

(6:20 p.m.) HYMN REQUEST:

Congregational requests, sing 1-2 verses

PRELUDE: "Glory Be to Jesus"

arranged by Kevin Hildebrand

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN:

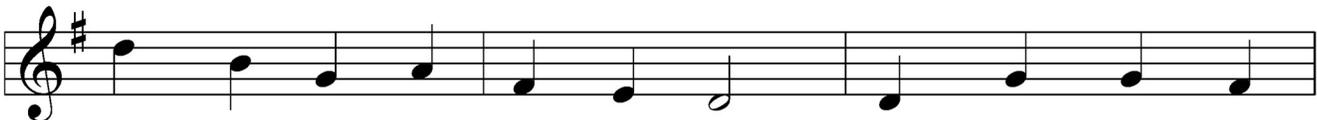
"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435, vs. 1-3)



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 -



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,



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



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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: O God of our salvation,

C: **Give me light as I come to you out of the darkness of my sin.**

P: Let your truth pierce my heart.

C: **Let your Holy Spirit sweep away my excuses.**

P: Bring me mercy and compassion so I see the glory of your kingdom,

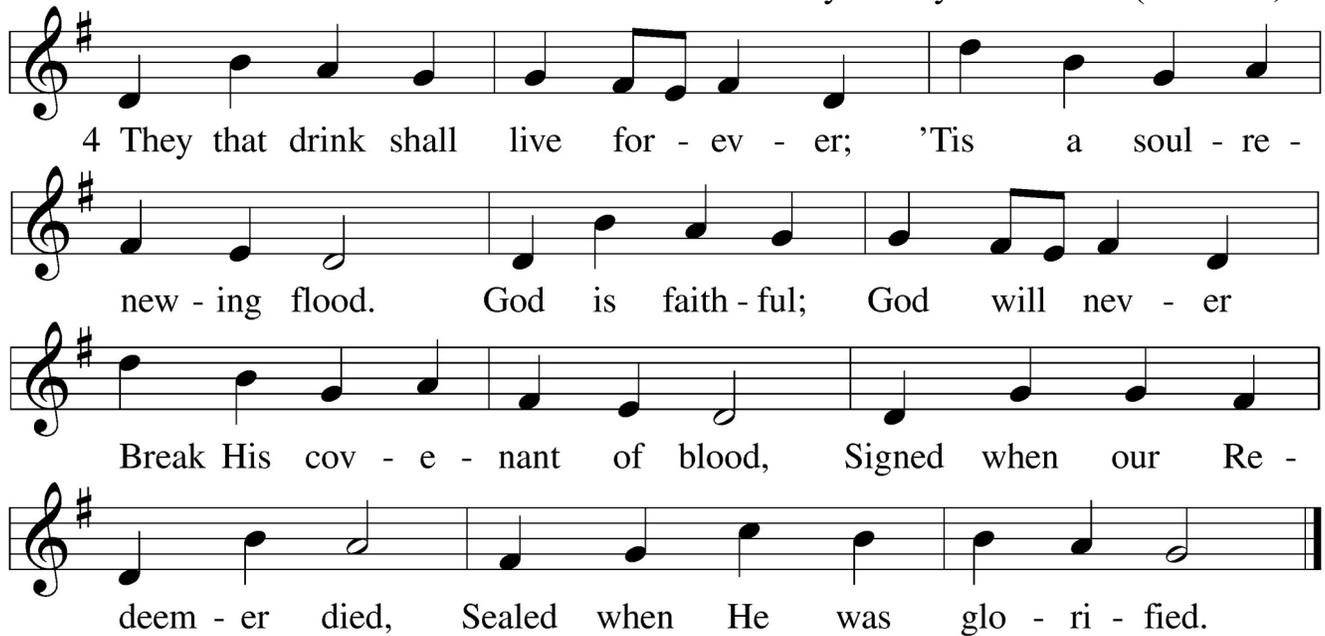
C: **Given when you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, that you are forgiven, washed clean and spotless in the blood of the Lamb. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you strong in your faith, fervent in your hope and abounding in great joy!

ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!

HYMN:

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” (*LSB* 435, vs. 4)



4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God of tender mercies and overflowing compassion, hear us as we lament and grieve over life’s tragedies and point us to your healing love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFLECT THE THEME
OF GOD’S GIFT OF LAMENTS**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Job 3:1–26

P: ¹After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. ²And Job said: ³“Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man is conceived.’ ⁴Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it. ⁵Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. ⁶That night—let thick darkness seize it! Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. ⁷Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry enter it. ⁸Let those curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up Leviathan. ⁹Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning, ¹⁰because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb, nor hide trouble from my eyes. ¹¹“Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? ¹²Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? ¹³For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest, ¹⁴with kings and counselors of the earth who rebuilt ruins for themselves, ¹⁵or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver. ¹⁶Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants

who never see the light? ¹⁷There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. ¹⁸There the prisoners are at ease together; they hear not the voice of the taskmaster. ¹⁹The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master. ²⁰“Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, ²¹who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, ²²who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? ²³Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? ²⁴For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. ²⁵For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. ²⁶I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE:

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

P: ¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON:

The Third Part in the Series
“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord”
Learning to Lament
(Job 3:1–26)

Old Testament Laments

- “_____ should I live?” (Genesis 25:22)
- “_____ have you mistreated this people?” (Exodus 5:22).
- “_____ has all of this happened to us?” (Judges 6:13).
- _____ of 150 psalms are psalms of lament.
- There is an entire book in the Old Testament called _____.

Job’s Lament

- “**Why** did I not perish at birth?” (Job 3:11)
- “**Why** were there knees to receive me?” (Job 3:12)
- “**Why** was I not hidden in the ground like a stillborn child?” (Job 3:16)
- “**Why** is light given to those in misery?” (Job 3:20)
- “**Why** is life given to a man?” (Job 3:23)
- “What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.” (Job 3:25–26)

1. **We survive sorrow by going _____ it.**

“Blessed are those who _____, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4)

“Even though I walk _____ the valley of the shadow of death ...” (Psalm 23:4)

C _____
A _____
R _____
E _____

2. **We survive sorrow by looking _____ it.**

Christ’s lament from the cross includes Psalm 22:1–2; 6–8; 14–18.

“Weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the _____.” (Psalm 30:5)

OFFERTORY:

“Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433, vs. 1-4)



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel’s blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

- L: We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus,
- C: **Who bore our sins in his body on the cross.**
- L: May this cross be for us like the tree that sweetens our bitter suffering,
- C: **Like the rod that blossoms with life and beauty,**
- L: Like the bronze serpent that calls us to look to you when the pain of life overtakes us and we are surrounded with suffering.
- C: **Teach us to bear our own cross,**
- L: And to believe that with it you send grace and mercy. Amen.

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.

- L: Forgive us, dear Father, for wanting to fly over pain and confusion.
- C: **We stuff it. We deny it. And we would rather avoid it.**
- L: Empower us to claim your promise,
- C: **“Weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”**
- L: And so we trust in our Savior’s Easter morning resurrection victory by saying,
- ALL: I know that my Redeemer lives!**
- L: In Christ’s holy name we pray.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN:

“Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433, vs. 5-6)



5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Wafts its praise on high,
 6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.
 Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

BENEDICTION:

L: The LORD gives.

C: **And the LORD takes away.**

L: Blessed be the name of the LORD.

C: **Yes, blessed be the name of the LORD!**

L: And so we go forth confidently in the name of our LORD.

C: **The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

ALL: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Abide with Me” (LSB 878, vs. 1 & 6)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

SILENT PRAYER: Dear Savior, I will allow my weeping to endure for the long nights of life, trusting that joy will come in the morning! Amen.

POSTLUDE: (8:30 a.m.) *“Going Home”*

8th Grade Bells

(6:30 p.m.) *“The Rock of Salvation”*

by Franklin Ritter



Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolyte: (8:30 a.m.) Charlie Liefer; (6:30 p.m.) Alexa Cheek

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