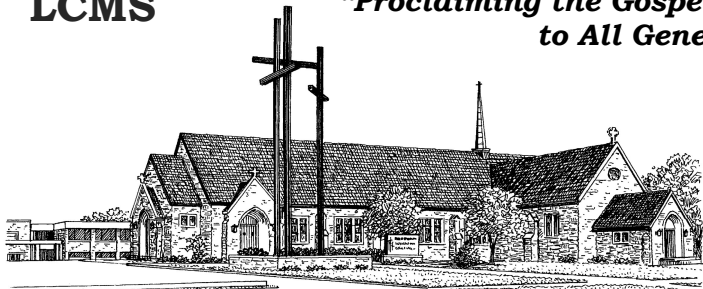


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LENTEN VESPERS #5 **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

WELCOME! We ask that all worshipers sign an attendance card. Members may hand their cards to an usher. Guests, please hand your card to the Pastor as he greets you by the door. If you are interested in membership at Redeemer, please speak to one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children’s walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children’s attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women’s bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you. At 9:45AM on Sunday, we also provide Sunday School in the Family Education Center for children from preschool through high school.

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LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

DID YOU FORGET your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the pew pockets and in the tract rack of each narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org) or write it on your attendance card.

THE LENTEN PRAYER: *Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

(LSB, pp. 229-234)

THE HYMN: 434 – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE VERSICLES, RESPONSES, AND ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

(LSB, p. 229; Spoken responsively)

P(Pastor): O Lord, open my lips,

C(Congregation): and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: 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.

All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

THE PSALM: *(Psalm 102; Spoken responsively)*

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD;

let my cry come to you!

**C: Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!**

Incline your ear to me;

answer me speedily in the day when I call!

P: For my days pass away like smoke,

and my bones burn like a furnace.

**C: My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.**

P: Because of my loud groaning

my bones cling to my flesh.

**C: I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;**

P: I lie awake;

I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

**C: All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.**

P: For I eat ashes like bread

and mingle tears with my drink,

**C: because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.**

P: My days are like an evening shadow;

I wither away like grass.

**C: But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.**

P: You will arise and have pity on Zion;

it is the time to favor her;

the appointed time has come.

**C: For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.**

P: Nations will fear the name of the LORD,

and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

**C: For the LORD builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;**

P: he regards the prayer of the destitute

and does not despise their prayer.

**C: Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**

P: that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

**C: to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,**

P: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

**C: when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

P: He has broken my strength in midcourse;

he has shortened my days.

**C: “O my God,” I say, “take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!”**

P: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**C: They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,**

P: but you are the same, and your years have no end.

**C: The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.**

**All: 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.**

(Please be seated)

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY – PART 5

Barabbas

Now at every festival the governor used to free one prisoner whom the crowd wanted and asked for. Just then there was a well-known robber by the name of Barabbas. He had been thrown in jail with the men who had revolted in the city and had committed a murder. And the crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them as he had done before.

“You have a custom that I free someone for you at the Passover,” Pilate answered them. “Whom do you want me to set free for you, Barabbas or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” He knew that the ruling priests had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous.

While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent someone to tell him: “Let that righteous Man alone. I have suffered much in a dream today on account of Him.”

But the ruling priests and elders stirred up the people to get them to ask Pilate to free Barabbas for them and to get them to kill Jesus.

“Which of the two,” the governor asked them, “do you want me to set free for you?”

“Then the whole crowd cried out: “Not this one. Away with Him! Free Barabbas for us.”

But Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, and he called to them again: “Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ and whom you call the King of the Jews?”

Again all of them kept shouting: “Crucify, crucify Him!”

But Pilate spoke to them a third time: “Why, what wrong has He done? I have found in Him nothing that deserves death. So I will teach Him a lesson and let Him go.”

But they kept shouting louder and louder, “Crucify Him!” and their shouts were overpowering Pilate.

When he saw that he wasn’t getting anywhere, but that instead a riot was breaking out, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd. “I am innocent of the blood of this righteous Man,” he said. “You see to it!”

And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children.”

