

The Hills of Lent
March 25, 2026



Midweek 5: Mount Calvary

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, 123, and 131 from that collection.

The Opening Hymn "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435 VSS 1-2



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

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 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

C **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us mercy.**

P Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

C **for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

P O Lord, I am not proud; I have no haughty looks.

C **I do not occupy myself with great matters, or with things that are too hard for me.**

P But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast;

C **my soul is quieted within me.**

P O Israel, wait upon the Lord,

C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

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**



“My servant will succeed in his task; he will be highly honored. Many people were shocked when they saw him; he was so disfigured that he hardly looked human. But now many nations will marvel at him, and kings will be speechless with amazement. They will see and understand something they had never known.” “Who would have believed what we now report? Who could have seen the Lord’s hand in this? It was the will of the Lord that his servant grow like a plant taking root in dry ground. He had no dignity or beauty to make us take notice of him. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing that would draw us to him. We despised him and rejected him; he endured suffering and pain. No one would even look at him—we ignored him as if he were nothing. But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God. But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received. All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved. He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly; he never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word. He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die, and no one cared about his fate. He was put to death for the sins of our people. He was placed in a grave with evil men, he was buried with the rich, even though he had never committed a crime or ever told a lie.” “It was my will that he should suffer; his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness. And so he will see his descendants; he will live a long life, and through him my purpose will succeed. After a life of suffering, he will again have joy; he will know that he did not suffer in vain. My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and for his sake I will forgive them. And so I will give him a place of honor, a place among great and powerful men. He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of evil men. He took the place of many sinners and prayed that they might be forgiven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

Sermon

"Mount Calvary"

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 **It is for our sakes, Jesus Christ, that you once made this journey. Truly, you are the Son of God!**

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

C **It is for our sakes, Lord Jesus Christ, that you humbled yourself to keep for us the heavenly Father's gracious Word and will. Truly, you are the Son of God!**

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

C **It is for our sakes, Lord Jesus Christ, that you endured such agony that we might be forgiven and redeemed. Truly, you are the Son of God.**

P They will scourge him and kill him.

C **It is for our sakes, Lord Jesus Christ, that you gave up your life, that we might live. Truly, you are the Son of God!**

P And on the third day he will rise.

C **Because you live, Lord Jesus Christ, we shall live also. Truly, you are the Son of God! 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.**

The Benediction

- P** 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.

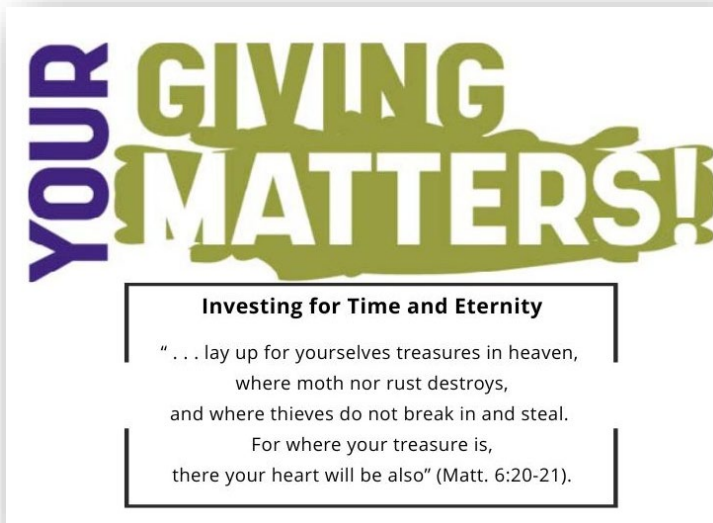
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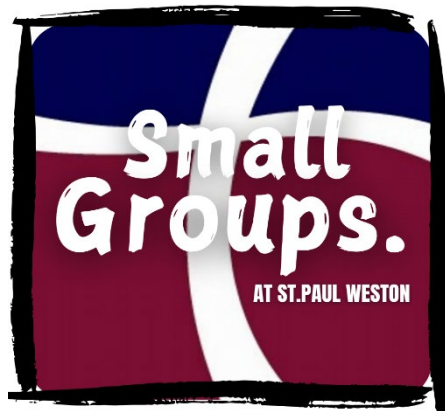
P Lord Jesus, you lead us! Now we go as....

C **Disciples making disciples.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**





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