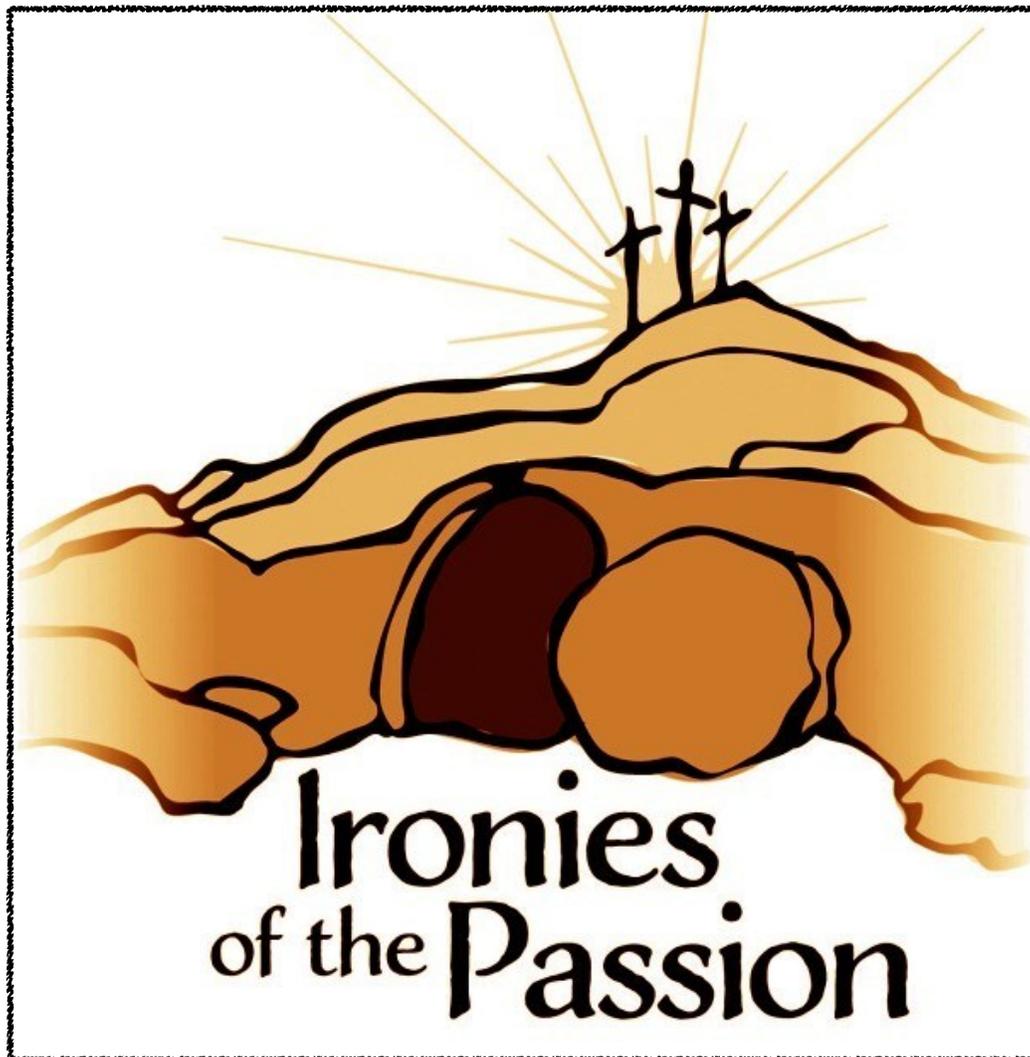


Midweek Lenten Worship 2026



Pre-service Devotion – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. [ESV]



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Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C



A - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a series of notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note D5. The bass staff has a series of notes: a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The word 'A - - - men.' is written below the treble staff, with a long dash under the 'A' and a period at the end.

Responsive Reading

P: Behold the Father's love,

C: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:17)

P: Behold the Son's grace,

C: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

P: Behold the Spirit's patient teaching,

C: Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)

Responsive Reading

P: Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

C: Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.

