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Mid-Week Lenten Service
March 4, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

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We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! We hope you'll join us again next week at 9:30am for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship.



If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to electronically submit your **church connection card**. Let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

Restrooms: Located downstairs under the Sanctuary, the back hallway behind the Sanctuary or in the lobby connector with the Fellowship Hall.

Families with Children: If you wish, a staffed nursery for children aged 0-4 is located in the lower level of the building below the sanctuary. Children also have the option of worshipping in the sanctuary, or attending Children's Church, which begins after the Children's Chat.

Food & Drinks: To help keep our worship space clean and reverent, no food is permitted in the sanctuary. Water bottles or enclosed cups are welcome. Thank for your cooperation.

Question: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask an usher.

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 Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

Welcome and Announcements

† Opening Litany

P: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Oh Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hurry to deliver me,

C: come and help me, my Lord and my God.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

† Opening Hymn "Jesus Messiah"

Verse 1:

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, Lord of all

Verse 2:

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Bridge:

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world

Chorus:

Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, Lord of all
Jesus messiah, Lord of all

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† The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:1–6

- ¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4–9 (ESV)

- ⁴ But[a] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
- ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
- ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 23rd Chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Luke 23:39–43

- ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him,[a] saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
- ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”
- ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”
- ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
- ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise”

† Homily Hymn “I Can Only Imagine”

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (yeah)
I can only imagine

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† Apostles’ Creed

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.

† The Lord's Prayer

† Responsive Prayer

P: Let us gather our hearts together as one and offer our prayers to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.)

P: Let my prayer rise before you as incense.

C: And the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: It is you, loving God, who breathes life into each of us,

C: It is you who calls us into existence

P: It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin

C: It is you who calls us into existence

P: It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin before you.

P: You are the God of the living,

C: and are pleased to offer us forgiveness and reconciliation.

P: Stretch forth your right hand to save us,

C: and defend us from our enemies.

P: You, O Lord, see us who have no strength,

C: and you revive us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Benediction

P: May the God of light and truth lead you from this place,

C: be not far from me, O Lord, the rock of my salvation.

P: May the Savior of the world encourage us to follow the example of his great humility,

C: that we would be patient and long-suffering in our service.

P: May the Holy Spirit accompany and guide us,

C: and grant us peace at the closing of the day.

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

† Sending Hymn "I'll Fly Away"

Verse 1: Some glad morning when this life is o'er

I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore

I'll fly away

Chorus:

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away

When I die hallelujah by and by

I'll fly away

Verse 2: When the shadows of this life have grown

I'll fly away

Like a bird from prison bars has flown

I'll fly away

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Verse 3: Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joys shall never end

I'll fly away

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† **P:** Go in Peace. Christ is with You.

C: Thanks be to God.

MIDWEEK LENT SERIES: The Final Words of Christ

Midweek Lent — "Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise"

1. Where do you struggle to believe grace is really for you?
2. What regrets do you need to place into Christ's hands?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus promises, "You will be with Me"?
4. Which voice sounds more like you lately — the mocking criminal or the trusting one? *Where in your life are you demanding that Jesus "fix it now," and where are you simply asking to be remembered?*
5. If salvation is truly by grace alone, what are you still trying to earn? *Approval? Peace? Forgiveness? What would it look like to stop striving and simply trust?*
6. What would change in your daily life if you really believed Jesus' promise is immediate and personal — "Today... with Me"? *How would that reshape your fear of death, your anxiety, or your sense of worth?*
7. Who in your life do you quietly assume is "too far gone"? *How does this word from the cross challenge the limits you place on God's mercy?*

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