

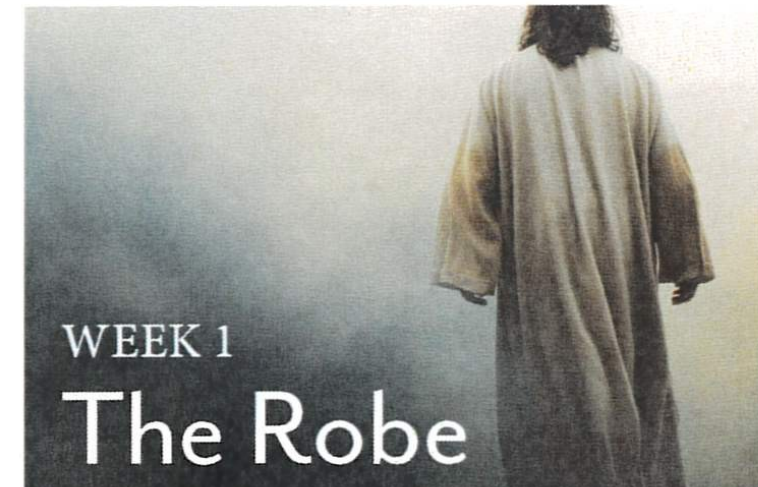
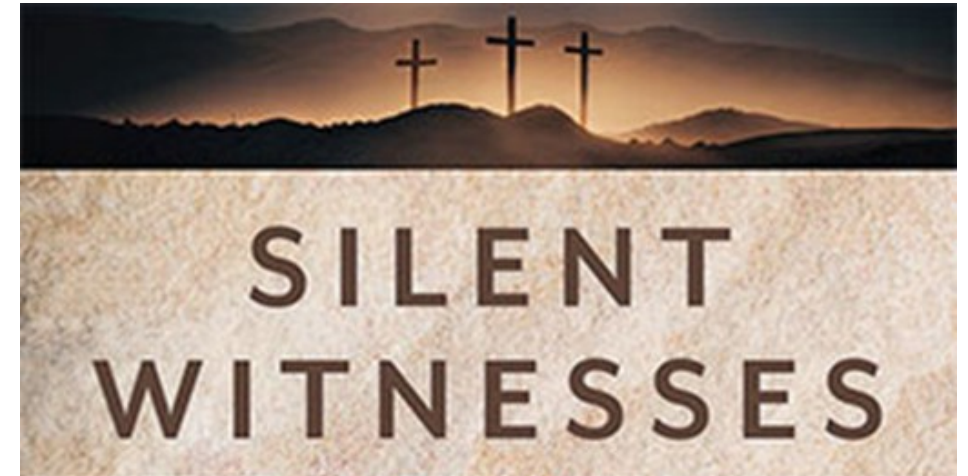
Dismissal

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

Jesus Maze



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Midweek Lenten Worship
Zion Lutheran Church
Albion, Nebraska

March 12, 2025

7:00pm



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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., March 12th

Wed., March 19th

Wed., March 26th

Wed., April 2nd

Wed., April 9th

Silent Witness

The Robe

The Nails

The Spear

The Shroud

The Stone

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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**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, we come to you as those whose lives are stained.
**By our own fault, we have disfigured and made ugly
what you created to be beautiful.**

Truly we deserve to be discarded,
cast forever from your presence, lost to your concern.
Our pride has brought us low.

But your most precious blood was shed, O gracious Lord,
to make us clean and pure again, forgiven by your boundless grace.
Forgive us, Lord, we pray! Wash all our sins away.

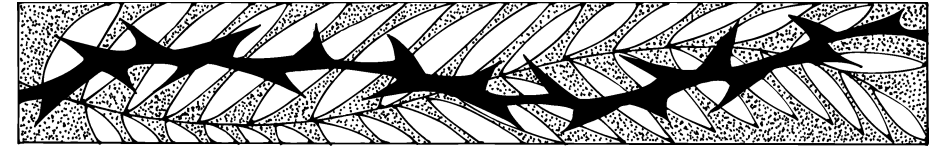
Accept us once again as precious in your sight,
**and find some way for us to serve you as your witness,
adorning your most precious name
with all the reawakened beauty of our deeds and lives,
made precious by your love.**

Open our eyes to those around us then,
those whom we are tempted to despise or overlook,
**and give us your own vision of their worth,
that we may love and treasure them as you, O Lord, love us.**

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,



The Robe

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.

