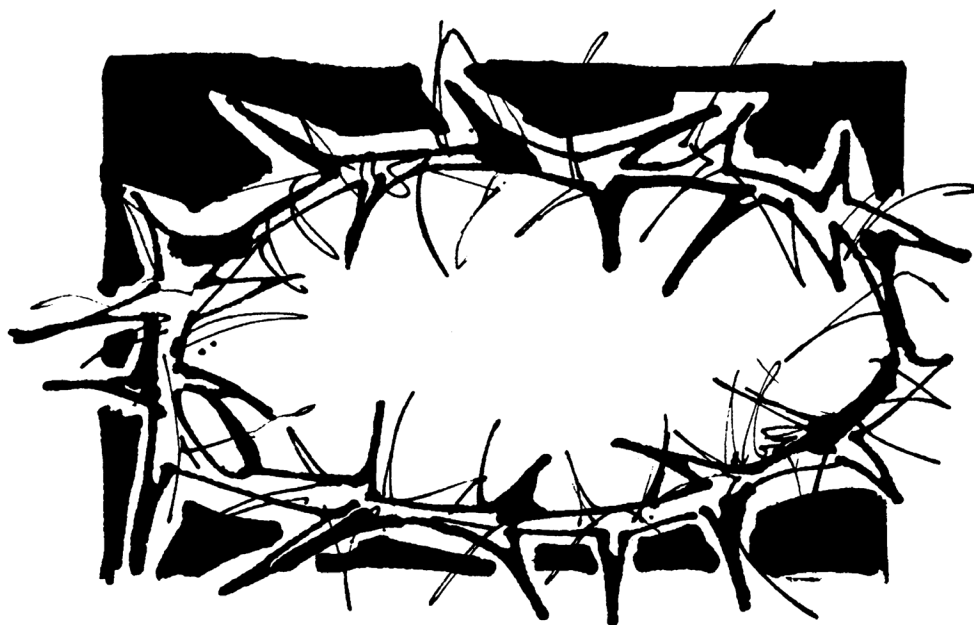


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening  
March 6, 2024

## A Ransom For Many

... is the theme for our Lenten services this year. It is taken from this Scripture:

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Mark 10:45

These words of Jesus give us the reason, the center, of the story, of his suffering and death. Many terrible things happened to Jesus: injustice, shame, physical suffering. But the reason for all of it is that Jesus is giving his life for us. Each evening, we will meditate on a portion of the story of Christ's suffering and death as told in the Gospel of Mark. What we will hear is how Jesus gave his life as a ransom for us.

# Lent Midweek March 6, 2024

Stand

610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Exhortation

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### Confession of Sins

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.  
C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

- C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C **Amen.**

**Sit  
Reading**

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

Mark 14:43–65

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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## Sermon

**Catechism** (*During these Lenten services we will review Luther's Small Catechism's sections on the Creed and Holy Baptism.*)

### The Third Article

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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**Stand**

**Responsive Prayer**

- L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- C **have mercy and hear us.**

**Versicles**

- L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- L Joyous light of glory of the immortal Father;
- C **heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**
- L We have come to the setting of the sun,
- C **and we look to the evening light.**
- L We pray to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
- C **You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**



- L O Son of God, O Giver of life:  
C the universe proclaims Your glory.

### Lord's Prayer

- 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.

### 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.

- L Let us pray.  
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Additional petitions and prayers may be offered here.*

### **Evening**

- C **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.**

### **Benedicamus**

- L Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Blessing**

- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
C **Amen.**

## 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away

LSB 887



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.  
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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# LENTEN SERVICES

Lent Midweek Services Wednesdays -- 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Theme: A Ransom For Many – The story of Christ’s suffering and death  
as told in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15.

3/13, 3/20



Palm Sunday, March 24, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 p.m. with Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, March 29, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, March 31, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, March 31, 10 a.m. with Lord’s Supper