

*A Midweek Journey in*

# LENT

April 9, 2025



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## Lutheran Church

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### PRELUDE

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

Matthew Machemer

## If Only They Could Talk

Silent Witness Six: The Stone

*I tell you, if there were silent, the very stones would cry out.*

*Luke 19:40*

### PROCESSIONAL

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450 v. 1, 7



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
My heart by faith en-fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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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 702 v. 1

♪ **My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;**

**O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

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 Perfector 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 702 v. 2

♪ **May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!**

**As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee**

**Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

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

♪ **While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you are the cornerstone of our lives. We praise you that the stone in front of your tomb was rolled away on Easter morning so that you could step out into the world again, risen for us. We live because you live, and we rejoice that our lives will forever be blest by you as our firm foundation and our remover of all obstacles to the glory of heaven with you.  
**People: Amen.**

### **READING**

Isaiah 54:1-3

*(Break forth into singing)*

<sup>1</sup> "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

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

### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Peter 2:4-9

*(The Living Stone rejected)*

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

"Jesus Loves Me" *Bradbury, arr. Betty Bertaux*  
"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" *von Hayn, arr. Mark Shepperd*  
*Immanuel Lutheran 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Macomb*

### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 27:60b-66

*(The stone rolls shut)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 27.

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

<sup>60</sup> And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

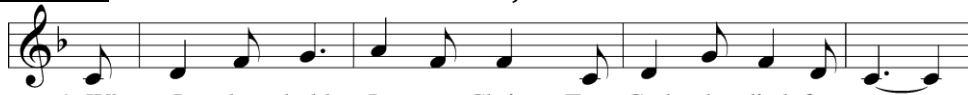
Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON HYMN

### “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



*Refrain*  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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## HOMILY

### “What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?”

Matthew 27:60b-66

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor  
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## VOLUNTARY

“Lento”

Cesar Franck

## 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:** Almighty Lord, God of the Powers and of all flesh, Who lives in the highest and cares for the humble, Who searches our hearts and affections, and clearly foreknows the secrets of men; eternal and everliving Light, in Whom is no change nor shadow of variation; O Immortal King, receive our prayers which at the present time we offer to Thee from unclean lips, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies. Forgive all sins committed by us in thought, word or deed, consciously or unconsciously, and cleanse us from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us to pass the night of the whole present life with wakeful heart and sober thought, ever expecting the coming of the radiant day of the appearing of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, when the Judge of all will come with glory to render to each according to their deeds. May we not be found fallen and idle, but awake and alert for action, ready to accompany Him into the joy and divine palace of His glory, where there is the ceaseless sound of those keeping festival and the unspeakable delight of those who behold the ineffable beauty of Thy Face. For Thou art the true Light that enlightens and sanctifies all, and all creation sings to Thee throughout the ages.

*~ St. Basil the Great (330-379)*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** O my God, Jesus I am in every way unworthy of you. Yet like Joseph of Arimathea, I want to offer a space for you. He offered his tomb; I offer my heart. Enter the darkness of my heart as your body entered the darkness of Joseph's tomb. And make me worthy to receive you, driving out all sin and darkness, that I might be filled with your light. *~St Bonaventure (1217-74)*

**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****"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

LSB 525 v. 1-4



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

**POSTLUDE****"When I Behold Jesus Christ"***Jon D. Vicker***HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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