

FOR US



Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

Midweek Lent 4

Theme of the Day

We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. Tonight, we will talk about the darker side of the story—that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (Mark 5:1–13) and how that work of healing continues today.

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand, On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



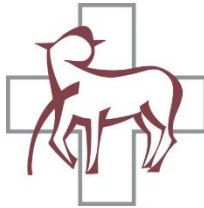
Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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Invocation

A: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Opening Sentences

Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5

A: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

A: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me,

C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

A: Christ was wounded for our transgressions;

C: He was crushed for our iniquities.

Lenten Psalm

Psalm 71:1–8

A: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

C: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me, and save me!

A: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

C: You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

A: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

C: For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

A: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;

C: You are He who took me from my mother's womb.

A: My praise is continually of You.

C: I have been as a portent to many, but You are my strong refuge.

A: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C: and with Your glory all the day.

*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.*

A: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C: let me never be put to shame!



Hymn of Praise*

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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**Normally no hymn of praise is sung during Advent and Lent. This practice accentuates the solemn and penitential nature of these seasons.*

(Timothy H. Maschke, *Gathered Guests*)

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You came into this created world to conquer sin and death. By Your victory over the tempter as one of us, strengthen our faith whenever it is under duress. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

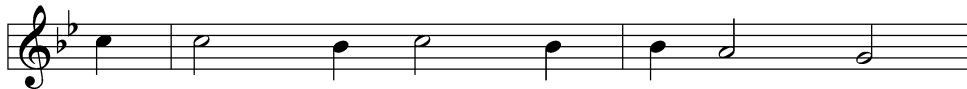
Reading

Romans 8:9–11

Mark 5:1–13

544 O Love, How Deep

LSB 544 sts. 1-4



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us tempt - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

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Sermon

Healing from Demons

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Prayer

Psalm 51:12, 15

A: Let us bring our requests to God, whose love knows no bounds.

For all who do not know our loving Lord, that He would bring the news of Christ to their ears, strengthen them in faith, and urge them to live in love, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

A: For the church, that God would open doors of opportunity for leaders and members to proclaim the Gospel, that schisms within it be mended, that the faithful be protected in body and soul, and that all people of faith find joy in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Grant them, O God, to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit.**

A: Where there is conflict and warfare between nations, that God would move leaders and citizens to seek peace with their neighbors and calm within their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Dwell in their hearts, O Christ, through faith.**

A: Where the old and young are forgotten, the sick and grieving ignored, and the needs of any are not met, that God would prosper the work of farmers and ranchers, relief agencies and civic leaders to provide for their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Grant that all caregivers reflect God's love and be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

A: For each of us, that our service to God, our concern for one another, and the mission He puts before us be joyful endeavors we seek for the growth of the church and glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

A: Oh Lord,

C: **have mercy.**

A: O Christ,

C: **have mercy.**

A: Oh Lord,

C: **have mercy. Amen**



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.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

A: Our loving Father—whose love is so deep, broad, and beyond all thought—His ✠ Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, accompany us now and always.
C: Amen.



880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

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1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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