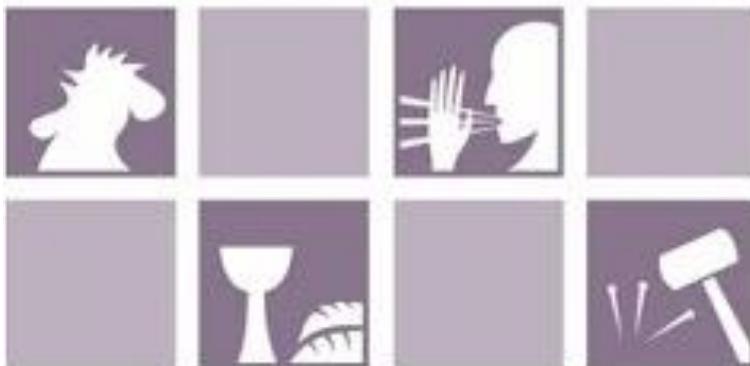


Grace Lutheran Church

Lent 2025



SOUNDS OF THE PASSION



Order of Midweek Lenten Worship

Opening Prayer & Hymn:..... See Insert for Hymn

Confession & Absolution:..... With Selected Passages and LSB 432

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Scripture is full of different sounds. At the sound of God’s voice the heavens and the earth were made, causing the angels to shout for joy (Job 38:7). At the sound of Jesus’ voice, the wind and the waves were calmed, and the dead came to life. Psalm 29 tells us: “The voice of the LORD is powerful;

Congregation: “The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.” (Psalm 29:4)

P: In the perfection of the Garden of Eden, the voice of the LORD was a wonderful sound to our first parents, Adam and Eve. However, once they sinned against God, they hid from the LORD God when they heard the sound of Him walking in the garden. When God called out to His wayward children, Adam said:

C: “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid.” (Genesis 3:10)

P: The perfect relationship between God and man has been shattered by sin. When God descended on Mount Sinai to sound out His 10 Commandments, the people trembled and said to Moses:

C: “Let not God speak with us, lest we die.” (Exodus 20:19)

P: Dear brothers and sisters, the voice of the LORD is powerful and full of majesty. It condemns sin. Rather than hiding our sins, let us as trembling sinners openly confess our sins and acknowledge our guilt.

ALL: O LORD, we confess that we have not always rejoiced at the sound of Your voice as You speak to us in Your Word. Like our first parents, at times we too try to hide our guilt. Like the Israelites, we sometimes want the thundering demands of Your Law to be silent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, who silently went to the cross to suffer for our sins, have mercy on us and cleanse us from our unrighteousness.

LSB 432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lect and still;



In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car - ries all our ill.

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P: As Jesus bore your sins in His body on the cross of Calvary, the Father was silent to the cries of His beloved Son. Because of Jesus’ silent suffering, the LORD’s powerful and majestic voice now speaks peace to you in the still, small voice of the Gospel. Jesus’ powerful voice has now commanded that repentance and remission of sins should sound forth in His name. Therefore, by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, upon your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen. “I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.”** (Jonah 2:9)

LSB 432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son



2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;



The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.



For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;



He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.

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Passion Reading:..... A Harmony of the Gospels

Response:..... TLH 158:1

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

Sing [♪]: **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!**

Confession of Faith:..... Formula of Concord, on Justification by Faith

We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God: A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own. This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel. Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved. This is most certainly true.

Response:..... TLH 158:2

**Sing [♪]: Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!**

Sermon: **Sounds of the Passion** See Insert for Text

Response:..... TLH 158:6

P: Before the throne of God, the Apostle John heard the sound of a loud hymn of praise saying: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12)

**Sing [♪]: Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

Hymn: See Insert for Hymn

Offering, Prayer, Lord’s Prayer (Lord’s Supper on Ash Wednesday):

Benediction (May be Sung by the Choir):

Evening Hymn: See Insert for Hymn

NOTE: Please return bulletins for continued use during the Lenten season.

Sounds of the Passion

The Shout of the Crowd, “Crucify Him!”:..... Mark 15:10-15

¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. ¹² Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!” ¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged *Him*, to be crucified.

Hymns: TLH 140; TLH 178; TLH 653

Rev. Daniel Fleischer – March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)

The Thud of the Hammer on Jesus’ Hands and Feet:..... John 19:17-18

¹⁷ And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

Hymns: TLH 153; TLH 171:1,4,6,8-9; WS 796

Pastor John Hein – March 12, 2025

The Clatter of Coins Expressing Judas’ Regret: Matthew 27:3-5

³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see to *it!*” ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Hymns: TLH 522; TLH 390; TLH 552:1-2,5-8

Rev. David Schierenbeck – March 19, 2025

The Rattle of Dice by the Soldiers Beneath the Cross: John 19:24

²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Hymns: TLH 144; TLH 370; TLH 555

Rev. David Schierenbeck – March 26, 2025

The Crowing of the Rooster Awakening Peter: Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶ Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. ⁶⁷ And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is *one* of them.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, “Surely you are *one* of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows *it.*” ⁷¹ Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” ⁷² A second time *the* rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when he thought about it, he wept.

Hymns: TLH 149; TLH 516; TLH 558

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer – April 2, 2025

The Weeping over Jesus’ Suffering:..... Luke 23:26-31

²⁶ Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear *it* after Jesus. ²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ “For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ ³⁰ “Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”’ ³¹ “For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

Hymns: TLH 145; TLH 166; TLH 554:1,5-6

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer – April 9, 2025

The Cry of Victory, “It is Finished”:..... Luke 19:30

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Pastor John Hein – April 18, 2025 (Good Friday)

Pre-Service Penitential Psalms:

Midweek 1 – March 5, 2025: Psalm 6:1-10

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. ² Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. ³ My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD-- how long? ⁴ Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! ⁵ For in death *there is* no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks? ⁶ I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. ⁷ My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. ⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer. ¹⁰ Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

Midweek 2 – March 12, 2025: Psalm 32:1-7

¹ Blessed is *he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.* ² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. ⁷ You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Midweek 3 – March 19, 2025: Psalm 38:1-22

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! ² For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down. ³ *There is* no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor *any* health in my bones Because of my sin. ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. ⁵ My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness. ⁶ I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. ⁷ For my loins are full of inflammation, And *there is* no soundness in my flesh. ⁸ I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. ⁹ Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You. ¹⁰ My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. ¹¹ My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off. ¹² Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long. ¹³ But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. ¹⁴ Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response. ¹⁵ For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. ¹⁶ For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me." ¹⁷ For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me. ¹⁸ For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. ¹⁹ But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. ²⁰ Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good. ²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me! ²² Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Midweek 4 – March 26, 2025: Psalm 51:1-13

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Midweek 5 – April 2, 2025: Psalm 102:1-14

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my cry come to You. ² Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. ³ For my days are consumed like smoke, And my bones are burned like a hearth. ⁴ My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread. ⁵ Because of the sound of my groaning My bones cling to my skin. ⁶ I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. ⁷ I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. ⁸ My enemies reproach me all day long, Those who deride me swear an oath against me. ⁹ For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping, ¹⁰ Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away. ¹¹ My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass. ¹² But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations. ¹³ You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come. ¹⁴ For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust. ¹⁵ So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

Midweek 6 – April 9, 2025: Psalm 130:1-8

¹ Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. ³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning-- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. ⁸ And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.