

MESSIAH
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**Wednesday in the
5th Week of Lent**

**March 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Wednesday in the 5th Week of Lent

(Please place offerings in the basket in the entryway to the Sanctuary)

PRELUDE

Justin Brown

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Verse 1: I need thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Chorus: I need thee, oh, I need thee; Ev'ry hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee!

Verse 2: I need thee ev'ry hour; Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.

Chorus

Verse 3: I need thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Chorus

Verse 4: I need thee ev'ry hour, most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!

Chorus

A LITANY FROM DUST TO GLORY

Leader: The Lord God formed Adam from the dust of the ground.

**All: He breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils,
and he came to life.**

Leader: The ground is cursed because of Adam and Eve.

All: By the sweat of our brow will we have food to eat,

Leader: until we return to the ground from which we were made.

All: For we were made from dust and to dust we will return.

Leader: We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!

All: We are born to die because we come from Adam,

Leader: but everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

All: Amen.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

"Jesus Paid It All"

Verse 1: I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray find in me thine all in all"

Chorus: 'Cause Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

Verse 2: Lord, now indeed I find thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

Chorus

Verse 3: And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall still repeat

Chorus

Bridge: Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (4X)

Ending: Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Justin Brown

SCRIPTURE READINGS (NIV)

Genesis 6:5-8

⁵The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

MESSAGE

"The Best Construction"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Verse 1: Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's redeeming love

Verse 2: Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3: O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.



HYMN

"Lamb of God"



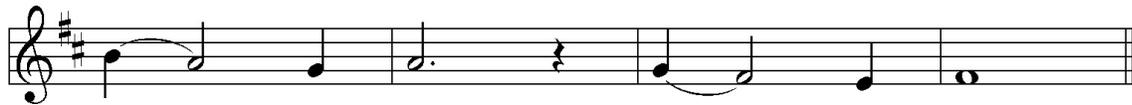
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Justin Brown

THE BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Lord Jesus, You are the potter, we are the clay. You are the shepherd, we are the sheep in Your flock. Tonight we have been fed through this holy meal and nurtured by Your word. We love You and thank You because You first loved us. Amen.

Pastor: For we were made from dust,

All: and to dust we will return.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

All: We give thanks heavenly Father through Jesus Christ your dear son, that you have this day graciously protected us. We confidently ask you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong that we have done. By your great mercy protect us during the coming night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one may have no power over us. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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Wednesday Evenings during Lent:
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Celebration Service
at 10 a.m. in the FLC

Holy Week:
April 2 (Maundy Thursday) at 7 p.m.
April 3 (Good Friday) at 7 p.m.
April 5 (Easter Sunday) at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Breakfast served 7:30-11 a.m.



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