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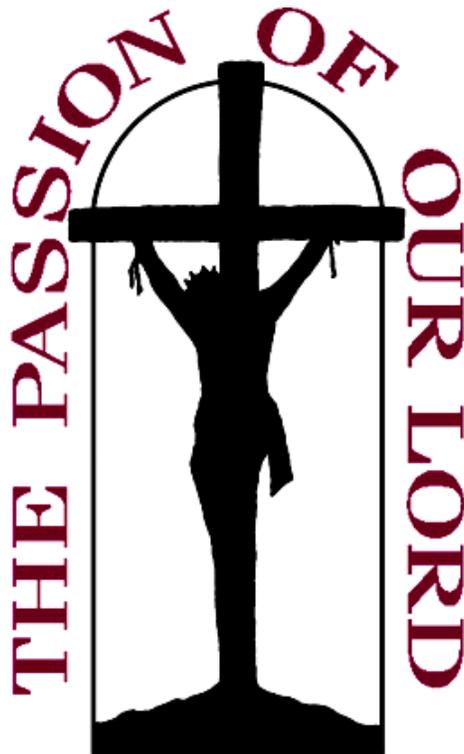
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### Midweek Lenten Worship Week 3

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The Crucial Hours



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## WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OPENING HYMN: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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*Please rise*

### INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: Amen.

### PSALM 119:9-16 (We read responsively)

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

Congregation: <sup>10</sup>**With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Congregation: <sup>12</sup>**Blessèd are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.

Congregation: <sup>14</sup>**In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Congregation: <sup>15</sup>**I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.**

Pastor: <sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

ALL: **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.**

**Psalm Prayer:** O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Congregation:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## HYMN: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS:

**Pastor:** Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION:** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## PASSION STORY II

Jesus told the disciples, “this very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” “I tell you the truth, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times.” But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to

the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Here comes my betrayer!” Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus replied. “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for.”

When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord should we strike with our swords?” And Peter struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. Jesus said, Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” Jesus knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth!” I am He” (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground, Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?” Jesus of Nazareth!” “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.”

## PASSION HISTORY 11 Continued.....

This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Jesus said, "Am I leading a rebellion that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

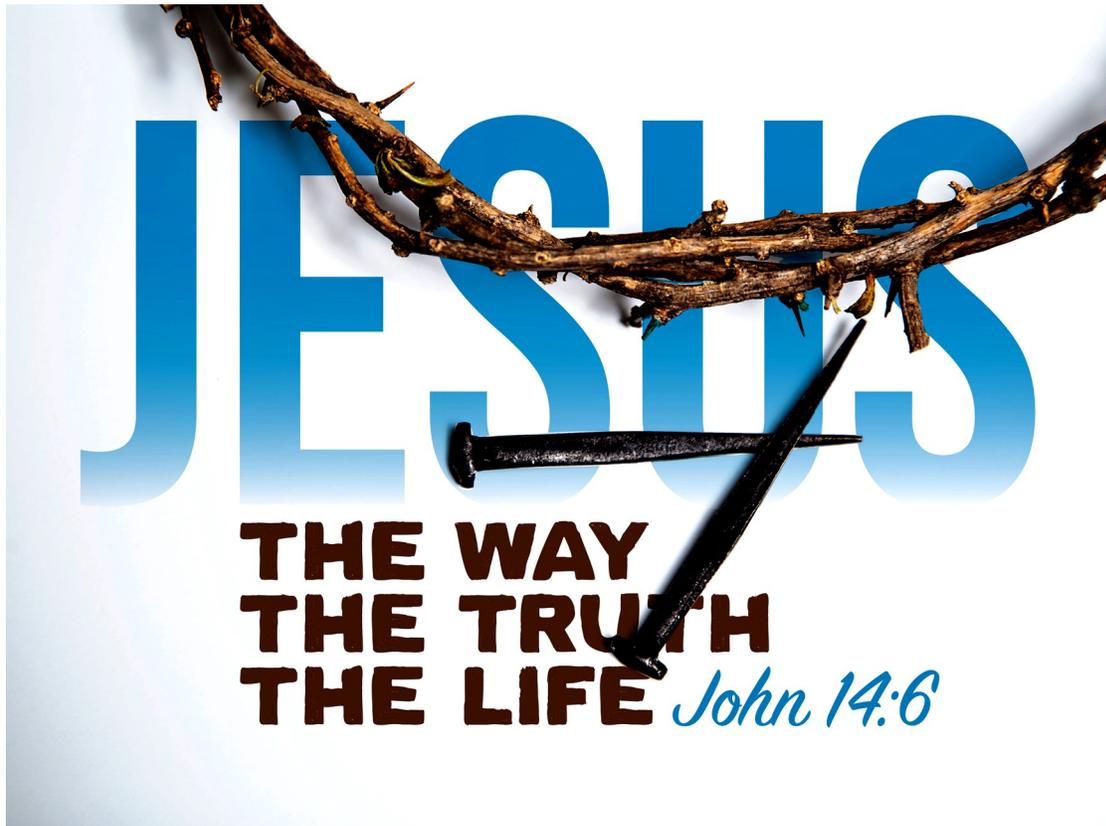
**C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. By His wounds we are healed.**

