

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Close Encounters – The God Kind

King David

AS WE GATHER

Today begins a 40-day journey toward Holy Week. Long ago, our Christian forebears recognized the significance of 40---Noah, his family, and the animals, on the ark for 40 days and 40 nights; the Israelites in the desert wilderness for 40 years; Jesus tempted in the wilderness 40 days. So our forebears in faith created this time period called "Lent," which means "spring." It is a time, especially if we have grown weary in practicing our faith, when our focus is turned again to Jesus' suffering and death for us and His glorious resurrection. In anticipation of celebrating these days of Holy Week, we prepare by: repentance---turning again to God (and turning away from what lures us away from God); fasting--- abstaining from something, even something good, so that we more deeply engage in giving ourselves away for the sake of others; and works of love---whether renewed generosity in sharing our money or our time or talents. These Lenten practices flow from faith in Christ. They point us toward what faith, active in love, looks like in our lives. They are glimpses of that new resurrection life for which we all yearn.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

PRELUDE

↑ OPENING HYMN #418

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

↑ PREPARATION

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten season for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

(Silence for reflection.)

↑ ASH WEDNESDAY LITANY

P: O Lord,	C: have mercy.
P: O Christ,	C: have mercy.
P: O Lord,	C: have mercy.
P: O Christ,	C: hear us.
P: God the Father, in heaven,	C: have mercy.
P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	C: have mercy.
P: God the Holy Spirit,	C: have mercy.
P: Be gracious to us.	C: Spare us, good Lord.
P: Be gracious to us.	C: Help us, good Lord.
P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious	

death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith, to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore You to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

C: **that we may show forth Your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: **bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit that those things may please Him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

↑COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

↓ **FIRST READING** 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26; 12:14

R: The Old Testament reading is from 2 Samuel, chapters 11 & 12.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David. "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I

will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.” And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died. When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband.

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.”

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓**SECOND READING** Psalm 51

R: The Second reading is from Psalm 51.

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!

- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:14-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

(After the reading...)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

T↑NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

↓ HYMN #423 *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

↓ SERMON

↓ THE OFFERING

↑ OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

↑ PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, that God restore us through true repentance to the holiness to which we have been called in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
 For the Church. That God's people answer daily the summons to renew our lives by continual repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your love and compassion. Have mercy on me, O God, and blot out my transgressions.

P: For all pastors and ministers of the Word. That Christ's healing of both body and soul be faithfully and powerfully delivered to a world wounded by sin, we pray to the Lord.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your love and compassion. Have mercy on me, O God, and blot out my transgressions.

P: For this holy assembly. That the Holy Spirit would have its full effect in our lives, drawing us into this penitent season with faith, hope, grace, and salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your love and compassion. Have mercy on me, O God, and blot out my transgressions.

P: Hear our prayers, Lord God, and look mercifully upon our penance; grant that Your Church, cleansed of sin, may approach Easter with great joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

↑ SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacrament You remind us of Your whole act of salvation for us. Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

