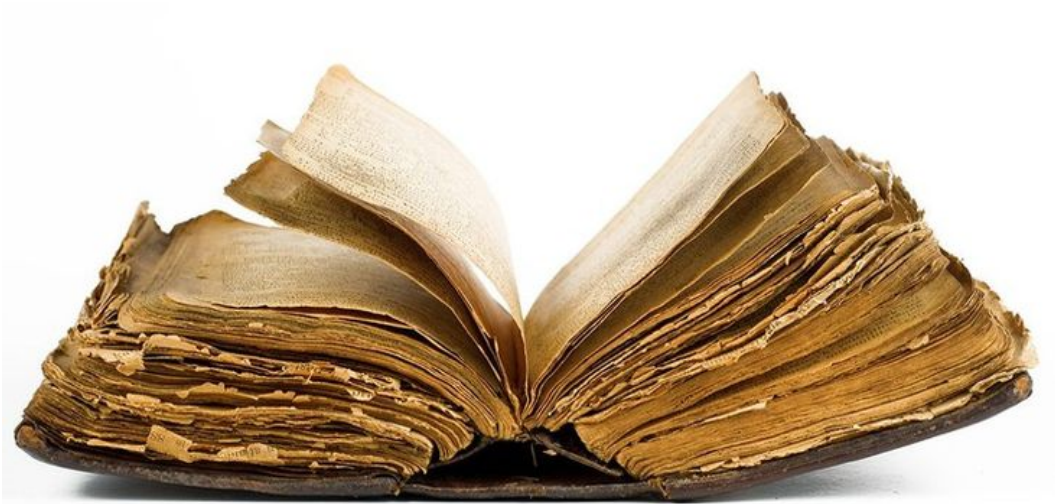


**LENTEN
MEDITATION
2025**



**THE SCRIPTURES
WERE FULFILLED!**

**"HOW THEN COULD
THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED,
THAT IT MUST HAPPEN THUS?"**

MATTHEW 26:54



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Opening Prayer

P: O LORD God, as we enter into Your presence for worship today during this season of Lent, send Your Holy Spirit upon us to guide and direct our hearts. Lead us humbly to confess our sins, joyfully to believe Your promise of forgiveness, attentively to listen to Your instruction, and confidently to lay before You our every prayer. We ask this in Jesus' name, our precious Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Hymn

P: We begin our Lenten worship in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

The Sufferings and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Four Evangelists

(One chapter of the Passion History will be read during each Lenten Service)

Confession of Faith

Smalcald Articles, Article 13

What we teach about justification is this:

Through faith, we have a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. Although sin in the flesh has not yet been completely removed or become dead, yet He will not punish or remember it.

Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works. What is still sinful or imperfect in our works will not be counted as sin or defect, for Christ's sake. The entire individual, both our person and our works, is declared to be righteous and holy from pure grace and mercy, shed upon us and spread over us in Christ.

Therefore, we cannot boast of many merits and works, if they are viewed apart from grace and mercy. As it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord"; namely, that we have a gracious God. For with that, all is well.

This is most certainly true.

Second Hymn

LENTEN MEDITATION
"The Scriptures Were Fulfilled"
(See pages 5-6 for service details)

*After the Lenten Meditation
the Congregation remains seated and sings
Hymn 767: "Jesus, Remember Me"*

The Offering

Prayer

The 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

P: Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to share the Word of God with you this evening and pray that you are edified by the message of the Gospel of Christ. Please sign our guest book and come visit us again. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about St. Paul Congregation you may call Pastor Schuetze at (303) 428-5524. We invite you to join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 am each Sunday and Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 am.

WEEKLY SERVICE DETAILS

Midweek Lent #1: March 5th

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN CHRIST'S CAPTURE IN GETHSEMANE*"
- Speaker: Lay Minister
- Hymns: 436, 438, 767, 422
- Sermon Text: Matthew 26:55-56 – In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Midweek Lent #2: March 12th

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN HIS BEING NUMBERED WITH SINNERS*"
- Speaker: Pastor Ben Libby
- Hymns: 433, 439 (Verses 1-5), 767, 425
- Sermon Text: Mark 15:25-28 – Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS. With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

Midweek Lent #3: March 19th

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN JUDAS' BETRAYAL*"
- Speaker: Pastor Tom Schuetze
- Hymns: 440, 437, 767, 423
- Sermon Text: Luke 22:21-22 – "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Midweek Lent #4: March 26th

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN THE SCORN CHRIST ENDURED FROM BYSTANDERS*"
- Speaker: Lay Minister
- Hymns: 435, 450 (Verses 1-5), 767, 450 (Verses 6-7)
- Sermon Text: Matthew 27:39-44 – And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Midweek Lent #5: April 2nd

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN THE MANNER OF CHRIST'S DEATH*"
- Speaker: Pastor Ben Libby
- Hymns: (insert), 451, 767, 543
- Sermon Text: John 19:32-37 – Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not *one* of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Midweek Lent #6: April 9th

- Theme: "The Scriptures Were Fulfilled ... *IN THE CRUELTY SHOWN BY THE SOLDIERS*"
- Speaker: Pastor Tom Schuetze
- Hymns: 419, 420 (Verses 1-5), 767, 428
- Sermon Text: Matthew 27:34-35 – They gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."