

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH 
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**Wednesday in the
4th Week of Lent**

**March 11, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

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Guest Pastor Rod Juell
Organist & Pianist Rose Ann Sochan
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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Wednesday in the 4th Week of Lent

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

PRELUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Paid It All," #210 v. 1-4

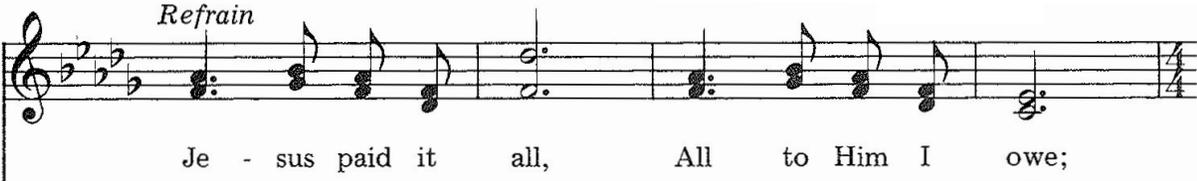


1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!
2. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim -
4. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

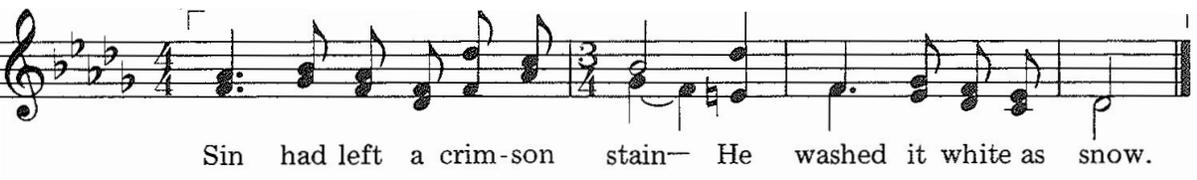


Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the lep - er's spots And melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," My lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain - He washed it white as snow.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glorify Thy Name," #29 v. 1-3



- 1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,



Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.



Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name,



Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is the Lord," #31

Unison

Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; By His pow-er we trust in His
love. Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true; By His mer-cy He
proves He is love. *Parts optional*
1, 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry!
(D.S.) Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry!

Great is the Lord and wor- thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now
Great are You, Lord, and wor- thy of praise. Great are You, Lord; I
lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the
lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You,
3rd time to Coda 1 || *2 D.S. al Coda*

Lord! Great is the Lord!
Lord! Great are You, Lord!

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rose Ann Sochan

SCRIPTURE READINGS (ESV)

Genesis 4:8-16

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And

now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Matthew 5:21-30

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

MESSAGE

"Three Naughty Commandments"

Pastor Rod Juell

HYMN

"There Is a Redeemer," #206 v. 1-3



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

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"



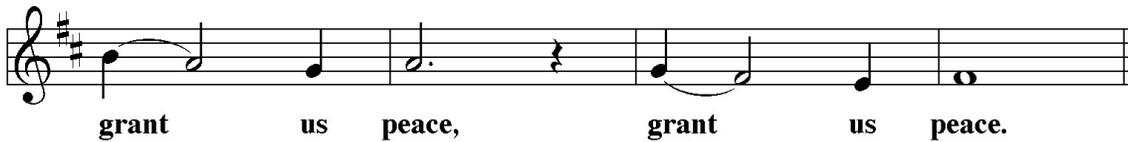
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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;



COMMUNION HYMNS

"Gentle Shepherd," #458 (1X)
 "Let Us Break Bread Together," #323 v. 1-3

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

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night,"
 #565 v.1-5, ELW



- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
- 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
- 5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be-neath thine own al-might - y wings.
 that with the world, my-self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo-rious at the awe-some day.
 sleep that shall me more vig-'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
 praise God a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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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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