

*A Midweek Journey in*

# LENT

March 18, 2026

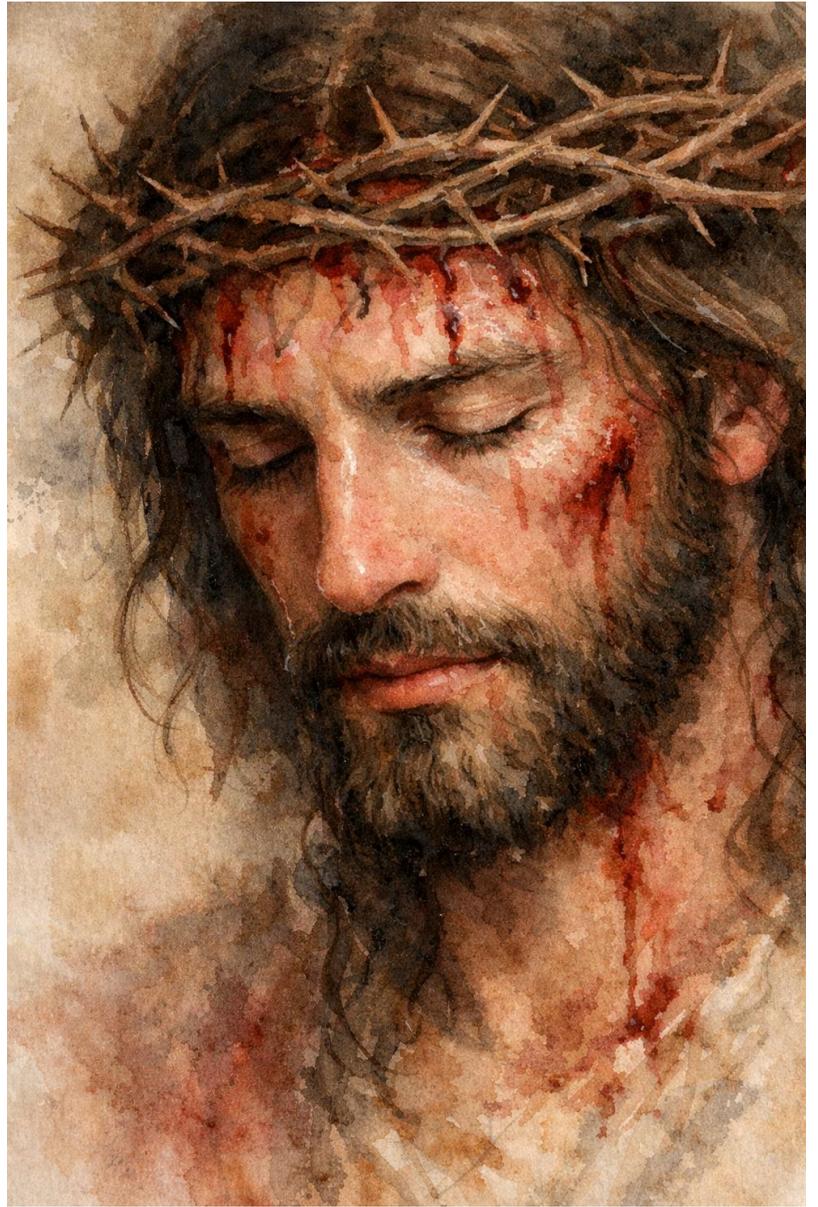


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## Lutheran Church

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**PRELUDE**

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

*Paul Grime*

## Written in the Scars

Week Five: His Scarred Hands

*I have engraved you on the palms of my hands*

*Isaiah 49:16*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

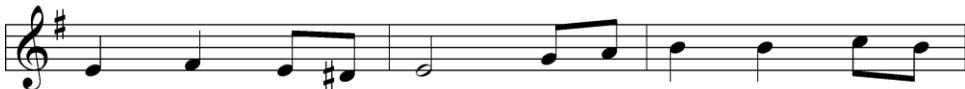
LSB 451 v. 1-2, 4



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*from Psalm 22:12-16*

Pastor: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
**People: they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**  
Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;  
**People: my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**  
Pastor: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
**People: they have pierced my hands and feet.**  
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: How courageously you faced the hour of your betrayal. How you gave, even when you were being taken away to die. To your father, you gave your obedience. To your disciples, you gave a plea for their escape. To your betrayer, you gave a kind word. To your enemy, you gave your healing. To your captures, you gave your own life. Give also to us, Lord, we beg. For we, like Peter, have defended you carelessly. Like Mark, we've hidden in the bushes in the moment of truth. Like James, we ran. But if we looked in the recesses of our heart, buried in shame, we will find ourselves all too much like Judas, betraying you... even with a kiss.  
**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:10-12

*(In his hand is the will of the Lord)*

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 6:6-11

*(Crucified together with Christ)*

<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“The Walk to Calvary”  
“Behold the Lamb of God”

*Anderson  
Bouman  
Our Savior Lutheran School, Lansing Choir*

## GOSPEL

Mark 15:21-34

*(Jesus is crucified)*

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Pastor: May the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today...Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. ~*St. Patrick (387-461)*

**People: Amen.**

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.**

Pastor: I am desperate for your love, Lord. My heart is aflame with fervent passion. When I remember the good things you have done, my heart burns with desire to embrace you. I thirst for you; I hunger for you; I long for you; I sigh for you. I am jealous of your love. What shall I say to you? What can I do for you? Where shall I seek you? I am sick for your love. The joy of my heart turns to dust. My happy laughter is reduced to ashes. I want you. I hope for you. My soul is like a widow, bereft of you. Turn to me, and see my tears. Come now, Lord, and I will be comforted. Show me your face, and I shall be saved. Enter my room, and I shall be satisfied. Reveal your beauty, and my joy will be complete. ~*St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)*

**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.**

**THE BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26

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: **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

LSB 574 v. 1-2, 6



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is  
6 At one with Him, I can - not die, My soul is



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is  
writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
pur - chased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
high, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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**POSTLUDE**

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

*Henry V. Gerike*