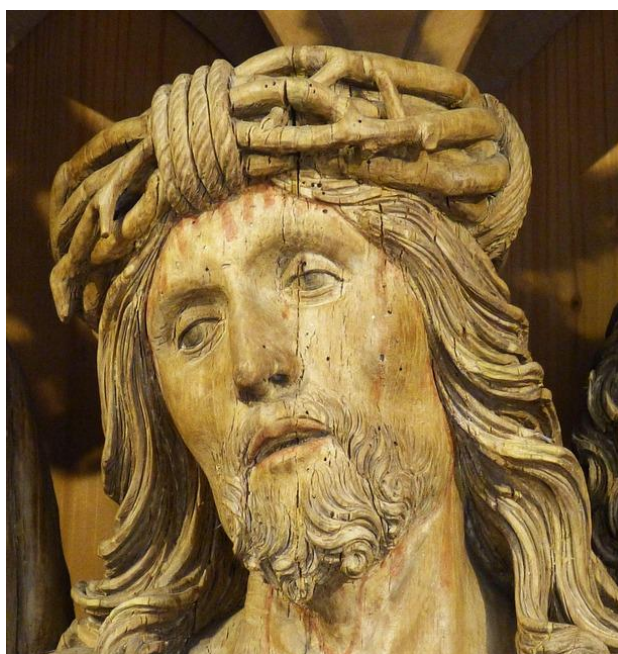


April 6, 2025



**THE SUFFERING SERVANT**  
**REJECTED AND SENTENCED**



Of the 21 chapters in his Gospel, John dedicates nine of them to the events and occurrences surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. From His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through His death on the cross, His victory over the grave and finally to meeting His disciples in Galilee, John zeroes in on the source of our life of grace and truth. During this special season of Lent, where we recognize that it was for our salvation that God sent His Son into the world, we join John in recalling the suffering of our Savior and commit ourselves to follow His example.

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

“The Lamb”

LSB 547

### INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Long ago, seven hundred years before Jesus, the prophet Isaiah wrote: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all...By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living”. (Isaiah 53:6, 8) We have indeed gone astray from God and His will and ways. We have sought our own ways and our own desires above His. For our sin, Jesus was rejected, sentenced and taken away to be crucified. Through His suffering and death, He was cut off from the land of the living so that we might have forgiveness and life. So, we begin our worship returning to the Lord our God, confessing our sin, and for the sake of all that Jesus did for us, asking for God’s mercy to be upon us.*

**C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

*(Please take a moment for private confession)*

### SONG OF CONFESSION

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

LSB 613

### FORGIVENESS OF SINS

*P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE “At the Cross”



**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



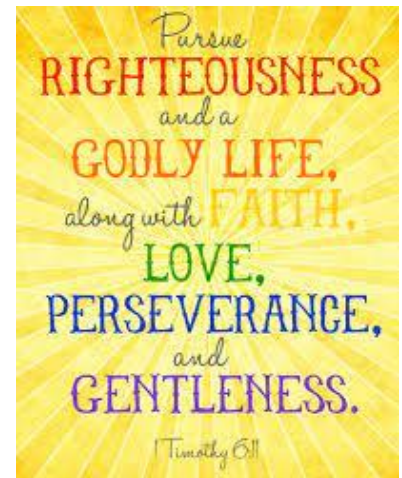
*E: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.



*E: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 19:12-16**

From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.



*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OFFERING HYMN**

**"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"**

LSB 439 vs. 1-4

**MESSAGE THE SUFFERING SERVANT: Rejected and Sentenced**

Pastor Ben Spaulding

*Please stand*

## PRAYERS

### 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.

(Matthew 6:9–13)



### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

#### RESPONSE

**"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"**

LSB 434 vs. 1, 3

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
“Love Beyond Degree”  
“What Love My God”  
“In the Valley (Bless the Lord)”

Kids’ handbells  
Praisemakers

*Please stand*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BLESSING**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

“In the Valley (Bless the Lord)”

*Please be seated  
for a special Ezra Project presentation*

