



**LENT MIDWEEK 4**

**MARCH 11, 2026**

*\*congregation stands*

**AS WE GATHER**

We seldom seek to be overlooked, except when we are guilty of something. But in the Passover, God passed over the Israelites' sins, and He continues to do that for us. Christ is the Lamb of God, and His sacrifice is good for us. We do not want to be overlooked! In fact, in Jesus' parable, the faithful servants are those who dare not let any opportunity for profit be overlooked. What would you want God to overlook, or see, in your life?

**OPENING HYMN**

**IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY**

**LSB 427**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 32:1; Matthew 25:29; Exodus 12:13*

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
C **whose sin is covered.**  
P For to everyone who has will more be given,  
C **and he will have an abundance.**  
P I will pass over you,  
C **and no plague will befall you to destroy you.**

**\*PSALM**

**BLESSED ARE THE FORGIVEN**

*Psalm 32*

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
C **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
P I acknowledged my sin to You,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

C **You are a hiding place for me;  
You preserve me from trouble;  
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

P I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

C **Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

P Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

C **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:17–30

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

## HYMN

## GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

LSB 436, vs. 1–2

## PASSION READING

MARK 14:66—15:11

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And

Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN**

**GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE**

**LSB 436, vs. 3-4**

**SERMON THE GOOD NEWS OF A GOD WHO PASSES OVER US IN MERCY**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYERS** (see insert)

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**HYMN TO DEPART**

**GLORY BE TO JESUS**

**LSB 433**

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		Wed. March 11	Wed. March 18
Meal	5:15pm	Served by: Workman family	Served by: WoW Bible study
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Linnea and Al Raveling	Linnea and Al Raveling
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Bill Breitinger	Matthew Berg
Reader	6:30pm	Jim Kohn	Matthew Berg
Usher Team	6:30pm	Ben Swenson	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Isaac Koch	Isaac Koch
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Sebastian Ness
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas