

Midweek Lenten Service
March 11, 2026
Responsive Prayer 2

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken LSB 439:1-5



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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Opening Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 4

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was | in distress.*
Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!
- ²**O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?***
How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?
- ³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself; *
the LORD hears when I | call to him.
- ⁴**Be angry, and | do not sin;***
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.
- ⁵Offer right sacri- | fices,*
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶**There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?***
Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!”
- ⁷You have put more joy | in my heart*
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;***
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reading (*recited by the children*)

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Reading

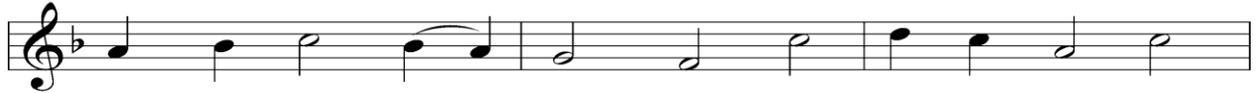
Matthew 26:57-27:26

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Children Stanza 1



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Sermon

Matthew 26:38

“The guilty are declared righteous on account of the Innocent One!”

Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.

Lord’s Prayer

Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with

penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

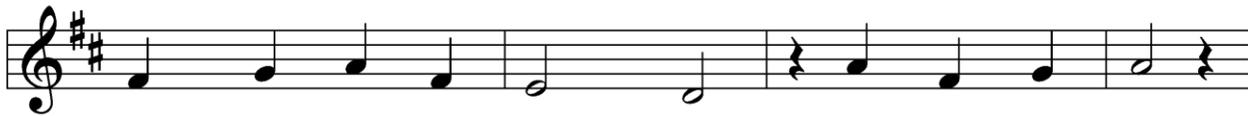
C Amen.

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Children Stanza 1



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



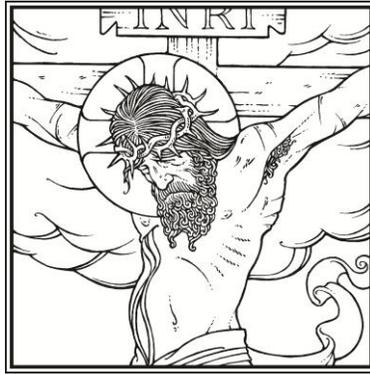
All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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*Our Servant-King
Of whom we sing.
We're justified
Because He died,
The guilty being guiltless.
(LSB 557:2)*

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