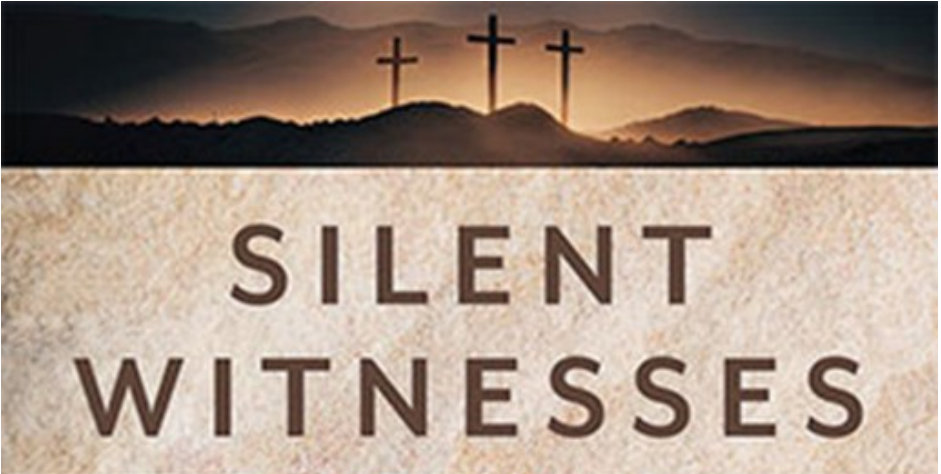


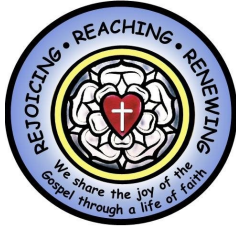
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Midweek Lenten Worship
Zion Lutheran Church
Albion, Nebraska
March 26, 2025
7:00pm



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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 26th

Wed., April 2nd

Wed., April 9th

Silent Witness

The Spear

The Shroud

The Stone

✠ 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

Glory Be to Jesus

#95 (LBW)



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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We plead the merits of your faithful suffering and death,
the witness of the water and the blood.

Your promise of forgiveness and renewal
to all who truly trust and follow you.
Forgive our guilt, we pray.

And give us grace to hear your Word,
to take up our own crosses daily and to follow you.

Give us the strength
to bear whatever hardship we endure as those who follow you.

Give us the courage to condemn all evil
and to defend the right and good as those who follow you.

Give us the love to reach out
to the suffering and needy, in compassion, as those who follow you.

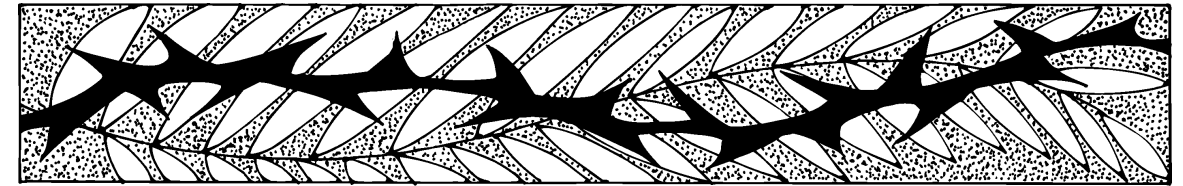
Lord, make us faithful witnesses to this,
your cleansing and renewing love.

Give to our nation and its leaders,
and to all whose call is to serve and to defend,
**the wisdom to perform their duties in ways that are wise and good,
and keep them safe from harm.**

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.**



The Spear

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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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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.

They shall look on him whom they have pierced.
Many enemies surround me like bulls; they are all around me,
like fierce bulls from the land of Bashan.
They open their mouths like lions, roaring and tearing at me.



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!

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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.

**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 have betrayed you.
**Called into your service and commissioned by your Spirit,
we have proved unfaithful and often cowardly.**

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Interview

The Spear

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,



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,

My strength is gone, gone like water spilled on the ground.
All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax.

My throat is as dry as dust,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
You have left me for dead in the dust.

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.

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Prayer of the Day

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

O Jesus,

when the spear pierced your side, blood and water flowed,
but more than that, your love flowed out to us.

Thank you for bearing the pain, for washing our sins away,
for giving your very life, purely out of compassion for us.

Help us to show love just as extravagantly and sacrificially
to those around us. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Lesson

Isaiah 53:7-8

A reading from Isaiah.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

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

Psalm 46:8-11

Let us read Psalm 46 responsively.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:7-11

A reading from First Peter.

⁷The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. **Amen.**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse

Were You There

#353 (v. 3)

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Refrain

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

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

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Holy Gospel

John 19:31-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.