

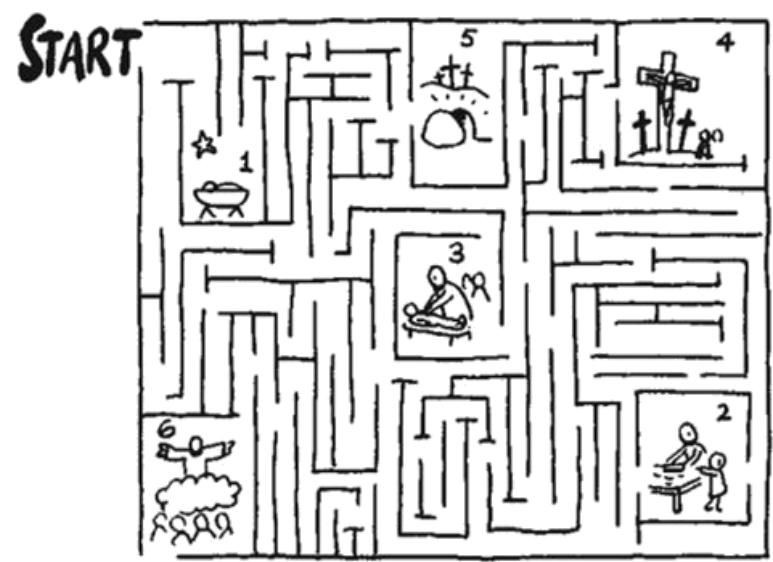
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**



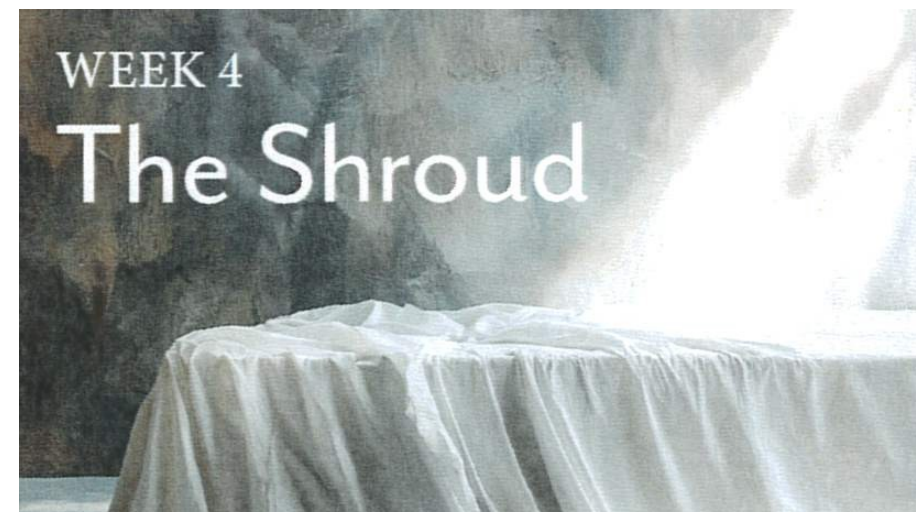
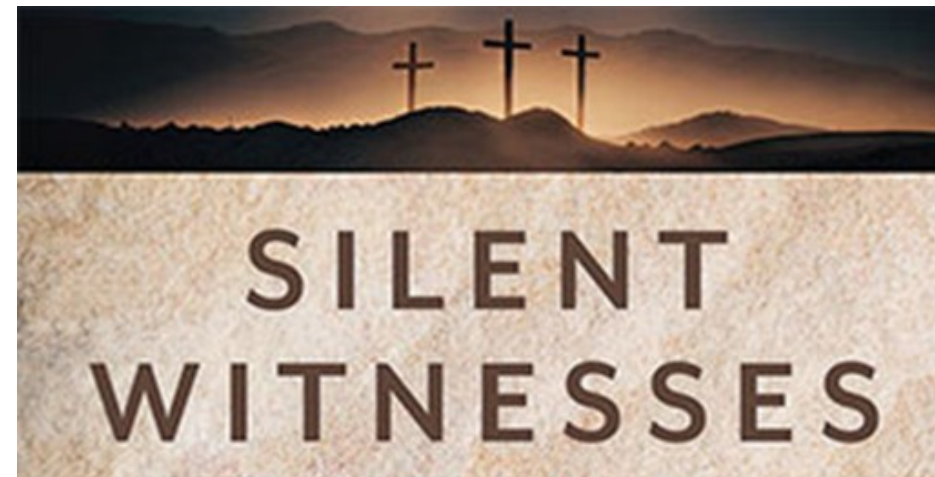
START

END

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?

You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.



Midweek Lenten Worship
Zion Lutheran Church
Albion, Nebraska
April 2, 2025
7:00pm



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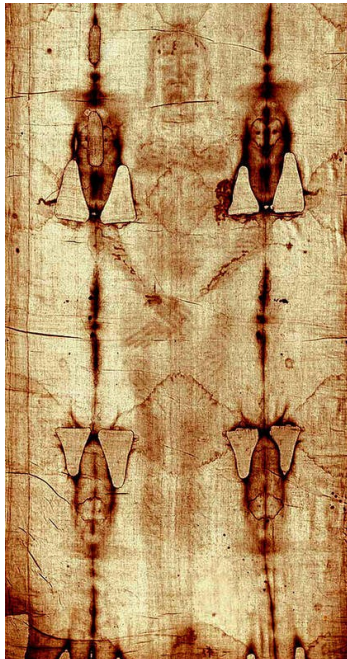
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Welcome to Worship

As we continue on our Lenten journey to the cross, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. May your worship experience be meaningful. We pray God's blessings be upon you tonight and throughout your journey.



