

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

During Lent, Lord, help us grow in faith, hope and love – “and the greatest of these is love”
(1 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV).

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:30pm

Second Wednesday in Lent

Prelude

Panis Angelicus (Franck)
“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (arr. Scott & Manz)

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Opening Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” # 324

Litany

We are a questioning people.

Through questions we make sense of the world around us.

Questions challenge the way that we think.

Questions reveal our deep longings.

Questions leave us vulnerable

And reveal the things we do not know

Some questions are more difficult than others.

Jesus disrupts our comfort with uncomfortable questions.

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Why do we sleep, failing to pay attention to where Jesus is calling us?

Why do we sit in fear even as we proclaim Jesus our comfort?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

In the questions, we experience Jesus in new and unexpected ways.

In the questions, Jesus is present.

As we struggle with the questions Jesus asks...

We trust that Jesus leads the way.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, you are our God. You challenge us with difficult questions. Help us to listen to the ways and places the Holy Spirit is leading us. Teach us to listen and learn. Embolden us to understand the world in new ways, in the ways that you reveal through your love, your mercy, and the giving of yourself for the sake of the world. In your name we pray, Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 3:1-6

¹LORD, how many are my foes! How many there are who rise up against me!

²**How many there are who say to me, “Your God cannot help.”**

³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me; you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

⁴**I call aloud to you, O LORD, and you answer me from your holy hill;**

⁵I lie down and go to sleep; I wake again, because you sustain me.

⁶**I do not fear the multitudes of people who set themselves against me all around.**

Gospel

Luke 22:39-46

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Why are you sleeping?” Pastor Dan Ofstehage
When have you failed to pay attention to something important?

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” # 347

Offering

“More Love to Thee” (arr. Hegarty) Text to Give: 605-250-6765

Lenten Offering will be divided between the Sandwich Ministry and ELCA World Hunger.

Offertory Response

“Create in Me” # 186

Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Starr Cole, Drake Rounds, Carmen Bakken, Stan Peterson,
Kathy Hibbert, Christine Walraven, Eric Meyer,
Brent Ireland, *nephew of Phyllis Bowersox*
Nancy Hauck, *mother of Jesse (Rachel) Hauck and Rachele (Brandon) Johnson*
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*
John Lahey-Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*
Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Deaths: Dianne Bohls, *mother of Todd (Brooke) Bohls*
Lori Liligren, *sister of Lesli (Todd) Jutting*
Cathryn Borgen, *mother of Melissa (Craig) Meidinger*

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Love and serve one another!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Evening Prayer (Humperdinck)

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Serving This Afternoon

Organist: AJ Sherrill

Head Usher: Buck Crouse

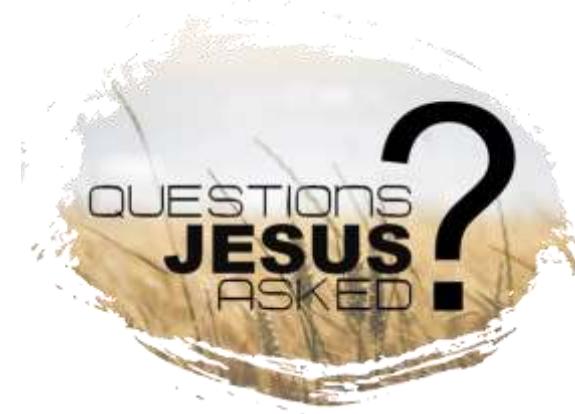
Acolytes: Karter Kohlenberg, Mason Sackmann

Ushers: Joan Hakeman, Diane Hane, Brian & Rachel Kohlenberg

Sound & Projection: Pam Berg

Sound Amplification Devices
and Large Print Bulletins
are available for your use.

Just ask an Usher.



Wednesday during Lent

4:30pm Traditional Worship

4:55 – 6:15pm Family Meal served

6:30pm Worship led by Youth Music Team

- March 20 "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16: 13 – 19
Q: **Who is Jesus to you?**
- March 27 "Why are you afraid?" Mark 4: 35 – 41 and Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32
Q: **What are you afraid of?**
- April 3 "Were not 10 made clean? Where are the other 9?" Luke 17:11-19
Q: **Whom would you like to thank, that you never did?**
- April 10 "Can you see anything?" Mark 8: 22 – 26 and Psalm 34
Q: **How do you see differently because of your faith?**
- April 18 Maundy Thursday – Living Last Supper
- April 19 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:45-50 (Good Friday)
Q: **What is the most difficult question you ever asked God or wanted to ask God?**