

A Midweek Journey in

LENT

April 2, 2025



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*If only
they could talk*



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PRELUDE

“Love Unknown”

Jon D. Vicker

If Only They Could Talk

Silent Witness Five: The Shroud

So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices.

John 19:40

PROCESSIONAL

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450 v. 1, 6



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Then let Thy pres-ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
When soul and bod - y lan-guish, O leave me not a - lone,



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

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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 456 v. 1

♪ **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it cases me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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 456 v. 2

♪ **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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

♪ **Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, your body was wrapped in a shroud at your burial. Yet, by your death on the cross, we know that you have wrapped us all in the robe of righteousness, forever forgiven through you. Help us to look forward to your rising from the dead on Easter, when you will leave your shroud in the tomb and go forth to live a new life with us.
People: **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 53:9-11

(They made his grave with the wicked)

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous and he shall bear their iniquities.

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

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:8-15

(The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous)

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Thy Will Be Done”

Craig Courtney

Lutheran High Northwest, Rochester Hills

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:42-46a

(A crucified Jesus is wrapped in His burial cloth)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 15.

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

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock.

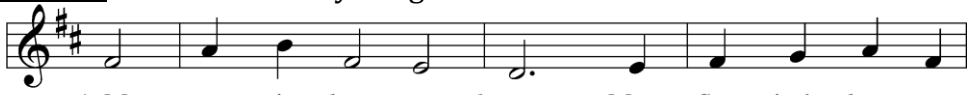
Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 v. 1-2, 5-7



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er like
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
That He His foes From thence might free.
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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HOMILY

"In Fact—Christ Has Been Raised"

1 Corinthians 15:16-20

Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

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

"O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

Henry V. Gerike

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: Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of Your brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of Your wisdom. All our desire is known unto You, therefore perfect what You have begun, and what Your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek Your face, turn Your face to us and show us Your glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.

People: **Amen.** *~St. Augustine (354-430 AD)*

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised: who believes in me shall have eternal life. Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still said: "My son, be of good cheer; yours sins are forgiven you. I will raise you up on the last day, and you will have eternal life." I cannot help myself by my own strength. I come to you for help.

People: **Amen.** *~ Martin Luther (1483- 1546)*

Pastor: O Lord, holy Father, show us what kind of man it is who is hanging for our sakes on the cross, whose suffering causes the rocks themselves to crack and crumble with compassion, whose death brings the dead back to life. Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him. Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering. Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies. And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.

~St. Bonaventura (1217-1274)

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.

ANTHEM

"An Irish Blessing"

Donald Moore

Lutheran High Northwest, Rochester Hills, MI

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:



RECESSIONAL HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

LSB 644 v. 1-2, 4



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.

POSTLUDE

“Largo”

Antonio Vivaldi

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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