P: Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.

C: We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.

Confession and Absolution

Sung to the tune of LSB 614

C: With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free—
O God, be merciful to me!

No gifts, no deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee—
O God, be merciful to me!

P: God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the power and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)

C: And now, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed souls I dwell.
My joyful song shall ever be:
God has been merciful to me!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C:

A - - - men.

Passion Harmony Reading

Psalmody: Psalm 38 (printed on following page)

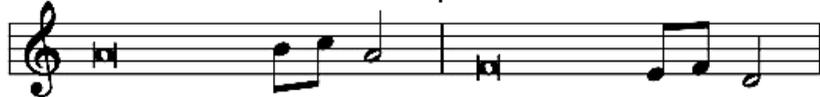
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O LORD, DO NOT REBUKE

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,*
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

For Your arrows pierce me deeply,*
And Your hand presses me down.

There is no soundness in my flesh
Because of Your anger,*
Nor is there any health in my bones
Because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;*
Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

Antiphon

Thus I am like a man who does not hear,*
And in whose mouth is no response.

For in You, O LORD, I hope;*
You will hear, O LORD my God.

Make haste to help me,*
O LORD, my salvation!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

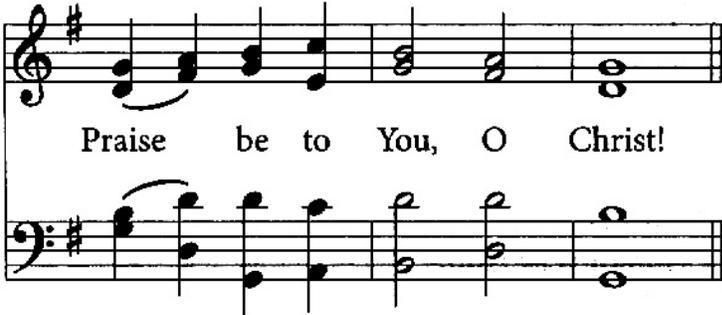
Antiphon

Passion Harmony Reading

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it!

(The Passion Harmony ended, the congregation sings:)

C:



Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith

*(From the Formula of Concord, Art III
The Righteousness of Faith, para.9-11)*

P: We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God.

C: A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

P: This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone.

C: His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

P: Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves.

C: This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.

ALL: This is most certainly true!

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Theme: "Ironies of the Passion"

See pp. 7-9 for service details

The Offertory

LSB 422

C: ♪ On my heart imprint Your image,
 Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Nevermore Your work erase;
 Let the superscription be:
 Jesus, crucified for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,
 And my glory and salvation!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer

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

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C:

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Closing Hymn

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Welcome! We especially welcome any guests and visitors we have today and ask you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study that explains what the Bible teaches and how we believe and teach all that the Bible teaches us.

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WEEKLY SERVICE DETAILS

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Pastor Libby

Text: John 11:45-53 – Hymns: 438, 449, 422, 453

Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. 48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.” 49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.” 51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People"

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February 25 – Pastor Naumann

Text: Luke 18:9-14 – Hymns: 435, 379 TLH, 422, 423

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes

of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

"This Man Went Home Justified"

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March 4 – Pastor Schuetze

Text: Matthew 26:1-5 – Hymns: 431, 433, 422, 434

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, 2 “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” 3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. 5 But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

"Not During the Festival"

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March 11 – Pastor Libby

Text: Luke 23:39-43 – Hymns: 610, 439 (1-5), 422, 611

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” 43 And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

"Don't You Fear God?"

March 18 – Pastor Naumann

Text: John 19:12-16 – Hymns: 436, 525 (1, 3-5), 422, 890

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.” 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!” 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

"We Have No King but Caesar"

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March 25 – Pastor Schuetze

Text: Luke 23:6-12 – Hymns: 420 (1-5), 451, 422, 880 (1,4,5)

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. 9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. 11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus