



Hope in the Broken

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

*Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
715 2nd St. NE
Watertown, SD*

GREETING - *The peace of the Lord may be shared.*

OPENING HYMN

JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

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1 Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
Often have your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn-encircled brow?

Yet your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross a-new
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified

INVOCATION

based on John 3:16; 8:36; Romans 5:1

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 32

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

Pastor: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

People: **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

People: **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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, You lifted up Your Son on the cross so that You could draw all people to

Him. Fill us with thanksgiving for this incredible love that we dare to believe is ours. Help us to be faithful servants of Your new covenant, reaching out to all those whom You claim; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR SELECTION

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON HYMN

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
Refrain

2 Your Gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,

LAMB OF GOD

And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

SERMON

OFFERING

Sit

Jeremiah 17:7-8

its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23

²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law

Luke 13:6-9

Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?"
⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.
⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Refrain

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will

THE LAMB

On our behalf the Law to fill.

Refrain

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.

Refrain

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

Refrain

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.
People: **Let our cry come to You.**

Pastor: Gracious God, heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son,
People: **but gave Him up for us,**

Pastor: grant us peace and assurance
People: **in the knowledge of Your saving love.**

Pastor: For this is love—not that we have loved You but that You have loved us
People: **and have given Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Pastor: Grant that this Good News spread throughout creation that more people in every place
may know that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son,
People: **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.
Silent prayer

Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

ABIDE WITH ME

Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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SERMON NOTES

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Notes

I Learned....



Questions?

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less