



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Midweek III  
"Behold!"

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***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## AS WE GATHER

Jesus had no epitaph. Buried in a borrowed tomb, no words were emblazoned across His grave. Instead, during the Savior's final hours, He paved a way through suffering with seven Words – seven Words for life, remembered and recited throughout the ages – simple sentences, tiny touchstones along His way of sorrows to see us through our own. To be sure, these Words have a lasting impact, even now, for us, beginning with today's Word: "Behold!" Truly it is a Word that bestows life – now, for eternity.

## PRELUDE

**CHILDREN OF GOD** (*Words & Music by Third Day © © 2010 Songs From The Quarry*  
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*Chorus: Children of God, sing your song and rejoice,  
for the love that He has given us all.  
Oh, children of God, by the blood of His Son  
we have been redeemed and we can be called the children of God,  
children of God.*

*Bridge: We are the saints, we are the children, we've been redeemed,  
we've been forgiven.  
We are the sons and daughters of our God.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN OF INVITATION** "With Words that Last Forever"

[TUNE: LSB 449]

With words that last forever You speak in richest grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon Your cross disgraced.  
With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,  
With open heart embrace You: I, Lord, Your words receive.

"Forgiveness" granted sinners, and "Paradise, today!"  
"Behold your son, your mother!" to family You say.  
The air is split with anguish in Your "Forsaken" cry,  
As "Thirsty," work "Accomplished," in "Father's hands" You die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners, Your sacrifice so great,  
Till at the tomb I waken to Your new Word for me:  
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

## APPROACHING THE WORD

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.*

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**C “Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”**

P The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**C “Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”**

P Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**C “Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”**

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

**C “Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”**

P “The Word that goes forth from My mouth shall not return to Me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

**C “Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Proverbs 23:22-25* (Honor your father and your mother.)

<sup>22</sup> Listen to your father who gave you life,  
and do not despise your mother when she is old.

<sup>23</sup> Buy truth, and do not sell it;  
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

<sup>24</sup> The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;  
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

<sup>25</sup> Let your father and mother be glad;  
let her who bore you rejoice.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Timothy 5:1-8* (Honor for the aged among us.)

<sup>1</sup> Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup> older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are truly widows. <sup>4</sup> But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, <sup>6</sup> but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup> Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. <sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**OUR SAVIOR SPOKE WITH SEVEN WORDS**

[Tune: KINGSFOLD, *LSB 444*]

**Our Savior spoke with seven words as on the cross He died;  
Through pain and sorrow echoed hope when He was crucified.  
To meet His grieving mother's needs His third word He did share  
And brought a new relationship for John and Mary there.**

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**GOSPEL READING** *John 16:16-24 (Your sorrow will turn into joy.)*

**P** The holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” <sup>17</sup> So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

*LSB 447:7-9*

**MEDITATION** “Behold!”

**HYMN**    *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (Words & Music by Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty  
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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;  
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.  
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me “Come.”  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His fam’ly is my own.  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace a-lone.  
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,  
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us- to be His perfect bride.  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P**        As we mark the forty days of Lent with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray  
              for the renewal of the Church and the restoration of the world to the life of  
              God in Christ.

*Silence for time of personal reflection.*

*Each petition concludes with the following response:*

**C**        **Lord, make us mindful of one another.**

*Additional petitions may be offered.*

**P**        Gracious Father, listen to the prayers that flow from our lips, and sustain us  
              with the forgiveness won by Your Son’s Passion, death and resurrection;  
              through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
              Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**        **Amen.**

*Sharing of God’s peace.*

**OFFERTORY** “Our Savior Speaks in Love”

[TUNE: *LSB 424*]

Our Savior speaks in love, from deepest agony.  
Oh, hear the message from above; His great compassion see.

To Mary, looking on, “Behold your son,” He says.  
“Behold your mother,” thus on John love’s burden gently lays.

Our Savior speaks; may we give heed to ev’ry word,  
And grace be given faithfully to trust what we have heard.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Please see PowerPoint or back of hymnal.*

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

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** “The Servant Song” (*Words & Music by Richard Gillard, © 1977 and this arr. © 1986 Scripture in Song*)

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are pilgrims on the road,  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear,  
I will hold my hand out to you speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you,  
I will share your joy and sorrow ‘till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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## **“7 for LIFE”**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**(Soup, Salad & Sandwiches @ 6:00 p.m.;  
Worship @ 7:00 p.m.)**

### **SUNDAYS**

**(Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m. & Worship @ 10:30 a.m.)**

**“Behold!” (March 8 & 12)**

**“Forsaken!” (March 15 & 19)**

**“Thirst! (March 22 & 26)**

**“Finished!” (March 29 & April 2)**

### **3 Opportunities to Go Deeper:**

**“For You!” (Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.)**

**“Hands!” (Friday, April 7, Noon & 7:00 p.m.)**

**“Alleluia” (Easter Sunday 6 & 10:30 a.m.)**