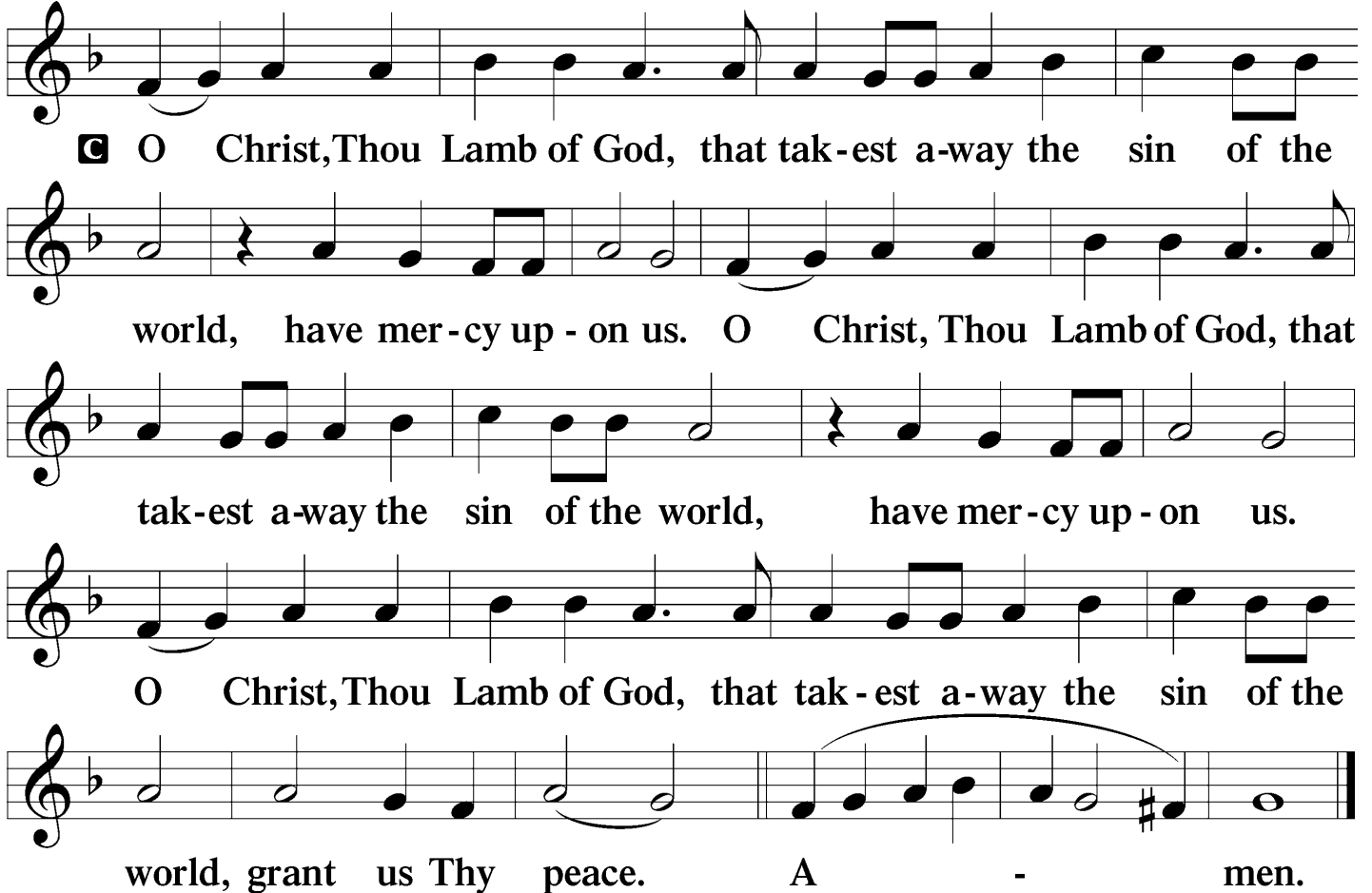
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

↑ PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

↑ AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



COMMUNION INVITATION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set

aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are unclear on what all this means, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

