



REFLECTIONS
on
REPENTANCE

April 2, 2025

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

Fourth Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

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WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: We are called to repentance and renewal as we continue the disciplines of Lent.

Prelude Music: A Way to Calvary Leadeth
Ah Holy Jesus
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Dale Wood
Dale Wood
Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Gregg Sewell

OPENING HYMN: CW 99

"Oh, Come, My Soul"

LENT

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Oh, Come, My Soul



1 Oh, come, my soul, your Sav - ior see Nailed to your
2 'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame, The cross, the
3 Oh, sing, my soul, sing end - less - ly The won-drous



cross on Cal - va - ry. Your pains he bears; Your thorns
nails, the thirst, the pain; In ag - o - ny His blood
love that sets you free; His dy - ing breath Brings life



he wears That yours a crown of life might be.
runs free To write in heav - en's book your name.
from death, Makes heav'n your home e - ter - nal - ly.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.**

Trusting in him, I pray:

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITANY PRAYER

P: O God the Father, you are not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of the Truth.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Son, you carried the sin of the whole world and laid down your life to draw all people to yourself.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, you make the hearts of the spiritually dead alive and transform rebellious people into your children.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Most holy and triune God, we offer our praise for your mercy and grace which you pour out through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: We praise you, O Lord.

P: For revealing yourself in the Book of Truth, for gathering nations to faith by that Word,
for bringing our souls to believe and rejoice,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: For martyrs, reformers, and steadfast Christians who scorned personal danger to
proclaim the gospel,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: Stir up our hearts with the joy of our salvation and increase our love and loyalty to you.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Constantly cleanse, reform, and protect your Church in this day of spreading error and
confusion.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Bring your kingdom to all blood-bought souls who remain lost.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us; he is our mighty fortress. Let us exalt his holy name.

PSALM 25

CW 74

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

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Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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.**

Refrain

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PASSION HISTORY RESPONSIVE READING

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST LESSON FOUR

Pastor: As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law.

Congregation: They brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”

Men: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”¹

Congregation: They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”

Pastor: He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

Men: Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”

¹ Psalm 110:1

Women: Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.

Men: They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.²

Pastor: Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Congregation: But they said, “What is that to us? That’s your problem.”

Women: He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

Pastor: The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

Men: They reached a decision to buy the potter’s field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners.

Women: So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

Men: They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter’s field, just as the Lord commanded me.³

Pastor: Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?”

Women: They answered him, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pastor: Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

Congregation: The Jews said, “It’s not legal for us to put anyone to death.” This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.⁴

Men: They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

² Luke 22:66-23:1; Mark 15:1; Matthew 27:2

³ Matthew 27:3-10; see Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9

⁴ John 18:28-32

Women: Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Pastor: “It is as you say,” Jesus replied.⁵

Congregation: The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Men: Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

Women: But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

Congregation: Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Pastor: Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Congregation: Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Pastor: Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

Men: “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Pastor: Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Men: “What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

Congregation: After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”⁶

Women: But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”

Pastor: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

Women: When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him.

Men: He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer.

Congregation: The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him.

⁵ Luke 23:2-3

⁶ Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-4; John 18:28-38

Women: Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him.
Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate.

Pastor: Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.⁷

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 127*

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

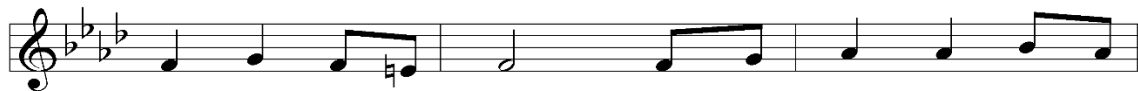
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Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there
3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup -
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the



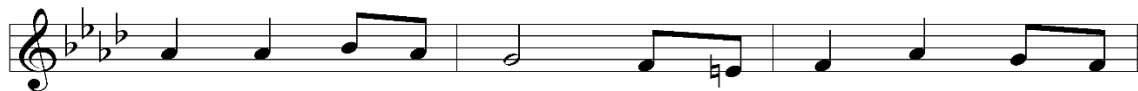
dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis -
pose the e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture
ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal -



ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress,
right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri -



Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I see suf - fi - cient
in - ter - vene to save, But the deep - est stroke that
bears the aw - ful load— 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A -
fice to can - cel guilt— None shall ev - er be con -



of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN (87 87 D) *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850.

⁷ Luke 23:4-12

Since you desire truth on the inside, in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom. (EHV)

REMEMBERING GOD'S PERFECT DEMAND

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.**

CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *CW 117*

“O Dearest Jesus”



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

CLOSING PRAYER

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

C: Amen (*sings*)

CLOSING HYMN: *CW 108*

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LENT

108

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,
pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your
See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less
To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -
death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly
part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.
what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

Postlude Music: Magnificat and Duo

M. Dandrieu

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