

Lord? with a kiss?
Do you know?
for me? for you?
Not I, I will you
TRU... really?

Searching Questions OF THE PASSION

2026 MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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Pre-Service Penitential Psalms:

6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143

(NOTE: Service Information can be found on pages 6,7)

+ OPENING PRAYER and HYMN +

Invocation:

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: AMEN

Introduction:

P: After our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned against the command of their Creator, He asked them searching questions about what they had done. They tried to cover up their guilt and hide their sins. The God who created us, now asks us that same searching question: **“What is this that you have done?”** (Gen 3:13) Rather than hiding from God and trying to cover up our guilt, let us confess our sins to Him.

From Psalm 139—We Ask God to Search Our Hearts and Minds:

C: O LORD, you have searched me and known me

P: *You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*

C: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: *Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.*

C: Search me, O God, and know my heart!

P: *Try me and know my thoughts!*

C: And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

ALL: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we confess that as you search our hearts and minds, you will find grievous ways in us.

We have failed to love you at all times with all of our mind, soul, and strength.

We have not always loved one another as we love ourselves.

We confess that it was our sins that brought about the death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Though we do not deserve anything good from Your hand, we pray that because of Your Son’s innocent suffering and death that You would be gracious to us and forgive us.

Searching Questions of Contrition:

P: Hearing that they caused the death of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Pentecost crowd was cut to the heart, sorrowing over their guilt. We join them as we asking:

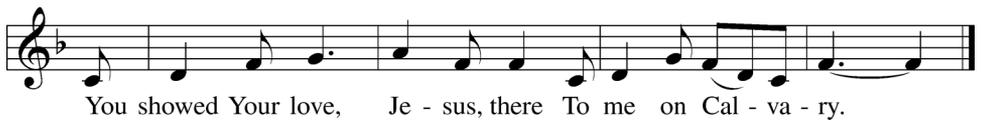
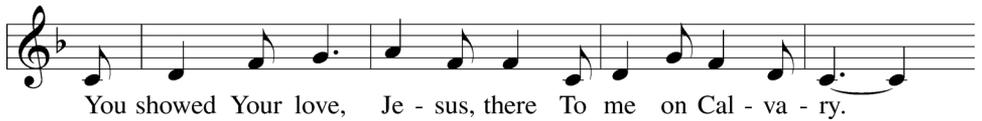
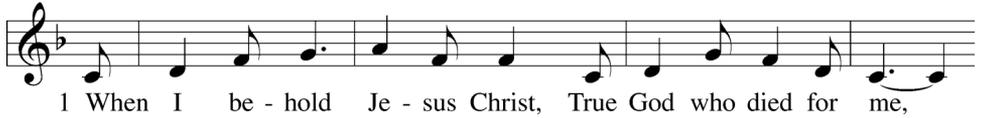
C: “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37)

P: Realizing our lost condition, let us join the Jailer of Philippi by asking the Apostle Paul this searching question:

C: “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30)

P: God’s answer to the searching questions of repentant sinners is the cross of Jesus Christ. There Christ was punished for our sins that we might be forgiven. **“Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”** (Ephesians 5:2) Because of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, you are forgiven. Rejoice dear repentant sinners that Jesus is God’s answer to your sin. Amen.

542 When I Behold Jesus Christ



+ Prayer of the Day +

P: Let us pray...
...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Berea: Adult Choir

+ Passion Reading +

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



2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;



I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.



Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

+ OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH +

Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

+ Sermon Hymn followed by Sermon +

"Searching Questions of the Passion"

Response to the Word:

P: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen. (Philippians 4:7)

♪ **What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God—this I owe to You, and You a lone.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary.**

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+ Offering and Prayers +

+ Sung Lord’s Prayer +

Our Fa-ther which art in Heav-en Hal-low-ed be Thy name.
5 Thy King-dom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heav-en Give us this
10 day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our debts as we for-give our debt-ors.
17 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the
22 king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er, for-ev-er A-men.

Communion at Grace on Ash Wednesday

P: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

+ CLOSING HYMN / EVENING HYMN +

(Please return your bulletins to our usher for use in next week’s service.)

SERVICE INFORMATION for GRACE:



Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026:

“Will You Really Lay Down Your Life for Me?”

Preaching Today: Rev Dan Fleisher

John 13:38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

HYMNS: TLH #159 / #143:1-3,12 / #524:7

Passion Reading: William Beck’s Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 3-4

February 25, 2026: “What Then Shall I Do with Jesus?”

Preaching Today: Pastor David Schierenbeck

Matthew 27:22 Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”

HYMNS: TLH #175 / WS #721 / TLH #653

Passion Reading: William Beck’s Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 5-7

March 4, 2026: “Do You Know What I Have Done For You?”

Preaching today: Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer

John 13:12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”

HYMNS: #140 / LSB #446:1-4 (see next page) / #558 (second tune)

Passion Reading: William Beck’s Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 7-8

March 11, 2026: “What Is Truth?”

Preaching Today: Rev Dan Fleischer

John 18:38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

HYMNS: TLH #290 / #158 / #283

Passion Reading: William Beck’s Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 9-11

March 18, 2026: "Surely Not I, Lord?"

Preaching Today: Pastor David Schierenbeck

Matthew 26:22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

HYMNS: TLH #154 / #388 / #562

Passion Reading: William Beck's Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 12-13

March 25, 2026: "Do You Betray The Son Of Man With A Kiss?"

Preaching Today: Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

HYMNS: #149 / #153 / #552:1,6-8

Passion Reading: William Beck's Harmony of the Gospels booklet pages 15-17

For 3/4 Service: LSB #446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -
2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly
3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -
4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,
taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,
on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered
see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,
Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der
As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured
Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.
for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.