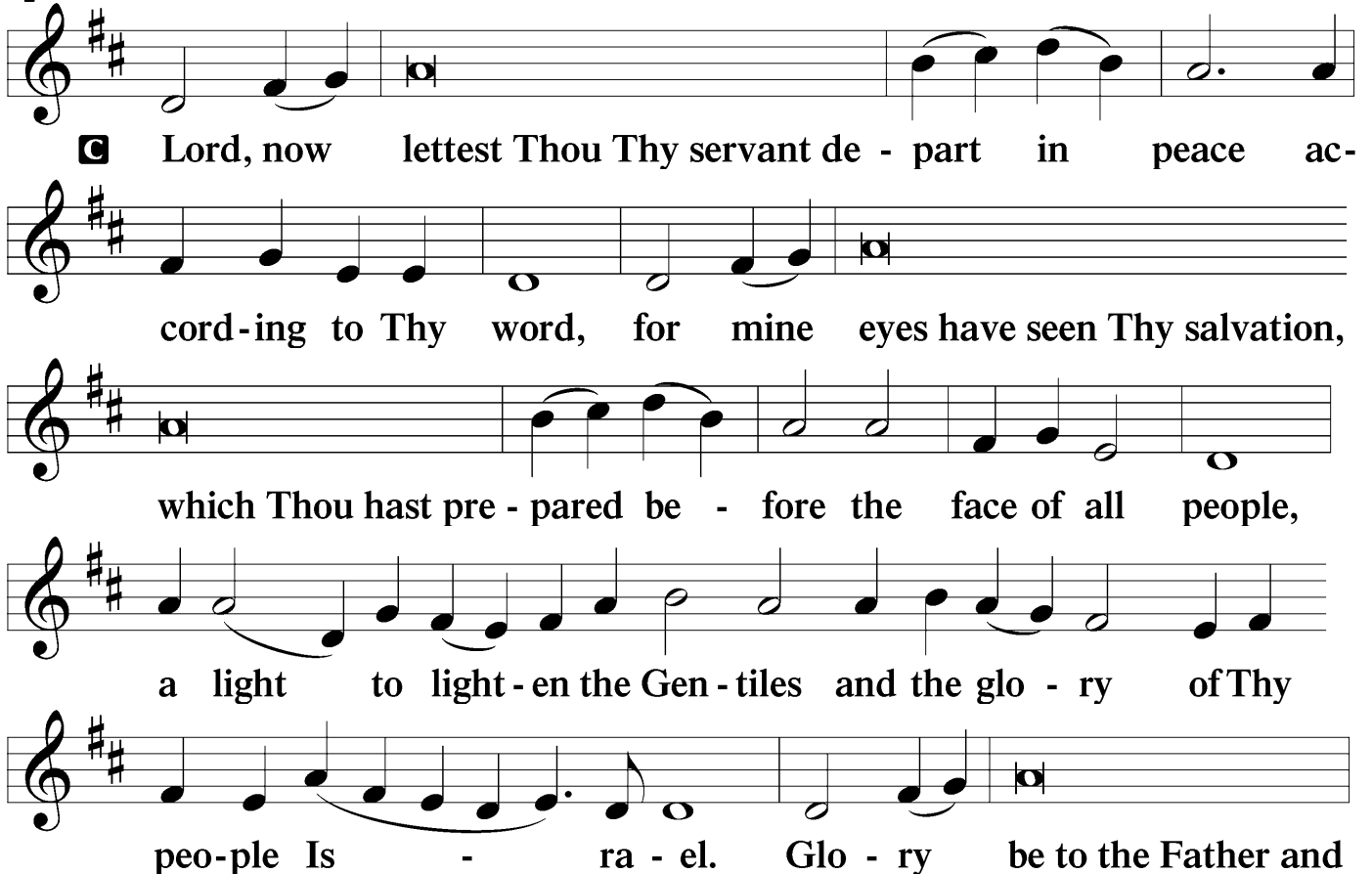
↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#570 *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”*

#664 *“Fight the Good Fight”*

#563 *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

↑ THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

↑ BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

↑ CLOSING HYMN #576

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

POSTLUDE

IN SERVICE TO THE LORD

Officiant	Rev. Emil Gretarsson
Organist	Cindy Golem
Greeter	Homer Abbott, Louise Kline

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Lent is a season that encourages a more intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move through this period of reflection and repentance, He brings us through death to new life. We walk with Christ as He endures great suffering on our behalf and conquers the grave on Easter. As we do, He changes us. He helps us see things we've never seen before. He helps shape us more into the people He desires us to be.

This Lent, join us as we more closely examine the encounters others have with Jesus in the Scriptures. Each Wednesday will include a first-person narrative sermon from an eyewitness to the events of our Scripture readings. By walking in their shoes, we pray their transformative experiences will help to transform us all.

Ash Wednesday - March 1, 7pm – King David

Lenten Midweek 1 – March 8, 7 pm. – The Call of Matthew

Lenten Midweek 2 – March 15, 7 pm – Jesus Feeds 5000

Lenten Midweek 3 – March 22, 7 pm – Jairus's Daughter is Raised

Lenten Midweek 4 – March 29, 7 pm – Jesus Walks on Water

Lenten Midweek 5 – April 5, 7pm – Jesus Heals Malchus' Ear