

PROMISED TREASURES



Mid Week Lent

March 22, 2023

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4
BREAD OF LIFE
MARCH 22, 2023

AS WE GATHER

The bread we bake in our homes or buy from the store is good for today. But by tomorrow, it may be gone. The gifts we receive in this world satisfy us for a moment; however, the gifts we receive in the promised treasures of God's Word are gifts that are eternal. When Jesus describes Himself in John 6 as the bread of life, we know that He highlights for us His mission of salvation. As our bread of life, Jesus comes to forgive us, renew us, and lead us toward a meaningful life in relationship with Him. Let us taste and experience that life together this day as the Holy Spirit calls us to walk with Jesus and be satisfied by His presence among us.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

P: Peace be with you,

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424



1	O	Christ, You walked the road	Our	wan - d'ring	feet	must	go.
2	No	bread of earth a - lone	Can	fill	our	hun - g'ring	hearts.
3	No	blind - ing sign we ask,	No	won - der	from	a -	bove.
4	When	lures of eas - y gain	With	prom - ise	bright - ly	shine,	
5	O	Christ, You walked the road	Our	wan - d'ring	feet	must	go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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OPENING SENTENCES

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C 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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM *Psalm 19:7–10, 14*

P The law of the LORD is perfect,

C reviving the soul;

P the testimony of the LORD is sure,

C making wise the simple;

P the precepts of the LORD are right,

C rejoicing the heart;

P the commandment of the LORD is pure,
C **enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean,
C **enduring forever;**

P the just decrees of the LORD are true,
C **and righteous altogether.**

P More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
C **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
C **be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**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.**

CHOIR -"LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE GIVING BREAD"

+ READINGS +

READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD PART 4

MATTHEW 27:1-26

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver

into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.
⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:32-37

P A reading from St. John, the sixth chapter.

³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

SERIES HYMN “One House Abides Unending” (See *insert*)

SERMON – “Bread of Life”

+ CANTICLE +

ANTIPHON

- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

MAGNIFICAT

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

KYRIE

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, You reveal Yourself as the bread of life who satisfies all the hungry souls that return to You in repentance and faith. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.
- C **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**
- P Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,
- C **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**
- P Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.
- C **Enable us to walk in the light of Your grace, knowing that You are truly the light of the world that darkness can never overcome.**
- P Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [especially . . .], and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.
- C **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN “Abide With Me”

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1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.

2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;

6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.

What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,

Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?

Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.

Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.

In life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me.

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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE(S)

MIDWEEK LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER SERVICES 2023
OVERALL THEME: "PROMISED TREASURES"

Fellowship Suppers at 6:00 P.M.

MIDWEEK LENT 5: Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 P.M.
THEME: "Palms and Victory"

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 P.M. **
THEME: "Water and Blood"

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 7 at 7:30 P.M.
THEME: "The Old, Rugged, Wooden Cross"

EASTER SATURDAY – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY – SUNRISE: Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 A.M. **
THEME: "The Oil of Joy and Gladness"

EASTER SUNDAY – FESTIVAL: Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 A.M. **
THEME: "Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey"
Note: Holy Communion is being offered **

Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

We request that visitors register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

A Mother's Room is available for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.

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Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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