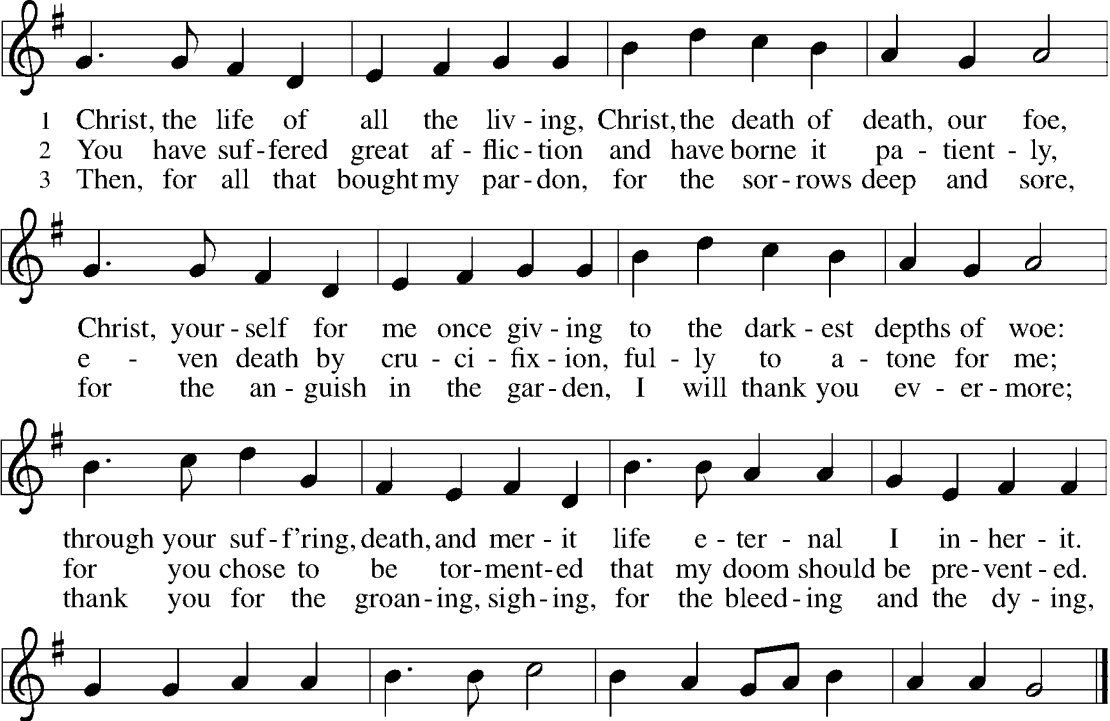
Let us return to God,
confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

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 *Christ, the Life of All the Living* #339



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

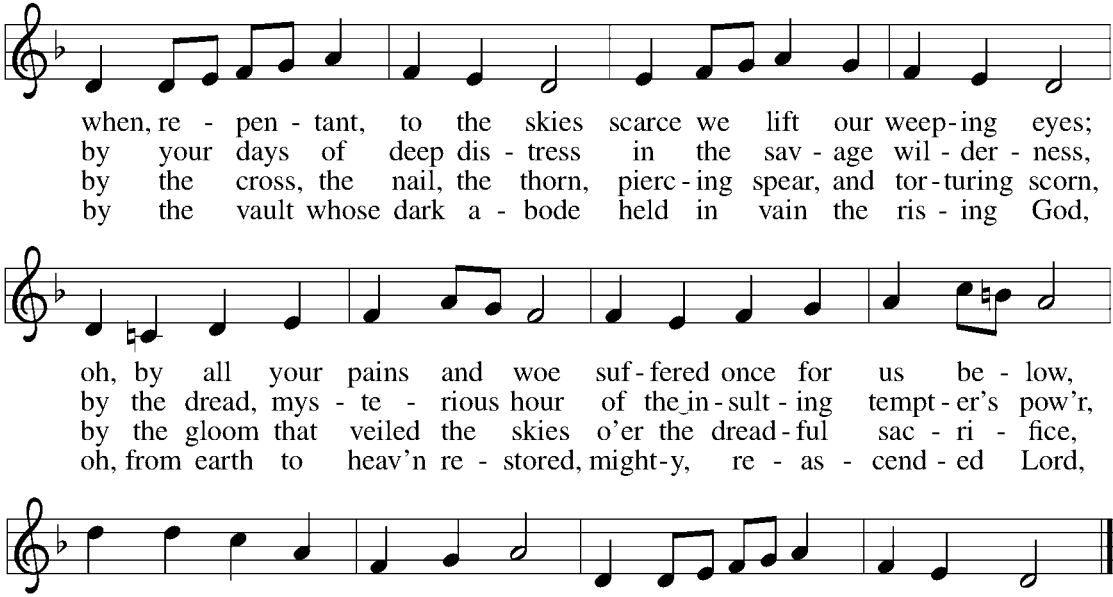
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Music: Das grosse Camtional, Darmstadt, 1687
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Opening Litany

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 Lord has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

But I am not worthy; I am a worm, despised and scorned by everyone!
All who see me mock me.
They stick out their tongues and shake their heads.



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.
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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.**

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.

Refrain

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

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:27-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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

The Interview

The Robe

Hymn of the Day

Savior, When in Dust to You

#601

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,

“You relied on the Lord,” they say. “Why doesn’t he save you?
 If the Lord likes you, why doesn’t he help you?”

**It was you who brought me safely through birth,
 and when I was a baby, you kept me safe.**

I have relied on you since I was born,
 and you have always been my God.

Do not stay away from me! Trouble is near, and no one will help.

The Lord has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

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.)*

Dear Jesus,
when you wore a purple robe
around your shoulders during your Passion,
the soldiers mocked you and pretended you were a king.
But little did those soldiers know that you were a king, even there,
and you still are a king ruling over all today.
Help us never to forget that you reign on high over heaven and earth.
Nothing and no one can overpower you. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Lesson

Isaiah 53:1-3

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

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

Psalm 93

Let us read Psalm 93 responsively.

¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

²**your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
**more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!**

⁵Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:13-21

A reading from First Peter.

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse

Were You There

#353 (v. 1)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the 'Lenten Verse' and the second for 'Were You There'. Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are as follows:

Staff 1 (Lenten Verse): G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half).

Staff 2 (Were You There): G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half).

The lyrics are written below the notes: '1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?' for the first staff, and 'Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?' for the second staff.