

**MIDWEEK LENT 4**

**APRIL 2, 2025**

*\*congregation stands*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Tonight we acknowledge that Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in Him.

## **HYMN**

## **JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY**

**LSB 423**

## **\*INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P Spread your protection over us  
C **That those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5:11)**  
P May the Lord answer us in the day of trouble!  
C **May the name of the God of Jacob protect us! (Psalm 20:1)**  
P Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
C **Is God in his holy habitation. (Psalm 68:5)**  
P Spread your wings over your servants,  
C **For you are a redeemer. (Ruth 3:9)**  
P In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
C **For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)**

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Lord Jesus, our protecting friend, hear us as we confess our sins.  
C **Forgive me, Jesus, from the sin that assails my heart and soul.**  
P Protect me from the punishment that my sin rightly brings.  
C **Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus, for the times that I have failed to protect others.**

- P Undo the hurts that I have caused with my sinful words and actions.
- C **Lead me away from the dangerous way of rebellion.**
- P Lead me, Jesus, in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
- C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(We silently reflect on the danger of sin and on the protecting forgiveness of Jesus.)*

- P Your friend Jesus does indeed have mercy! Jesus protects you from the punishment of sin as he has lived for you, died for you, risen for you, and now forgives you of all of your sins. His mercy provides protection, and his salvation makes you new. Rejoice now in the protecting presence and forgiveness of your friend Jesus.
- C **What a friend we have in Jesus.**

## \*COLLECT OF THE DAY

### PSALM 121

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| <p>A <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills.<br/>From where does my help come?</p> <p><sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,<br/>who made heaven and earth.</p> <p>C <sup>3</sup><b>He will not let your foot be moved;<br/>he who keeps you will not slumber.</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup><b>Behold, he who keeps Israel<br/>will neither slumber nor sleep.</b></p> | <p>A <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;<br/>the LORD is your shade on your right hand.</p> <p><sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,<br/>nor the moon by night.</p> <p>C <sup>7</sup><b>The LORD will keep you from all evil;<br/>he will keep your life.</b></p> <p><sup>8</sup><b>The LORD will keep<br/>your going out and your coming in<br/>from this time forth and forevermore.</b></p> |
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### EPISTLE READING

*2 Thessalonians 3:3–4*

<sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.

- A O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### JOHN 14:18–27

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and

we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**SERMON HYMN                      ALL MANKIND FELL IN ADAM'S FALL                      LSB 562, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6**

**SERMON                                      SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND: PROTECTOR**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Mighty fortress, protector and friend, our Lord and Savior, Jesus: we come before you in prayer. Incline your ear to us, and hear the prayers and petitions of your people. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect us from pride and arrogance, lest we think that we can live on our own apart from you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect us from sin and temptation, sending us your Spirit of truth and deliverance so that we can lead lives of righteousness and holiness according to your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect the weak and vulnerable, the sojourner and fatherless, the widow and orphan and the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect those in warring nations, and provide your perfect peace to places caught in the midst of warfare and strife. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect those who are charged with the task of protecting others—police, firefighters, soldiers, parents, caretakers and all others whose task it is to protect and serve their neighbors. Lord,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Protect us from ingratitude and indifference so that we can always thank and praise you for all your goodness toward us. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer and protect us unto eternity. Amen.**

**\*COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICAMUS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

HYMN

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

LSB 524, vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

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		April 2, 2025	April 9, 2025
Meal	5:15pm	WoW Bible study	Washington DC fundraiser
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Elder	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Rob Orr
Reader	6:30pm	Kurt Vallin	Jim Kohn
Usher Team	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Layne Streich
Acolyte	6:30pm	Dana Vallin	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship



**Maundy Thursday**—Thursday, April 17  
5:00pm Seder Meal;  
please reserve by April 13 in the church narthex  
6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

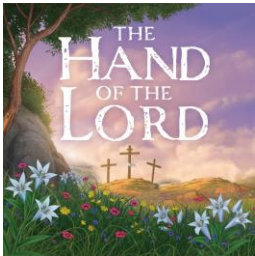


**Good Friday**—Friday, April 18  
6:30pm\* Worship



**Easter**—Sunday, April 20  
8:00am\* and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:15am **BOUNTIFUL**\*\* Food and Fellowship; no Sunday school, no Adult Bible Class  
\*livestream at [www.trinityloneoak.org](http://www.trinityloneoak.org)

\*\*Join us for the delicious Easter Breakfast, prepared and served with love



Easter flower orders

Place your flower order today to add to TLO’s Easter Garden. Choose from lilies, tulips, mums, hydrangeas, azaleas, and pansy bowls. Order forms with complete details are in the narthex and **due by April 6!**  
The plants are yours to take home after the 10:30am Easter service.