



Midweek Lent 6

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church
305 Lemont Street ♦ Lemont, IL 60439
Vacancy Pastor Reverend Daniel Gensh

March 25, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Vespers:

An Evening Service of Prayer

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

“Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.”

(Lutheran Service Book)



Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous.

*Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1:9

OPENING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”LSB 425

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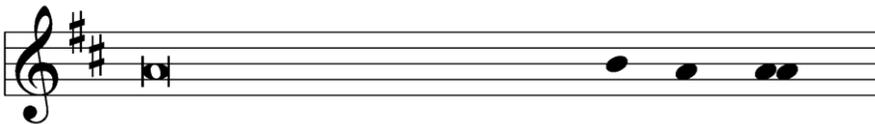
VERSES AND RESPONSES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



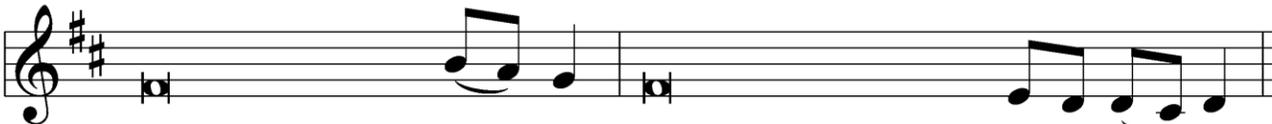
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALM 125

(Read Responsively)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

People: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Pastor: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,

People: **lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.**

Pastor: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

People: **But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!**

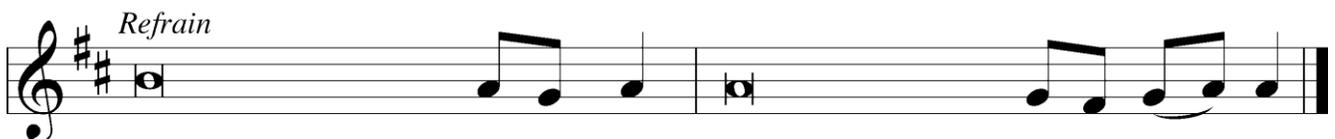
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer. (ESV)**

RESPONSORY (LENT)



L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



G Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

(We are seated.)

OFFICE HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

(We rise.)

SCRIPTURE READING St. Matthew 27:15-26

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. (ESV)

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(We are seated.)

SERMON "Questions of Lent"

"What Shall I Do with Jesus?"

(We rise.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious Father, for the joy set before Him, Your Son, Jesus, endured the suffering of the cross. In our suffering, O Lord, strengthen our faith that we may know His companionship even in our darkest hours; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION


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


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


G A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” **LSB 883**



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Please join us again for midweek services during the season of Lent.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

Good Friday

Noon and 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

No worship service

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM and 10:00 AM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427



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 - dianc
 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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“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” LSB 883



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

- 5 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 molest.
- 6 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.

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