

*Wednesday of the  
Third Sunday  
in Lent*

*"In the Light  
of the Fire"*



SERVICE OF PRAYER  
AND PREACHING

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# Visitors & Guests

Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to the Pastors or Elders, fill out our Visitor Card (*turn in for additional resources*) and assist us in recording church attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. We hope you join us again soon.

## The Sacrament of the Altar

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A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

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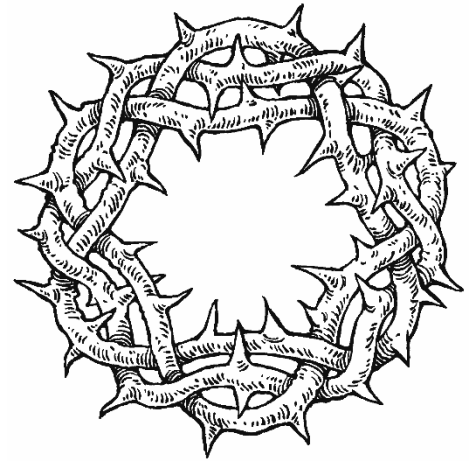
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# WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## Tonight's Reading

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (*a conflation of the Gospel accounts*)

### III. The Palace of the High Priest



## Promised Treasures

This Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Romans 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (see Matthew 13:52). Each Wednesday in Lent, we will read through the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and take a closer look at the treasures contained therein. This weekly journey will help us to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. Our Lenten series is called *Promised Treasures* (devotional booklet and children's calendar were placed in your mailbox). Just as Israel wandered through the wilderness under Moses for forty years, awaiting the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life. Life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy and pain-free. In this vale of tears, we await our real home, the new promised land of heaven. Until we enter our eternal promised land, however, the Lord calls us to be His light in this dark world (see Colossians 3; Ephesians 4). This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward water and blood, wood, fragrant oil, and finally, on Easter, milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God's eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.

## Tonight's Theme

### *Light Shining in the Darkness*

It is recorded in the Passion Reading that Peter is "warming himself at the fire" and later he "sat in the light of the fire." Three times he denies Jesus. It was then that "the Lord turned and looked on Peter." Only then did Peter remember what Jesus prophesied. Peter needed Jesus, who later forgave Him and earned forgiveness for all. We need light, but not that which just comes from earthly elements. We need light that comes from above. "Let there be light," God said (Genesis 1:3). And there was light. Through the promised treasure of His Word, God keeps speaking to us. And because He does, there is light. Light from above! Light never-ending! Light that enlightens our way to life everlasting! Jesus Christ is this "light of the world" (John 8:12), the light no darkness can overcome. By His Word and Spirit, this light breaks through, enters our lives, and bestows upon us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

## New Lenten Hymn

### *"One House Abides Unending"*

A new hymn for our Lenten series has been written by Rachel Crane: "*One House Abides Unending*". This original text will be sung to the familiar tune LLANGLOFFAN (LSB 337). Pay attention to stanza 2 this evening, which emphasizes "light": *But light, the world's first treasure, The Master worked anew; In promise, and in measure, No mortal eye could view.* Our greatest "Promised Treasure" is summarily and eloquently stated in stanza 3: *His flowing blood our raiment, The flood to purge our shame; The living God the payment That buys for us His name.*

## In His Service Tonight

**P** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Sr. Pastor  
Elder: Matt Comer  
Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman

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# SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

*Service of Prayer and Preaching starts on page 260 in the front of the hymnal.*

## Prelude & Ringing of Bells

### Opening Hymn

### *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**LSB 427**

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| 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,<br>Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.<br>All the light of sacred story<br>Gathers round its head sublime.       | 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming<br>Light and love upon my way,<br>From the cross the radiance streaming<br>Adds more luster to the day.           |
| 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br>Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,<br>Never shall the cross forsake me;<br>Lo, it glows with peace and joy. | 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure<br>By the cross are sanctified;<br>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br>Joys that through all time abide. |

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*Stand*

### Opening Lent Versicles

**LSB 260**

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- P** Jesus said: If any man 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 bruised for our iniquities.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- 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.**

### Canticle

### *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

**LSB 434, st. 1**

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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*Sit*

### Reading from Holy Scripture

### *Passion Reading III: The Palace of the High Priest*

Those who had arrested Jesus brought him to the high priest's house, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed him afar off, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So that other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in. He went in and sat with the servants to see the end. He was warming himself at the fire they had kindled in the middle of the courtyard.

Meanwhile, the chief priests and the whole council were seeking evidence that might make the case for a death sentence, but they could not find any. Many bore false witness against him, but their statements did not agree. Two stepped forward and said, "We heard him say, 'I shall destroy this temple made with hands and after three days I shall build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their evidence did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up, moved to the center, and put this question to Jesus, "Do you have no answer? What is this evidence they have given against you?" But he was silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest put a question to him and said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

Jesus said, "I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God's power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his garments and said, "Do we still need any witnesses? You have heard this blasphemy. What is your opinion?" They all agreed that he was deserving of death.

Then some of them began to spit on him; they blindfolded him, struck him, and said to him, "Prophecy to us, O Christ, who is it that struck you?" The guards beat him as they took him away.

Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maidservants of the high priest came and saw Peter warming himself. She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said, "You also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus."

Peter denied it and said, "I do not know what you mean." He went out to the forecourt.

Another maidservant saw him there and said to those who were standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Peter denied it again with an oath, "I do not know the man."

A little later those standing around said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away."

Peter started calling down curses on himself and swore, "I do not know the man."

And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." Peter broke down, and went out, and wept bitterly.

As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes held the court session with all the Sanhedrin. Then they bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, was sorry and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood."

They said, "What is that to us? That is your affair." Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed. He went and hanged himself.

The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." They took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. That is why to this day that field has been called "the field of blood."

In this way was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by the children of Israel, and gave them for the potter's field."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Lent Responsoy**

**LSB 263**

**P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**LSB 264**

**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.**

*Sit*

### Lenten Hymn

### “One House Abides Unending”

*Tune from LSB 337*

1 One house abides unending,  
 One Master fears no fall,  
 One Lord provides, attending  
 The daily want of all.  
 When ruin would allure them  
 Whose one estate was need,  
 One Father would secure them  
 In will, in trust, in deed.

3 With endless hunger driven  
 The grave cried out for more,  
 But Jesus Christ has given  
 Safe passage through its door:  
 His flowing blood our raiment,  
 The flood to purge our shame;  
 The living God the payment  
 That buys for us His name.

2 The wealth of all creation  
 We squandered at our birth.  
 The heirs of condemnation  
 Sowed tears in blighted earth.  
 But light, the world’s first treasure,  
 The Master worked anew  
 In promise, and in measure  
 No mortal eye could view.

4 Exchange our ash for beauty,  
 Anoint our grief with joy;  
 Dear Lord, who paid our duty,  
 All grace for us employ.  
 Feed us the saving manna  
 Lest on the way we fail  
 And sweeten our Hosanna  
 To holy Easter’s hail.

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## Sermon

### Offering

*Stand*

### The Litany

**LSB 288**

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** 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** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away  
the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, and no amount of darkness in our world can overcome Your presence shining in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Evening Prayer

- 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.

## Canticle

### *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

*LSB 422*

- 1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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## Blessing

*LSB 267*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Closing Hymn

### *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

*LSB 423*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessèd Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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