



Midweek Lent 2

Listener

March 19, 2025

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Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People

AS WE GATHER

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, we embrace the news that Jesus listens to us like no other and answers all our questions and concerns.

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Opening Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living” LSB 420 vss 1, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,

To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Invocation and Call to Worship

P We gather together as friends knowing that we are heard by the Triune God. We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C You have given me relief when I was in distress.

P Be gracious to me

C And hear my prayer. (Psalm 4:1)

P O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

C you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear (Psalm 10:17)

P I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

C Incline your ear to me; hear my words. (Psalm 17:6)

P Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

C Be gracious to me and answer me! (Psalm 27:7)

Confession and Forgiveness

P Lord Jesus, our listening friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
C **Forgive me, Jesus, for all that I have done to harm my neighbors.**

P Lord Jesus, our listening friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
C **Forgive me, Jesus, for all that I have failed to do.**

P Lord Jesus, our listening friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
C **Forgive me, Jesus, for the ways that I have sinned again you in thought, word and deed.**

P Lord Jesus, our listening friend, hear us as we confess our sins.
C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on how Jesus listens to—and forgives—the confessions of his people.)

P Listen now for you will hear Good News! Our Savior, Servant, Friend, Jesus, has heard us confess our sins. He has nailed our sins to the cross, and he has thrown them into the tomb. They are forgiven, and they are gone. Hear these words now as though they were spoken not by me, but by Jesus himself: Friends, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

C **What a friend we have in Jesus.**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord God, heavenly Father, incline your ear to us. Hear us as we come before you in prayer and praise, with thanksgiving and gratitude for your love and mercy. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:10-14

For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Epistle Reading

1 John 5:13-15

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702 vss 1,2,3



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.

Sermon

“Listener”

Pastor Scott Henze

Offering



Prayers of the Church *Each petition ends with “Lord, hear our prayer.”*

P God, you call out to us with peace and promise, hope and healing delivered through our friend, Jesus. God, you call out to us and invite us to respond with faith and trust. By your invitation, O God, we call out to you in prayer.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers for mercy and forgiveness, and renew a right spirit within us.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers for peace, deliver this world from injustice, protect the vulnerable and give us good and faithful leaders.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers for healing and hope for all who are ill or recovering from sickness.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers for all who mourn the loss of loved ones or are discouraged by loneliness.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers for wisdom in good and godly living, upright conduct and virtue.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Listen to our prayers of thanksgiving for all the gifts that you give to your people.

C **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

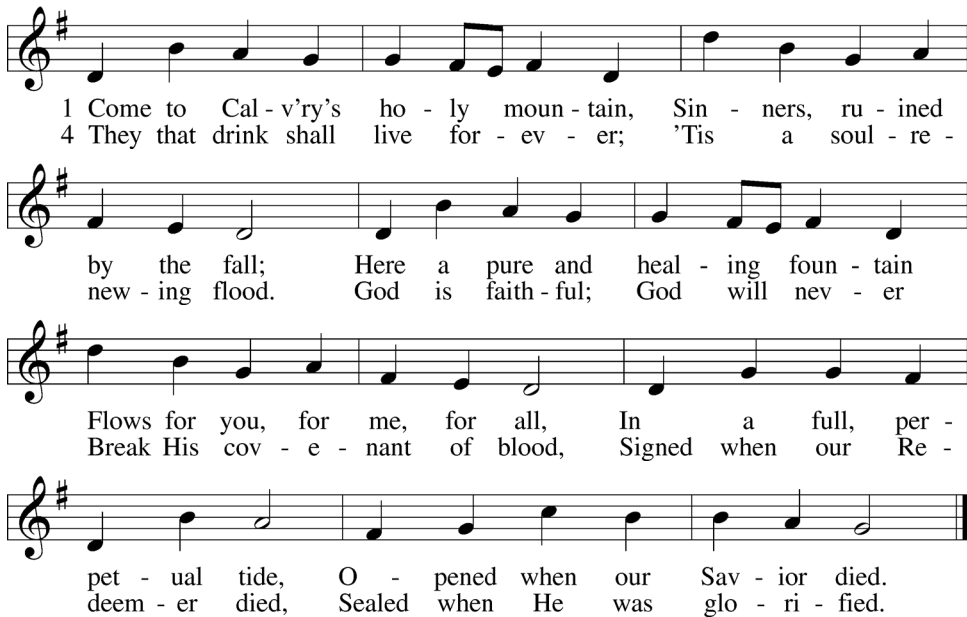
- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against 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.**

Benediction

- P** The Father invites us to come to him. The Son grants us access through the cross. The Holy Spirit guides us in the way of holiness. And, so, may the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—be our friend and companion now and for all eternity. Amen.
- C** **What a friend we have in Jesus!**



Closing Hymn "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435 vss. 1,4



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -
by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er
Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -
pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Dismissal

P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

C Disciples making disciples.

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule



MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES

March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

April 2, 9 at 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday- April 13 2025

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday- April 17 2025

The Last Supper - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 18 2025

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service - 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SERVICES

The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 20 2025

7:00 a.m. Outdoor Sunrise Communion Service

8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Service

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Service

Resurrection Run - 5K Youth Fundraiser at 7:40 am
Runners are sent during the 7:00 AM Sunrise Service
Register at www.westontrezrun.com



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM



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