

## **Journey to Easter - Saturday, February 27 (Day 11)**

**“Tree of Life and Awesome  
Mystery”(ELW 334, Verse 2)**

**We remember truth once  
spoken,  
love passed on through act  
and word; ev’ry person lost  
and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

### **Discussion**

Jesus did not say, “This is my abstract theological concept or my sound doctrinal sermon given to you.” In his final words to his confused followers at the Last Supper, Jesus offers his broken body for the sake of their healing and forgiveness. Therapist and trauma specialist Resmaa Menakem (author of “My Grandmother’s Hands”) notes that trauma in our body is either “transformed or transmitted” to other bodies. God wearing flesh matters. We find healing comfort in knowing that the Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood to dwell with us. It is the wounds and scars of his savior that allows Thomas to recognize the risen Christ. And it is often our own wounds and scars that allow us to see Christ in our midst, providing healing and transformation to all of our bodies for the sake of God’s kingdom. We get to wear the body of our Lord: ears, eyes, hands, feet, heart, and all. As Teresa of Avila once said, “Christ has no body but yours.”

### **Today’s Prayer**

*Jesus, we thank you for your body, broken for love’s sake.*

*We thank you for your ears, listening attentively to our cries.*

*We thank you for your eyes, seeing each one of your children.*

*We thank you for your hands, stretching out with compassion*

*We thank you for your heart, opening to every living thing.*

*We thank you for your body, given to us as a gift of life. Amen.*

**Source:** Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN  
2021 Lenten Devotional “Awesome  
Mystery”

**Image:** Passion Cross

Last of a series of six banners that adorn the side walls of the Sanctuary chosen by Pastor Rod and made by Sandy August.

This cross is also known as the Crucifixion Cross. It has four points representing the three nails and the spear that pierced Christ during the Crucifixion. (*following page*)

