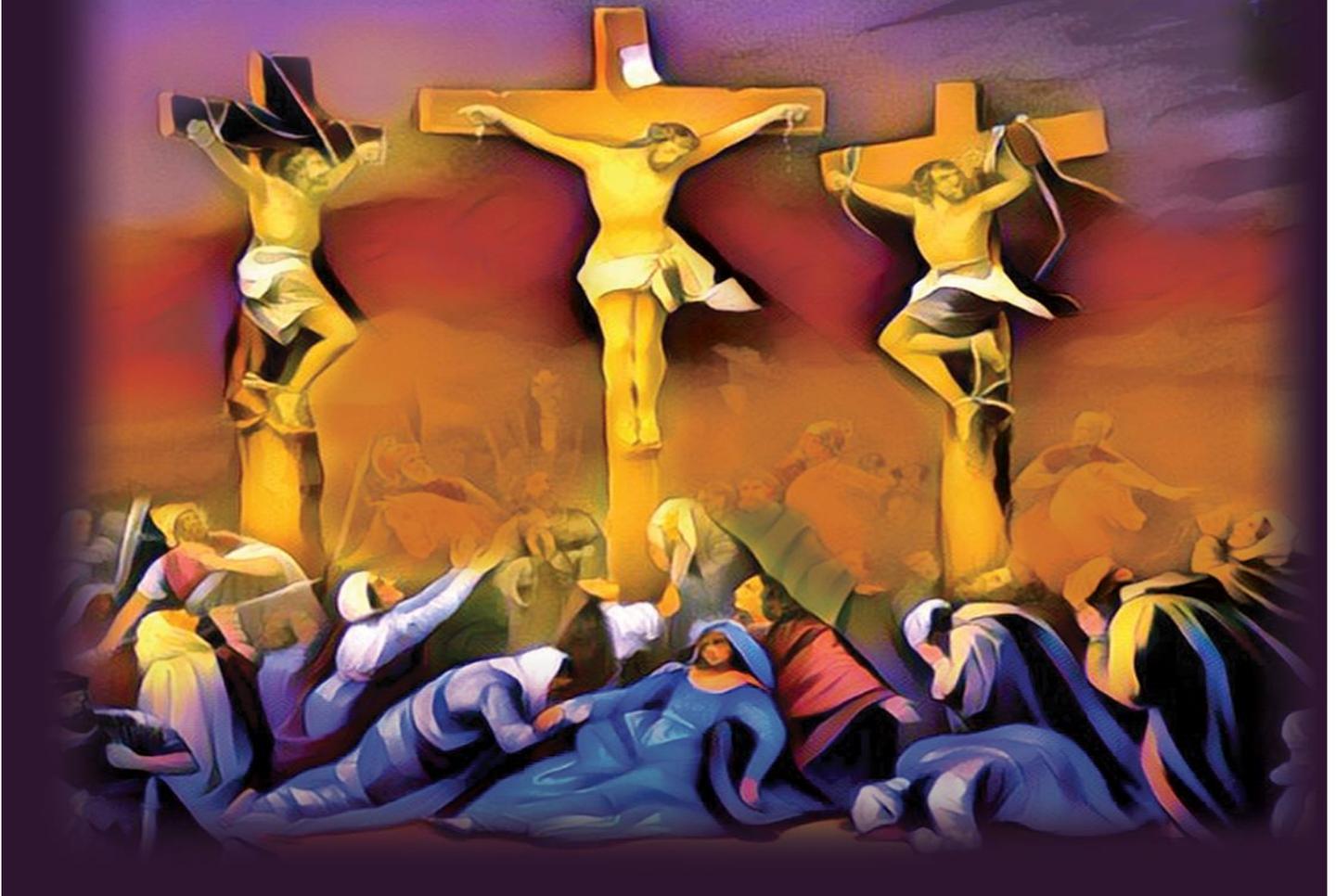


WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Midweek Lenten Series

Midweek 4: Peter

Midweek Lenten Service

March 30, 2022

RINGING OF THE BELLS:

OPENING HYMN: 611 *LSB* "Chief of Sinner Though I Be"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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INVOCATION & CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
C Amen.

P As we continue our Lenten journey, we witness Peter's denial of Jesus

C **Three times Peter denies his Lord.**

P When the rooster crows and Peter realizes what he has done,

C **he is overwhelmed with guilt.**

P Yet when Jesus is raised from the dead, He restores Peter.

C **Three times J tells Peter to feed His sheep.**

P Though Peter had sinned and was filled with guilt,

C **Jesus forgives and fills Peter with grace.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Like Peter, we have all experienced the pain and guilt of past sins. We know that we have been far from perfect. Though we follow Jesus, our thoughts, words, and actions have been poor representations of Christ to the world. Yet, in His infinite mercy, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him for forgiveness and restoration.

C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have denied You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We have failed to trust You in all things. Lord, forgive us, restore us, and remove our guilt.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus, all of your sin has been forgiven—all of the guilt you feel has been made powerless by God's grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven and restored by God's abundant grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Your own Son has triumphed over sin and the grave and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Purify our hearts in Him that we may be granted a share in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit ↓

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Zechariah 12:10-14*

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALMODY: (*Spoken responsively*) *Psalm 118:19-29; antiphon: v. 26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my God; I will extol You.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

for His steadfast love endures forever!

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.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

EPISTLE READING: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand ↑

GOSPEL READING: *John 18:12-27*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that

year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Sit ↓

SERMON HYMN: 575 LSB “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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THE MESSAGE: “People of Jesus’ Passion: Peter”

Pastor Kevin Guynn Faith, Mentor

Stand ↑

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, encourage all those

who struggle with lingering guilt from past sins. Remind them that by Your death and resurrection, You have conquered sin and removed their guilt forever; Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, shield all those who suffer the attacks of Satan. Clothe them with Your full armor so that they might believe Your Word rather than the lies of Satan; Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, grant seasonable weather upon the earth that will nourish Your good creation. Protect us from fire, storm, and flood. Teach us how to better love, appreciate, and care for Your creation; Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, thank You for the gifts of community and friendship. Thank You for all the joy and laughter You have placed into our lives. Help us always to recognize these as Your good gifts; Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, comfort all those who worry about family and friends who have wandered from the faith. Give us patience, knowing that You continually pursue Your sheep. Help us welcome them back into Your fold with grace and love; Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Finally, let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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.

BLESSING:

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

Sit↓

CLOSING HYMN: 427 LSB "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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Those Who Serve This Evening

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Organist: Matt Chaffe

Midweek Lenten Worship Series

Witnesses to Christ—People from His Passion

This series paints a portrait of Jesus through the eyes of those whose interactions with Jesus lead us to meditate on His Passion. Our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witnesses of those who were present as part of Jesus' journey to the cross. We'll meet villains, Barabbas & Pontius Pilate. We'll meet sinners, Peter, Mary Magdalene, Judas, as well as others. All special services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek 5: April 6

Malchus—Pastor Freddy Davison, Lighted Cross Ashtabula

Maundy Thursday: April 14

Judas Iscariot—Pastor Sundbom

Communion celebrated

Good Friday: April 15

John, the Gospel Writer—Pastor Sundbom

Easter Vigil: April 16

Worship Service with Communion 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 17

Mary Magdalene—Pastor Sundbom

Communion celebrated