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Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

Midweek Lent 5

Theme of the Day

Jesus foretells His own betrayal, death, and resurrection in today's text (Mark 8:31–9:1). This shows us that the way of salvation only comes through the path of suffering (Hebrews 2:10). Jesus' suffering, His Passion, does not simply mean that He sympathizes with us. Rather, it means that He participates in our suffering, and we in His. His betrayal, the crown of thorns, the shameful cross—all of these lead to how Jesus "gave His dying breath," as we sing in the series hymn. In the Passion reading, we will also hear how He dies (Mark 15:33–47) and what that means for us today.

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-tation's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-tation's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Invocation

P: 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

P: 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.

P: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me,
C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions;
C: He was crushed for our iniquities.

Lenten Psalm

Psalm 41

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
C: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

P: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
C: You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

P: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
C: in his illness You restore him to full health.

P: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
C: heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

P: My enemies say of me in malice,
C: "When will he die and his name perish?"

P: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;
C: when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

P: All who hate me whisper together about me;
C: they imagine the worst for me.

P: They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
C: he will not rise again from where he lies."

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
C: who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

P: But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
C: By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

P: But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.
C: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

*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.*

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
C: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; Amen.

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-raise;



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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You loved us with all You had. We give thanks that You became one of us, no matter the pain, so that You might redeem each of us as Your own. Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

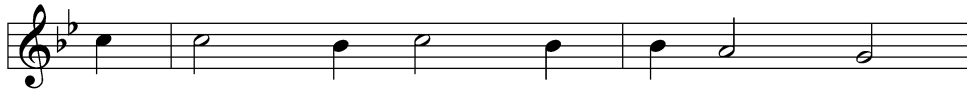
Readings

Hebrews 2:1–12

Mark 8:31—9:1

544 O Love, How Deep

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take
By words and signs and ac - tions thus
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

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Sermon

For Us Betrayed

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Litany

P: Let us pray to our Father in heaven in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us, O Lord.

P: To rule and govern Your Holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Oh Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: Oh Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

P: The blessing of our heavenly Father, the strong love of His ✠ Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

878 Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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