

The Hills of Lent
March 11, 2026



Midweek 3: Mount Zion

Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People

AS WE GATHER

The Psalms for these services are taken from that portion of the Psalter titled "Songs of Ascent" (Psalms 120 through 134) which were offered "by the faithful pilgrims as they made their way up, through the hills of Judea, to Jerusalem for the great festivals. Today's worship includes Psalms 121, 125, 122, and 134 from that collection.

The Opening Hymn "Not All the Blood of Beasts" LSB 431 VSS 1-3



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,



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.

Invitation and Call To Worship

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
C **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
C **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**
- P** The Lord himself watches over you.
C **The Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- P** The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
C **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.**

P Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

C **The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

P The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

C **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.**

P As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers.

C **But peace be upon Israel.**

P I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord."

C **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

P Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself,

C **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

P For there are the thrones of judgment,

C **the thrones of the house of David.**

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

C **"May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.**

P For my brethren and my companion's sake, I pray for your prosperity.

C **Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."**

P Behold, now! Bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand "by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.

C **The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Jesus, friend of sinners, hear me as I confess my sins.

C **My thoughts have befriended sin and shame, not truth and righteousness.**

P O Lord, you have searched me and known me! (Psalm 139:1)

C **My words have befriended lies and slander, not love and mercy.**

P Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
(Psalm 139:4)

C **My deeds have befriended hate and hurt, not peace and kindness.**

P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. (Psalm 139:3)

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the ways that you have befriended sin— and yet Jesus still calls you a friend.)

P Friends in Jesus: You have a Savior who has lived for you, died for you, and left the tomb empty for you. Your Servant Jesus has humbled himself to care for you. Your Friend, Christ Jesus, has cleansed you from all unrighteousness and washed away your sin. Jesus forgives you and loves you. Jesus is your friend now and for all eternity.

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

Prayer of the Day

P Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us again into Your presence tonight. As we gather in worship and fellowship, let Your Spirit move freely among us. Speak to our hearts, strengthen our faith, and let Your Word transform every life. For into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the evil foe may have no power over us. In Jesus' name,

C **Amen**

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; and they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day—and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 425 VSS 1-2



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.

Sermon

“Mount Zion”

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Responsive Prayer

P Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

C **You are truly worthy of our praise, O God, for you have made us in your image, provided us with all we need, and called us into the fellowship of those who hear and trust your holy Word.**

P Everything that is written of the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

C **Help us to hear all that you would speak to us, O God, and let your Word be heard, your praise be sung, not only here but everywhere in all the world that Jesus came to save.**

P For he will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

C **Let the Gospel of his all-embracing love be told wherever evil rules, and let it overcome all darkness there, that all may be united in your love and service everywhere.**

P They will scourge him and kill him.

C **Grant that all who hear the Word of your great love in Jesus Christ may trust its message for their salvation.**

P And on the third day he will rise.

C **Bring us at last, with all your saints, to that great celebration of your goodness which shall never know an end. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Ⓒ **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.**

The Benediction

- Ⓟ The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For
 2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And
 3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
 5. A - bid with us, that through this life Of

us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -
 did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
 through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
 doubts and hope and pain, An Eas - ter of un -

come our sins, And close by you to stay.
 you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
 so to live By your most ho - ly word.
 life and death, O Lord! with us a - bid.
 end - ing joy We may at last at - tain!

Gather Comprehensive 392

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Prayer Support

If you want to be lifted up in prayer, our prayer team is here to pray for you after the worship service. You can meet them at the Communion Rail.

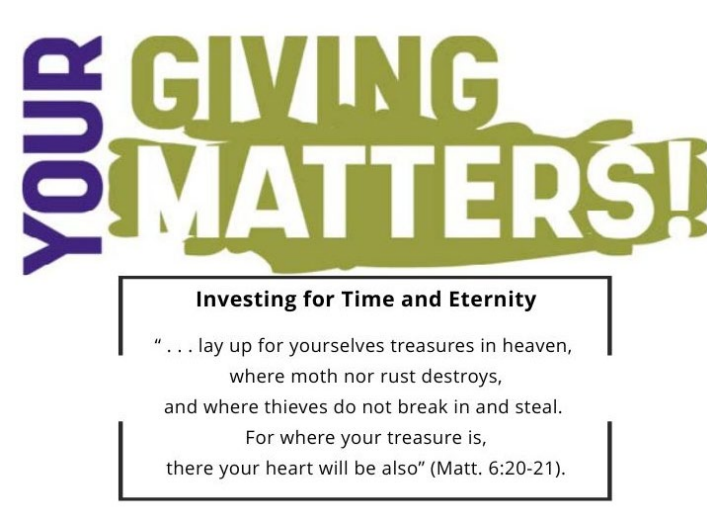
Dismissal

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!**



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Investing for Time and Eternity

“... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moth nor rust destroys,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:20-21).



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