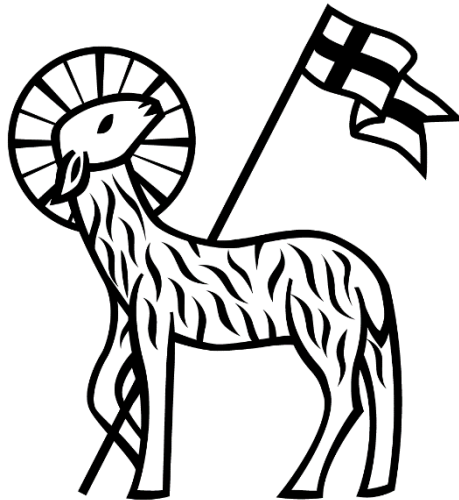




LORD of LOVE
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6th Midweek Service
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OPENING HYMN (CW 121) Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing (sts. 1,2,4, & 5)

**1 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.**

**2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,
Let me think about your passion, And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.**

**4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm weak, 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.**

**5 O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power Since you crushed him in the dust.
Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.

STAND

RESPONSES

If an organist is present, the responses will be chanted. If no organist is present, they will be spoken.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

MIDDAY PRAYER

M: God of mercy, this midday moment of rest is your welcome gift. Bless the work we have begun, make good its defects, and let us finish it in a way that pleases you. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OR

EVENING PRAYER

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

PSALM

Psalm 31

For the choir director. A psalm by David.

¹ *In you, LORD, I have taken refuge.*

Let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me.

² *Turn your ear toward me.*

Hurry! Rescue me!

Be a rock where I take refuge,

a fortified place that saves me.

³ *Yes, you are my rocky cliff and my stronghold.*

For the sake of your name you will lead me and guide me.

⁴ *You will pull me out of the net that they hid for me,
because you are my refuge.*

⁵ *Into your hand I commit my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O LORD, the God of truth.*

⁶ *I hate those who keep worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.*

⁷ *I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy,
because you saw my affliction.
You knew the distress of my soul.*

⁸ *You have not left me in the hand of the enemy.
You have made my feet stand in a wide-open space.*

⁹ *Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress.
My eye grows weak with sorrow—
my soul and my body too.*

¹⁰ *Yes, my life is consumed by grief,
and my years by groaning.
My strength fails because of my guilt,
and my bones grow weak.*

¹¹ *Because of all my foes,
I am a disgrace, especially to my neighbors.
I am dreaded by those who know me.
Those who see me on the street flee from me.*

¹² *I have been forgotten like a dead man, gone from memory.
I have become like a broken pot.*

¹³ *Yes, I hear the slander of many.
There is terror on every side.
When they conspire together against me,
they plot to take my life.*

¹⁴ *But I—I trust in you, O LORD.
I say, “You are my God.”*

¹⁵ *My times are in your hand.
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies
and from those who pursue me.*

¹⁶ *Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your mercy.*

¹⁷ *Do not allow me to be put to shame, O LORD,
because I have cried out to you.
But let the wicked be put to shame.*

Let them be silent in the grave.

¹⁸ *Let lying lips be silenced,
those who speak against the righteous
impudently with pride and contempt.*

¹⁹ *How great is your goodness,
which you store up for those who fear you,
which you deliver for those who take refuge in you
in the presence of the people.*

²⁰ *You hide them in your presence from the schemes of man.
You conceal them in your shelter from accusing tongues.*

²¹ *Blessed be the LORD,
because he made his mercy wonderful for me
when I was in a besieged city.*

²² *In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from before your eyes!"
But you heard the sound of my cry for mercy
when I cried out to you.*

²³ *Love the LORD, all his favored ones!
The LORD preserves the faithful,
but he pays back in full the one who acts proudly.*

²⁴ *Be strong, and let your heart be firm,
all you who wait confidently for the LORD.*

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ *It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.*

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 123)

Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you set us free— Ac - cept our thanks e -
 2 By vir - tue of the wounds you bore, True God and Man, our
 3 De - fend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by your al -
 4 For thus the cer - tain - ty we gain That you will al - ways



ter - nal - ly! For - giv - en through your pre - cious blood,
 hope re - store. Give cour - age when we yield our breath;
 might - y name To bear our cross - es pa - tient - ly,
 true re - main And not for - sake us in our strife



We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
 De - liv - er us from hell and death.
 Con - soled by your great ag - o - ny.
 But lead us out of death to life.

Text: Christoph Fischer, 1520–97; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WIR DANKEN DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST (LM) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

SERMON

Psalm 31:5

Into the Father’s Hand

STAND

LITANY 1: A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

- M:** For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- M:** For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:
- C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**
- M:** For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter:
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- M:** For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end:
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- M:** For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:
- C: Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.**
- M:** O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness. Join our prayers with those of all your faithful people as we pray as our master has taught us:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

MIDDAY PRAYER

M: Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

C: Amen.

OR

EVENING PRAYER

M: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

If an organist is present, the blessing will be chanted. If no organist is present, it will be spoken.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

HYMN (CW 592) All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

**1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die so that I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake.**

**3 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr., alt.

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Serving us today:

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Usher: Lynn Biver (6:30)
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- Recording: Devin Anderson

Maundy Thursday Worship - April 1

6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship - April 2

1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Easter Family Walk – April 3

10:00 – 12:00 noon: *Drop in anytime during the 2 hours.*

Candy donations and tent canopies needed.



Easter - April 4

Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am

Worship 9:00 and 10:30 am

No one will be turned away.

*The 9:00 service will be live streamed and can be viewed downstairs
as overflow seating if needed.*