

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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THE MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

The Service of Early Evening (p. 297 in LSB)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and the Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

Text and tune: Public domain

The Invocation and Versicles

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

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

P: Joyous light of glory:

C: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

A Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Verse 2

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. **(Chorus)**

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A Lenten Reading: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels: The Praetorium

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 563, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93
Text and tune: Public domain

The Sermon

The Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Closing Hymn: LSB 880, "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow"



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

I encourage you to make it your priority to sit at Jesus' feet on a weekly (if not daily) basis during Lent as He renews and refreshes you through His Word and Sacraments.

- April 3 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Priorities
- April 10 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Godly Fear
- April 14 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Christian Unity
- April 15 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Faith
- April 17 – Easter: A Time for Renewal of Hope

Midweek Lenten Services

We will also have a midweek Lenten service on April 6. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

Holy Week Services

Reserve the following services on your calendar and plan to attend!

- **Maundy Thursday** (with Holy Communion): April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday**: April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday** (with Holy Communion): April 17 at 9:30 a.m.
(**Easter Breakfast** prior to worship at 8am. Register on the sign-up sheet by the office)





St. James Lutheran Church Presents:

An EGGS-traordinary Easter EGGS-perience

April 23 from 1-3 p.m.

2040 Oakwood Ave. NE

Grand Rapids, Michigan

This **EGGS-tra** Special Event will be a Basket Full of Fun
Including:

An **EGGS-ceptional** EGG Hunt, **EGGS-citing** Games &
Activities, **EGGS-cellent** Crafts, & the **EGGS-traordinary**
Account of Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead!