

2019 Midweek Lenten Series

MEMENTOS OF HIS PASSION



When the Second World War ended, American servicemen and women came home victorious . . . many brought back souvenirs or mementos of the war . . . there was another war of far greater importance. There were mementos of that war, too. Items that in themselves were of no great value, but played a role in Jesus' passion.

OPENING HYMN

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: (spoken) **Amen!**

ORDER OF EVENING VESPERS *(TLH PG.41)*

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips...

C: “And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.”

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: “Make haste to help me, O Lord.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen!

RESPONSIVE:

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the innocent and spotless Lamb of God!

C: You suffered the humiliating death on the cross for us.

P: From the depths of our hearts we thank, praise, and magnify You for redeeming us poor sinners by paying the price of Your holy sufferings and death. You gave Your life, that we might be saved from eternal death.

C: O faithful Savior, how much You have suffered for us!

P: What unspeakable torture and pain You endured in body and soul, that we might be exempt forever.

C: Oh, Lord Jesus, You are the patient Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world.

P: We confess that we have caused You all this labor and Your death with our many and grievous sins.

C: Be gracious and merciful to us.

P: Don't let Your bitter and painful sufferings and death be in vain. Grant us grace that we may remember Your redemption all our days.

C: Help us to crucify and put to death all fleshly lusts and desires.

P: Because You have suffered for us,

C: Grant that we may take up our crosses and follow You.

P: May we patiently endure all things for Your name's sake and in the blessed hereafter forever remain with You and all Your elect in heavenly joy and bliss.

C: Amen.

COLLECT: (SELECTED LENTEN COLLECT FOR EACH SERVICE)

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

HARMONY OF THE PASSION

P: Behold! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (FROM FORMULA OF CONCORD) Art III The Righteousness of Faith, p9-15

P: "We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God.

C: A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

P: This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone.

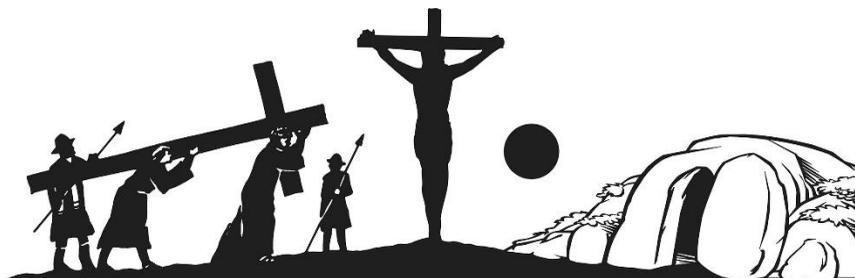
C: His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

P: Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves.

C: This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved."

ALL: This is most certainly true!

HYMN OF THE DAY



SERMON: (SERMON TEXT CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN)

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OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

EVENING CLOSE:

P: I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;

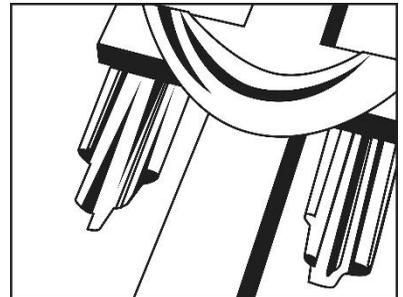
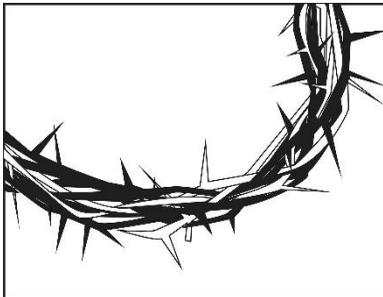
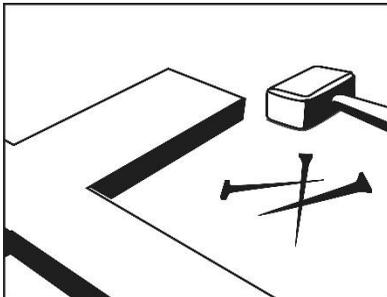
C: For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

BENEDICTION:

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

ALL: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN



THE READINGS AND HYMNS

March 6 – An Alabaster Box

Speaker: **Pastor Ben Libby**

Text: **Matthew 26:6-13**

Hymns: **150; 175; 560:3,5**

⁶ And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. ⁸ But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?" ⁹ "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

¹⁰ But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹ "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹² "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. ¹³ "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

March 13 – Thirty Pieces of Silver

Speaker: **Pastor Mark Tiefel**

Text: **Matthew 26:14-15**

Hymns: **173; 171** (selected verses); **560** (selected verses)

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

March 20 – A Crown of Thorns

Speaker: **Pastor Ben Libby**

Text: **Matthew 27:27-30**

Hymns: **145; 172:1-4; 143:1-5,8**

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

March 27 – A Cross

Speaker: **Pastor Mark Tiefel**

Text: **Mark 15:22-25**

Hymns: **155; 178; 721**

²² And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

²³ Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. ²⁴ And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. ²⁵ Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

April 3 – A Seamless Garment

Speaker: **Pastor Ben Libby**

Text: **John 19:23-24**

Hymns: **371; 721; 172:1,5**

²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

April 10 – A Soldier's Spear

Speaker: **Pastor Mark Tiefel**

Text: **John 19:31-37**

Hymns: **712; "O Lord! When we the path retrace"; 154**

³¹ Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; ³³ but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

Thank you for joining us this Lenten evening. We hope you will come again!

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