

A Midweek Journey in

LENT

March 25, 2026

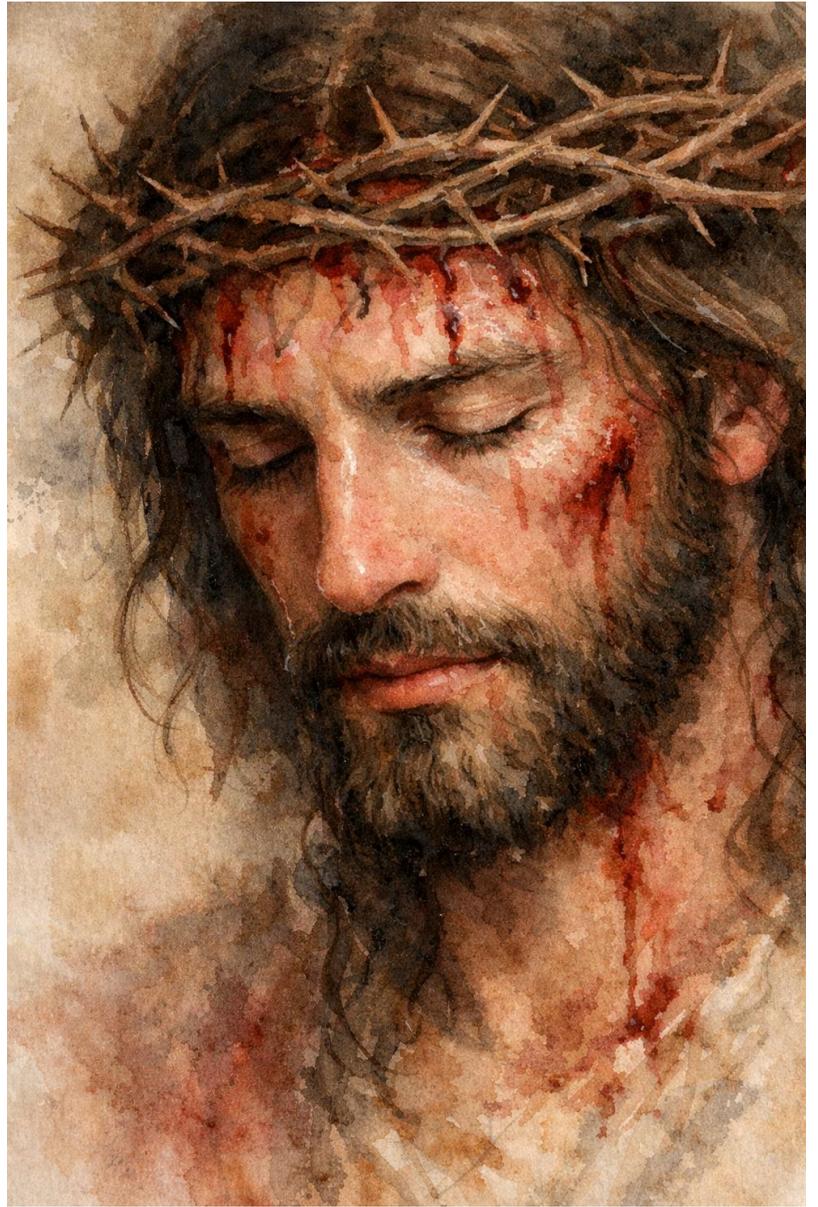


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PRELUDE

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Matthew Machemer

Written in the Scars

Week Six: His Beautiful Face

God has shone in our hearts in the face of Jesus

2 Corinthians 4:6

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

OPENING SENTENCES

from Psalm 27

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,

People: **it is they who stumble and fall.**

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
People: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
Pastor: You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you,
People: “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”
Pastor: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
People: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
Pastor: In the name of the Father, the † Son—who is the King of glory—and the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Listen, O Lord, to our hearts this day. Search our hearts and find our desire to be with you at this hour, pull up those rays of divine splendor within, so that our whole being is filled with your presence. But remind us that none of this is possible without you. When you are not the One who fills us, we are quickly filled with endless thoughts and concerns that divide us and tear us away from You. Even thoughts about You, good spiritual thoughts, can be little more than distraction when You are not their author. So this day, we stand ready to “know only Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”, and when we see only Jesus on that tree, we withdraw in both horror and hope. Pull up those rays of divine splendor so that all that remains is hope.
People: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:2

(No beauty or majesty)

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 621

♪ **Christ, our human likeness sharing, Heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Be Your life in us displayed.**

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EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-8

(Born in the likeness of men.)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Lamb of God"
"Zion's Walls"

*Jeffrey Blersch
Aaron Copland
Lutheran High Westland Choir*

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:39-46

(Insulted. Mocked. Forsaken.)

³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

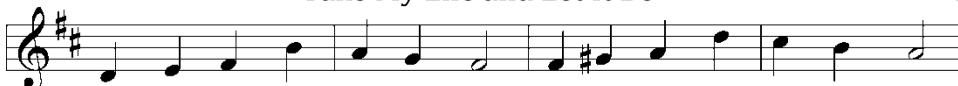
Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

LENTEN REFLECTION

"His Beautiful Face"

Numbers 6:25

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY

LSB 525 v. 3

♪ **Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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



VOLUNTARY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

William R. Brusick

PRAYERS

Pastor: O God, early in the morning do I cry to You. Help me to pray, and to think only of You. I cannot pray alone. In me there is darkness, but with You there is light. I am lonely, but You leave me not. I am restless, but with You there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience. Your ways are past understanding, but You know the way for me. Lord Jesus Christ, You know all our distress; You abide with me when all others have deserted me; You will not forget me, You pursue me. You desire that I should know You and turn to You. Lord, I hear Your call and follow You; help me. ~*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45)*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: You are the most merciful, and yet the most just. You are the most mysterious, and yet the most present. You are the most beautiful, and yet the strongest. You are stable, yet incomprehensible. You are unchanging, yet changing all things. You are never new and never old, yet you are constantly renewing all things. You are always working, yet always at rest. You create great riches on earth, yet you need nothing yourself. You support, nourish and protect all. You love, and yet you are without passion. You are jealous, and yet have not fear. You recoil at our sin, and yet you do not grieve. You are angry, yet remain serene. You alter your plans in response to our actions, yet your law and purpose remain firm. You take as you find, yet never lose. You have no needs, yet you rejoice in all goodness. You have no envy, yet you require us to multiply the talents you have bestowed. You pay debts, yet owe nothing; you forgive debts, yet lose nothing. What shall I say, O my God, my life, my holy joy? What can any man say when he speaks of you? Silence offers the greatest eloquence, yet woe to him who does not sing your praise. ~*St. Augustine (354-430)*

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most lonely moment, for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine, for loving me more than I love myself, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly, for drawing out goodness in even me, for being constant and unchanging amidst all the changes of this world, for repaying our sin with your love. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love. ~*Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

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

“Old Irish Blessing”

Denes Agay
Lutheran High School Westland

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

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837 v. 1, 3-4, 6



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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POSTLUDE

“Crucifer”

Paul D. Weber



PALM
SUNDAY

9am 10:30am

MAUNDY
THURSDAY

7pm

TRE-ORE

12pm 12:45pm
1:30pm

TENEBRAE

7pm

EASTER
SUNDAY

7:30am

9am

11am