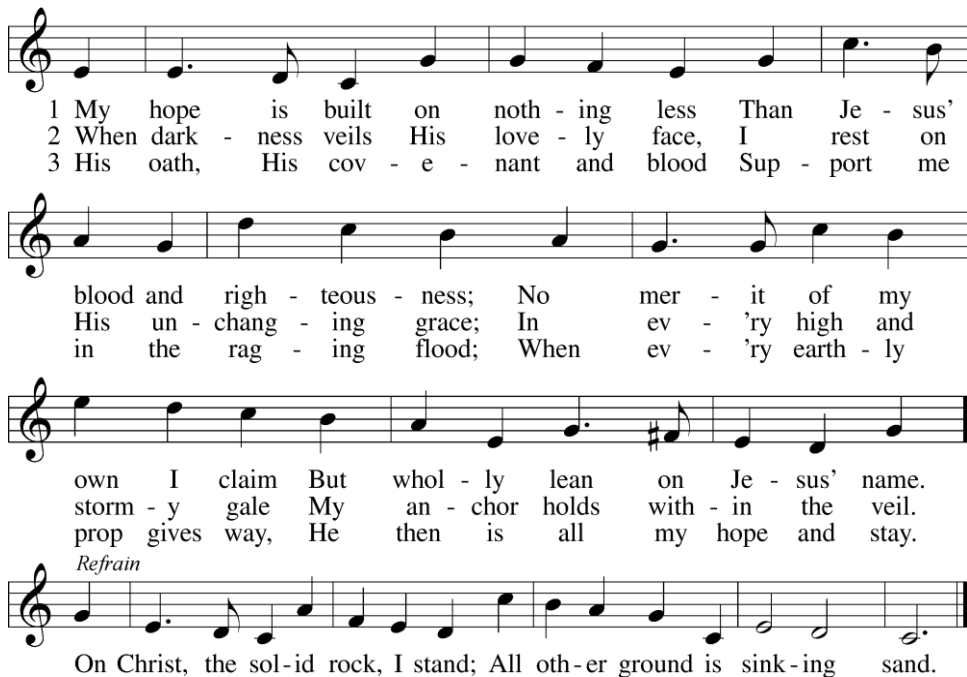
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

LSB 575 v. 1-3



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on me
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

POSTLUDE

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

Sam Estherton

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 30	9/10:30am	The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Wednesday, April 2.	12pm.	The Shroud. Lutheran High Northwest
Sunday, April 6.	8/9/10:30am	The Fifth Sunday of Lent (8am- Matins)
Wednesday, April 9.	12pm.	The Stone. Immanuel Lutheran School, Macomb
Sunday, April 13.	9am/10:30am.	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17	7pm.	Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18	12/12:45/1:30pm	Tre- Ore
Friday, April 19	7pm	Tenebrae
Sunday, April 20	7:30/9/11am	The Festival of the Resurrection