

LENTEN MIDWEEK (Week 3)

“Calling Us Home... ‘Suffering’” (A Study of 1 Peter)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Seasonal Setting

Lent is a time of repentance and reflection as we prepare for Holy Week, where we will see the full love and power of God displayed in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Theme of the Day

When have you went against the crowd when it comes to standing up for God’s truth?

When have you gone with the crowd? What were the consequences?

We may not always understand or appreciate suffering within our lives, but God can use it for powerful things. We pray that God would give us the strength to bear the sufferings of life, especially those that come because of following Jesus.

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps” (1 Peter 2:21).



Are You a Guest? *Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. Please Note: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 9.*

Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using clcs.org/attendance or the QR code to the right.



A Note on Lenten Midweek Offerings

Contributions received in the purple-trimmed Lent envelopes or marked as “Midweek Lent” will benefit the work of Lutheran for Life (lutheransforlife.org/) and Life Centers of Indianapolis (lifecenters.com/) Donation boxes are located at each entry door or to contribute online, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Hymn (Please stand on v. 1 as cross enters) "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Call to Worship

The Invocation - Matthew 28:19

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea.

C: **Hear me and answer me.**

P: Evening, morning, and noon.

C: **I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

C: **He will never let the righteous fall. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm

Drawn from Psalm 22

Although ridiculed and denied by Peter, Jesus endures. This psalm captures Jesus' loneliness and puts in our mouths words of awe for what our Savior went through for us.

P: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

C: **Why are You so far from saving me?**

P: O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,

C: **and by night, but I find no rest.**

P: Yet you are holy,

C: **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P: All who see me mock me;

C: **they wag their heads at me.**

P: "He trust in the Lord; let Him deliver him;

C: **let Him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

P: Be not far from me,

C: **for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

P: But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

C: **You are my help, come quickly to my aid!**

P: You who fear the Lord,

C: **praise him, glorify him, and stand in awe of Him!**

P: For He has not despised the afflicted, nor hidden His face from him,

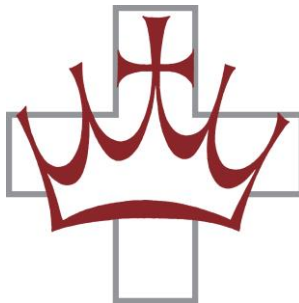
C: **but He has heard him, when he cried to Him.**

P: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

C: **those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!**

All: **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.



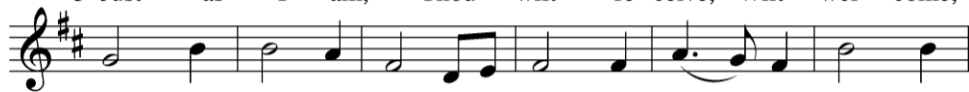
Hymn of Response *(Please be seated)*

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

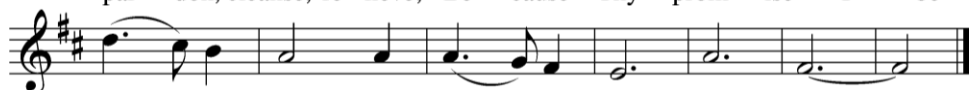
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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy. Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior

1 Timothy 2:2, 4

† The Word of the Lord †

A Reading from Our Lord's Passion "Jesus is tried. Peter denies" *Mark 14:53–72*

⁵³ And [the crowd] led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³ And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows. ⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Hymn Verse

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

LSB 684

I "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.

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Sermon Reading

"Shared Sufferings"

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechism Reflection (*Christian Questions and their Answers*) *The Lord's Prayer - 1st Petition*

P: Let us pray. Lord, Jesus, You have commanded us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (*Luke 11:9*). Give us a courageous faith that trusts your promises, but even more, we ask that You teach us to pray in a way that is pleasing to You. And so, this day we ask, "Lord, what does it mean to pray, 'Hallowed be Thy name'?"

C: **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven!**

P: Heavenly Father, may our lives be a reflection of Your grace and Your holiness, as we lead lives with adoration, thankfulness, and praise for all Your blessings unto us.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

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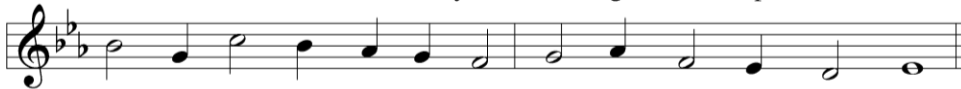
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.

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Lenten Meditation

“Calling Us Home . . . Suffering”

1 Peter 2:19-25

Sermon Series “Calling Us Home” (Week 4 of 6)

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Hymn

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440



4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.
 5 If my sins give me a - larm; And my con - science grieve me,
 6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.
 Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.
 Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
 Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.
 May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?
 If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
 That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.



Prayers of the Church *(Please stand)*

Responsive Prayer 2

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

P: In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

C: for You answer me.

P: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C: my lips will praise You.

P: For You have been my help,

C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear Your name.

P: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: and I will glorify Your name forever.

P: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

P: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

Prayer for Peace

P: O Lord, as our day and our worship service comes to an end, grant us the peace and rest that You alone can offer. O Lord, hear us as we pray:

C: O Lord, our saving light and our shelter in the day of trouble, calm our anxious hearts, strengthen our faith, and lead us in paths that are pleasing to You. Protect us, O Lord, that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You. Amen.

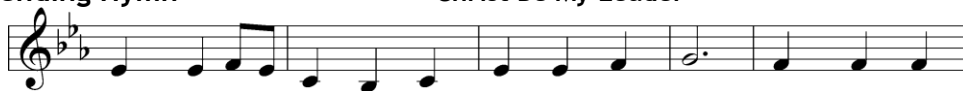
I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Sending Hymn

“Christ Be My Leader”

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Sent with God's Peace

P: As you go, may the Lord Almighty grant you a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: Amen.

Postlude & Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus, go with me through this journey of Lent. Help me to wrestle with the depths of my sin that I may fully know the overwhelming blessings of You as my Savior! Amen.

(Please extend a word of welcome with those around you as you depart.)



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Ash Wednesday to Easter

It was early in the morning when the women came to the tomb ready to finish the burial preparation for Jesus. We know what they found, and we know what they heard from the angels. "He is not here! He is risen!" That glorious good news of our Lord's Resurrection we will celebrate again on Sunday, April 20. The way to the empty tomb is always through the cross. Lent reminds us of Christ's journey to that cross to pay the price for our sins.



Our midweek theme this year is "Calling Us Home" (A Study of 1 Peter)

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2 & 9)

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. & April 13 at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

We journey with Jesus into Jerusalem, as the crowds shout and sing and the religious leaders plot and plan. Our service includes palm crosses for everyone.

Maunder Thursday, April 17 at 3:45 & 6:30 p.m.

As Jesus shared his final meal with His disciples, he offered them a new commandment and a new celebration of God's deliverance. The Lord's Supper is central to our service.

Good Friday, April 18 at 2:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Both services trace the final words of Jesus interspersed with songs and prayer.

2:15 p.m. Calvary Lutheran School chapel, but all are welcome to attend.

6:30 p.m. "Service of Darkness" with special music from our Calvary Chorale.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Bridges the gap between the darkness of Good Friday and the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Both services provide an opportunity to celebrate the joy of the resurrection

8:00 a.m. will feature traditional hymns with music from choir & handbells.

10:45 a.m. will feature contemporary songs led by our music team.

Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Food service takes place in the cafeteria with seating in the gym.

A freewill offering will take place to support our youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana this summer.

