

LENTEN MIDWEEK DEVOTION
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LENT – A Season of Renewal – PLEASE

A Season of Serving

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Renewal through Adoration of our Redeemer

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” [LSB 434, vv. 1 & 3]

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!

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:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” [LSB 435, vv. 1, 3 & 4]

Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever; ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning” [LSB 445, vv. 1 & 4]

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.

One with You and one another In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev’ry place and time.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

[Psalm 25]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

L: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

C: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

WORDS OF LIFE AND LIGHT

Micah 6:6-8

Matthew 20:20-28

John 13:1-11

WE SING

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” [LSB 422]

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!

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” [LSB 421, vv. 1 & 4]

Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev’ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.

Ev’ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I’m faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev’ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul’s salvation.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” [LSB 425, vv. 1 & 3]

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

THE HOMILY

“A Season of Serving”

John 13:12-17

PRAYER

L: O holy and most merciful God, you have taught us the way of your commandments. We implore you to pour out your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of your mercies and your example, we may always be directed to your will and daily increase in love and service toward you and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and

Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in his steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven.

C: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAISES

“Christ Be My Leader” [LSB 861]

Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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“Son of God, Eternal Savior” [LSB 842, vv. 1 & 2]

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Lord Jesus, on the cross you bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

C: Hear us now as we come to you in prayer.

(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, ... Amen.**

SENDING PRAISE

“O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day” [LSB 882, vv. 2, 3 & 4]
(tune 883)

All-holy Lord, in humble prayer We ask tonight Thy watchful care.

O grant us calm repose in Thee, A quiet night, from perils free.

Our sleep be pure from sinful stain; Let not the tempter vantage gain

Or our unguarded flesh surprise And make us guilty in Thine eyes.

Asleep though wearied eyes may be, Still keep the heart awake to Thee;
Let Thy right hand outstretched above Guard those who serve the Lord they love.

“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow” [LSB 880, vv. 1, 2 & 5]

Now rest beneath night’s shadow The woodland, field, and meadow;

The world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaking
And prayer and music making, Let praise to your Creator rise.

The radiant sun has vanished, Its golden rays are banished
From dark’ning skies of night; But Christ, the Sun of gladness,
Dispelling all our sadness, Shines down on us in warmest light.

My loved ones, rest securely, For God this night will surely
From peril guard your heads. Sweet slumbers may He send you
And bid His hosts attend you And through the night watch o’er your beds.

THE BENEDICTION

MIDWEEK THEMES

“Lent – A Season of RENEWAL – PLEASE!”

February 24 – ~~“Lent – A Season of Listening”~~

March 3 – ~~“Lent – A Season of Engaging”~~

March 10 – ~~“Lent – A Season of Adoration”~~

March 17 – ~~“Lent – A Season of Serving”~~

March 24 – “Lent – A Season of Earnestness”

***We will gather in the front parking lot on these Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
for reflections, prayers, and singing.***

You also can join these gatherings on Face Book Live.

HOLY WEEK is March 28 – April 4th

Palm Sunday Communion Services

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Maunder Thursday – April 1st

Communion for individuals / families 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

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Good Friday Communion – April 2nd

Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4th

8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service in Front Parking Lot

9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service