SILENT WITNESSES



The robe, the nails, the spear, the shroud, the stone — if these things could speak, what might they tell us? On Wednesday nights in Lent we will hear from these objects associated with the Lord's suffering and death. They will be interviewed about their unique perspective.

Date

Wed., April 2nd

Wed., April 9th

Silent Witness

The Shroud

The Stone

unite us then, we pray, by your forgiving grace,
with those whom you have clothed in light that never fades.

Receive the prayers of your people
and draw all things together in your love,
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Benediction

The Lord bless and keep you.

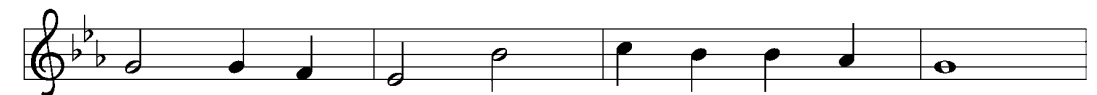
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Abide with Me

#629



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer
 for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

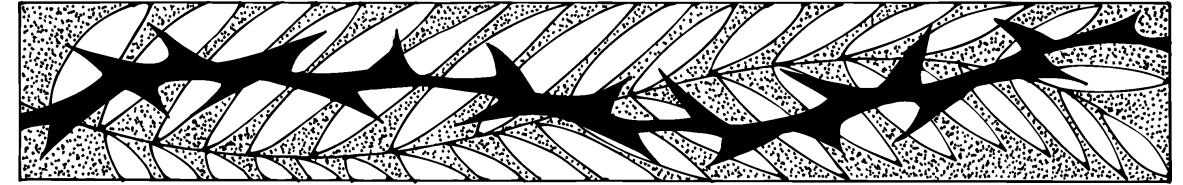
Lord Jesus Christ, by your redeeming love,
 we have been called into your kingdom, gathered as a holy people,
**enlightened by the Word of your Gospel,
 sanctified to serve you in our various callings,
 and kept in your strong care.**

Though we are dust,
 you shared our life and died for us the death that sets us free.
Now cover us with the bright shining garment of your forgiveness.

Remove from us all discontent,
**and make us willing witnesses to this,
 your cleansing and renewing love.**

Knit us together, Lord, we pray,
 and scatter us, according to your calling and the gifts that you provide,
**to demonstrate by word and deed
 the mercies that transformed us so.**

And when the day of resurrection comes —
 your final calling, gathering, enlightening, sanctifying day —



The Shroud

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin and whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us return to God,
 confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
 but our lives do not always reflect you
 and your love for the world.
 We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
 We do not welcome others
 with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.
 We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
 We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
 Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
 Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
 God's arms are always stretched open wide
 to welcome the wandering ones home.
 In ✙ Christ your sins are forgiven.
 You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* #324

Musical notation for the hymn 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the staff in four lines.

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
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867
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Opening Litany

In many and various ways
God spoke to our ancestors of old by the prophets,
but now in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.

The snares of death encompassed me,
the horrors of the grave closed in on me.

I will tell my people what you have done.
I will praise you in their assembly:

“Praise him, you servants of the Lord!
Honor him, you descendants of Jacob!
Worship him, you people of Israel!

The Interview *The Shroud*

Hymn of the Day *Savior, When in Dust to You* #601

Musical notation for the hymn 'Savior, When in Dust to You' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the staff in four lines.

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due;
2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,

when, re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,

oh, by all your pains and woe suf - fered once for us be - low,
by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,

bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.
Music: Joseph Parry, 1841-1903
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Apostle's Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Lenten Verse

Were You There

#353 (v. 4)

4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Text & Music: African American spiritual
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Holy Gospel

Mark 15:42-46a

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering;
**he does not turn away from them,
but answers when they call for help.”**

In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done;
**in the presence of those who worship you
I will offer the sacrifices I promised.**

The poor will eat as much as they want;
**those who come to the Lord will praise him.
May they prosper forever!**

Apostolic Greeting

The love of God, the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Where Are You, God? We Long to Know

(Tune: #644)

Where are you, God? We long to know. At times. Our
We've seen the wag - es of our sin; we've dreamed of
May we put feasts and games a - side; may we tear
Still you are grac - ious, lov - ing, kind. We'll turn a -

sor - rows o - ver - flow. Then oth - ers ask the ques - tion,
things that might have been. We've giv - en in to hate and
down the walls of pride. We're sor - ry, Lord! We've turned from
round! Now is the time! These Len - ten days, O God, may we

too. “Where is your God?” - they say to you.
fear; we've pushed a - way those you hold dear.
you! So now we ask "What can we do?"
be - come your blest com - mun - i - ty.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Lord Jesus,

your body was wrapped in a shroud at your burial.

Yet, by your death on the cross,

we know that you have wrapped us all in the robe of righteousness,
forever forgiven through you.

Help us to look forward to your rising from the dead on Easter,
when you will leave your shroud in the tomb
and go forth to live a new life with us. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Lesson

Isaiah 53:9-11

A reading from Isaiah.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Let us read Isaiah 25 responsively.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
**of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.**

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
**the sheet that is spread over all nations;
and ⁸he will swallow up death forever.**

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
**and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.**

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
**This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:8-15

A reading from First Peter.

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another,
a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or abuse
for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that
you were called — that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰For

"Those who desire life and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do
not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts
sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to
anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in
you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**