*Please rise*

**THE APOSTLES CREED: (We confess together)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated*



## 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5. If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

6. Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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*Please rise*

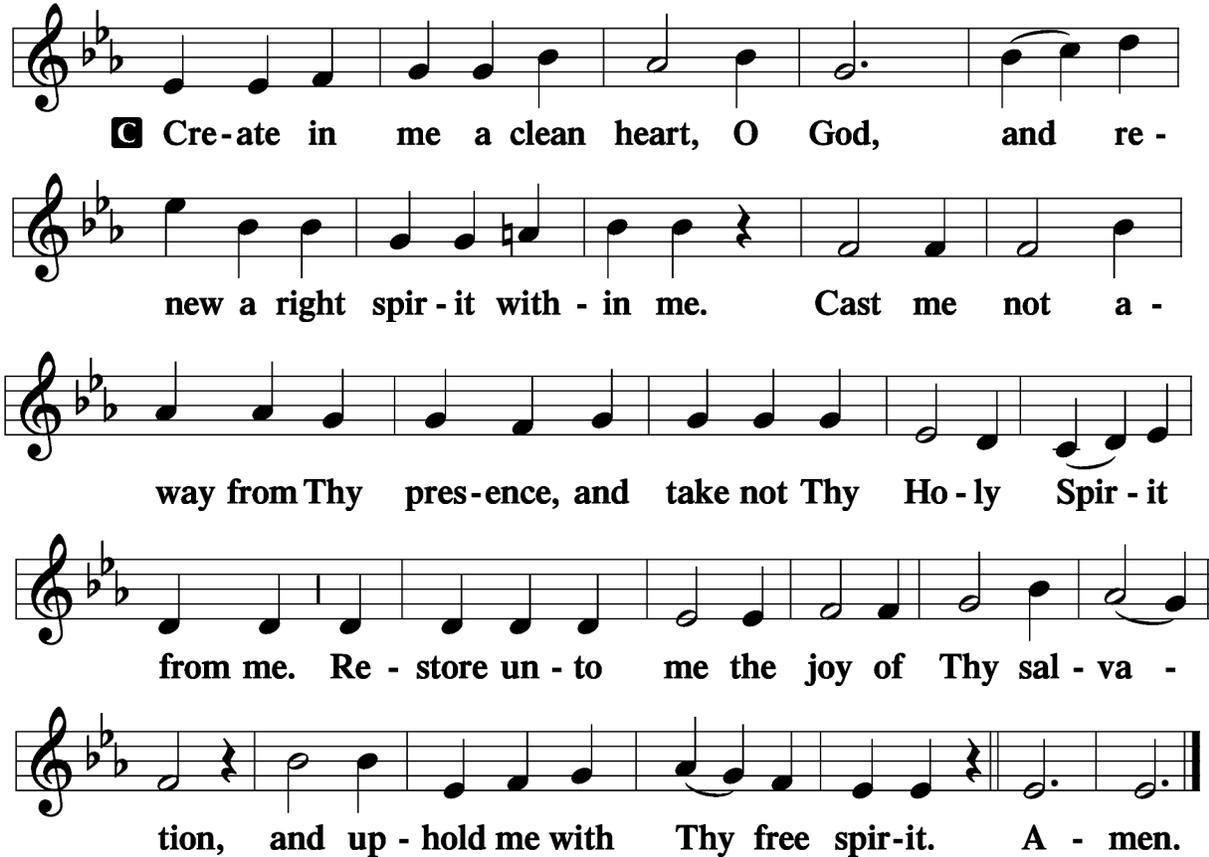
### SERMON THEME—A PART FOR THE WHOLE—SERMON TEXT—LUKE 23:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore punish and release him.

**SERMON—Please be seated for the sermon.**

*Please rise*

**OFFERTORY**



**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.**

**OFFERING—Please be seated for the offering. We rise as the offerings are brought to the altar.**

**PRAYERS**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, protector and defender against all we need fear, sustain and equip us to stand firm against our evil foe in trials and temptations. As You strengthened Joseph to stand firm in doing what was right, so also enliven our faith and strengthen us to withstand the assaults of the devil. Lead us not into temptation,

**Congregation but deliver us from evil.**

**Pastor** God of all peace and presence, there are times when we, sinful as we are, stand innocent among others yet face unfair consequences. In Your Son alone, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we see Him in perfection, doing nothing wrong, and being given into the hands of sinful men. In this Lenten season, continue to draw us closer to Him, Your love for this world through Him, and the perfect life and sacrificial death given for us and the sins of this world. Lead us not into temptation,

**Congregation but deliver us from evil.**

**Pastor:** Hear us as we pray in His name and has He has taught us.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

### 10:30AM: Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### 6:30PM: Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

*Pastor:* The Lord bless you and Keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts—Please be seated**



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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