

LENTEN MIDWEEK DEVOTION

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## LENT – A Season of Renewal – PLEASE

*A Season of Engaging*

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*Engaging with our Savior in the midst of the Clamor*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”** [LSB 437, vv 1, 4 & 5]

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

**“O Christ, You Walked the Road”** [LSB 424, vv. 1, 3 & 5]

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”** [LSB 611, vv. 1 & 3]

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

**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

*Isaiah 43:1-3a*

*Mark 1:12-15*

*Mark 5:22-29*

### WE SING

**“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”** [LSB 560, vv. 1-2]

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

**“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”** [LSB 419, vv. 1-2]

Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour Of the insulting tempter’s pow’r,  
Turn, O turn a fav’ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!

**“Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”** [LSB 439, vv. 1-2]

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.

**THE HOMILY**

*"A Season of Engaging"*

**Mark 5:30-42**

**PRAYER**

L: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

**C: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAISES**

**“Jesus Loves Me”** [LSB 588, vv. 1-2]

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven’s gates to open wide  
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. **Refrain**

**“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”** [LSB 740, vv. 1-3]

I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

**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

**“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”** [LSB 880, vv. 1 & 4]

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.

Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm. Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel guards sing o’er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.

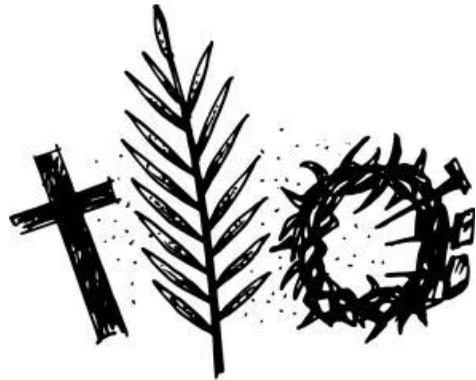
**“Now the Light Has Gone Away”** [LSB 887, vv. 1, 3, 5]

Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.

Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee;  
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.

Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Palm Sunday Communion Services  
8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.***

***Maundy Thursday – April 1<sup>st</sup>***

***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 2<sup>nd</sup>***

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

***Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>***

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

***9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service***