Then Pilate, wanting to satisfy the people, decided that what they demanded should be done. He let them have Barabbas, who had been put in prison for revolt and murder but whom they were asking for.

“Look at the Man!”

So Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. Then his soldiers took Jesus, brought Him into the courtyard of the governor’s palace, called together and gathered around Him the whole troop of soldiers.

The soldiers took off His clothes and put a scarlet cloak on Him. They twisted some thorns into a crown, placed it on His head, and put a stick into His right hand. They went up to Jesus, knelt before Him, and bowed down to Him. In mockery they greeted Him: “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spit on Him, took the stick, and hit Him on the head with it; and they slapped His face.

After they had mocked Him, Pilate went outside again. “I am bringing Him out to you,” he told them, “to let you know that I don’t find Him guilty of anything.” Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. “Look at the Man!” Pilate said to them.

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When the ruling priests and the servants saw Him, they shouted, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

"You take Him," Pilate told them, "and crucify Him yourselves, because I don't find Him guilty of anything."

"We have a law," the Jews answered him, "and according to the law He must die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard them say that, he was frightened still more. He went into the palace again. "Where are You from?" he asked Jesus. But Jesus didn't answer him.

"Don't You speak to me?" Pilate then asked Him. "Don't You know I have the power to free You or to crucify You?"

"You wouldn't have any power over Me," Jesus answered him, "if it hadn't been given to you from above. That is why the man who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

This made Pilate anxious to let Him go, but the Jews shouted: "If you let Him go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who makes himself a king is against Caesar."

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus outside and sat in the judge's seat at a place called "Stone Pavement," or "Gabbatha" in the language of the Jews. It was the Friday of the Passover, and it was about 6 o'clock.

"Look at your King!" he said to the Jews.

Then they shouted, "Away with Him! Kill Him! Crucify Him!"

"Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked them.

"We have no king but Caesar," the ruling priests answered.

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified, as they desired it.

On the Way

The soldiers took off the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. Then they took Jesus and led Him out to crucify Him. He was carrying His cross.

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Going out, they found a man from Cyrene by the name of Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was coming in from the country. As he was passing by, they took hold of him, laid the cross on him, and forced him to carry it behind Jesus.

A large crowd of the people followed Him. The women in the crowd were beating their breasts and weeping over Him. Turning to them, Jesus said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry over Me, but cry over yourselves and your children, because the time is coming when people will say:

'Happy are —

The women who couldn't have children,
The wombs that didn't bear,
And the breasts that didn't nurse.'

*Then people will begin to say —
To the mountains: Fall on us!
And to the hills: Cover us!*¹⁷⁶

If this is done to the green tree, what will be done to the dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, also were taken away to be killed with Him.

THE RESPONSORY FOR LENT (*LSB*, p. 231; *Spoken responsively*)

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE OFFICE HYMN: 437 — "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

THE SERMON

Title: "The Fifth Word: I Thirst"

Text: John 19:28

(Please stand)

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE *(Spoken)*

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE CANTICLE: 956 – “Create in Me”

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Thy presence;

and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OFFERING

THE HYMN DURING THE OFFERING: 427 – “In the Cross of Christ
I Glory”

THE KYRIE *(Spoken)*

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

All: 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 COLLECTS:

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You reveal Yourself as the bread of life who satisfies all the hungry souls that return to You in repentance and faith. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word.

C: Amen.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: 878 – “Abide with Me” – Stanzas 1, 6

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor James E. Fandrey
Organist: Bonnie Noack
The Children's Message: Pastor James E. Fandrey
Acolytes: Kolt Fiddler & Joshua Guilford
Elder on Duty: Jeff Bedke
Greeters: Jim Otte (Main) / Rick & Kathy Nobbe (West)
Head Usher: Darrel Hopkins

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Join us for Lenten Meals!

Wednesdays during Lent, 5:00-6:00PM

Menu April 9: Chicken Tetrazzini • Sides TBA • Desserts



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**You are Invited to Easter Breakfast!**

**Sunday, April 20**

8:15-9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall  
*Free-will offering will be taken.*

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434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
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All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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