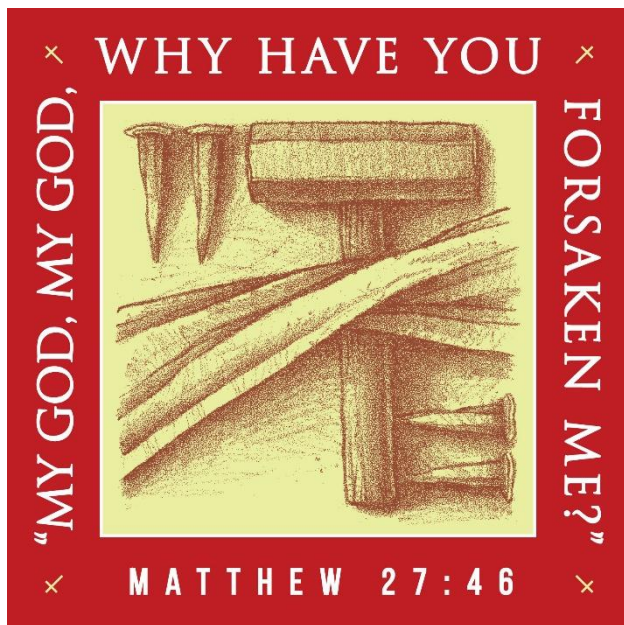


ASCENSION  
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Judica (Passion) Sunday



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Matthew 27:46** <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Prayer:** Dearest Savior, The torment You endured at the hands of evil men was great. But greater still is the suffering unseen by human eyes, and the suffering that cost You everything: that of the punishment of hell. We tremble before you as we know it is our sins that put You on that cross. But we fall into Your arms with joy and love because by faith we know You did it to save us eternally. Through Your saving name; even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Opening Hymn

TLH 158 *Glory Be to Jesus*

## Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



TLH 171

Upon the Cross Extended vs 1,10,12

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson

## Psalm 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. <sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet-- <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

## Gospel Lesson

## John 12:23-30

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be

glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. <sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 43 [Selected Verses]

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people
- C** from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- P** For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?
- C** Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- P** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- C** Then I will go to the altar of God, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
- C** Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

## Epistle Lesson

## Hebrews 5:7-9

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to

save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

**Confession of Faith:**

**Apostles Creed**

**☩** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from  
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life ✚ everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn:**

**TLH 154 Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed**

**Sermon:**

**Matthew 27:45-46**

<sup>27</sup>TNow from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land  
until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out  
with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My  
God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**On the Road to Easter...**

**Jesus Suffered the Torment of Hell**

**Offertory:**

**Create in Me ♪♪**

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within  
me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy  
Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

**Hymn:**

**TLH 183 Jesus, Whelmed In Fears Unknown**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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

## Benediction:

☐: Amen

## Hymn:

WS 723 What Wondrous Love is This

## Silent Prayer

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# Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Lent:** Our final midweek Lenten service will be held Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.
- **Schedule Changes:** Next week, our service will be held at 9am due to Confirmation being held at Redemption. April 20<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular 11:30 time..

## Call News:

- Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, SD ***has returned the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO

- Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI ***has accepted the call to*** Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, White River, SD.
- Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, ***has returned the call to*** St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA

**Fruits of Faith at Ascension:**

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
3/6&9/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1350.00
3/13&16/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 870.00
3/23/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 745.00
3/27&30/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 895.00

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 6:30  
 Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension Communion Service at 9  
 Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:30