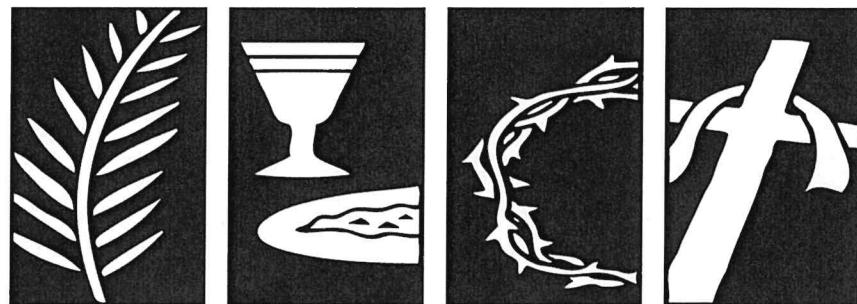


Lenten Midweek 2
Return to the Lord
Preaching & Service



MIDWEEK
Lenten Service

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
7:00PM

West Portal Lutheran Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

In the Transfiguration hymn “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory,” hymnwriter Thomas Troeger portrays the days of the Lord’s Passion as that time when Jesus’ disciples are to be “following the Savior Through the valley to the cross and . . . testing faith’s resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss” (LSB 416:2). The weekly reading of the Gospel account of Holy Week reveals how the disciples do and do not meet the challenges of following their Lord. The witness of Scripture also shows how in every situation Jesus remains faithful to His own even in the face of betrayal, pain, and loss. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our discipleship and to test the resiliency of our faith as well.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* *LSB 606*

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
 The spotless Lamb of God;
 He bears them all and frees us
 From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
 To wash my crimson stains
 Clean in His blood most precious
 Till not a spot remains.

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
 All fullness dwells in Him;
 He heals all my diseases;
 My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
 My burdens and my cares;

He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
 This weary soul of mine;
 His right hand me embraces;
 I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
 Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
 Like fragrance on the breezes
 His name abroad is poured.

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
C and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

P The saying is trustworthy for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
C if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, who gives strength to the weak and light to those who are in darkness, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, that through Him we may know You. By Your Spirit, direct our lives so that we never betray our Lord or turn away from following Him throughout our lives. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 15:12; 17:1-4

P A reading from Second Samuel, the Fifteenth and seventeenth chapters.

And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king, and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace." And the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM**Psalm 41**

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

C the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”

P My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”

C And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

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.

SECOND READING**Acts 3:14-19**

P A reading from Acts, the third chapter.

But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by

faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:1-11

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

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

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

Sit

HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

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SERMON

“Return from Betrayal”

Text: John 18:1-11

TITHES AND OFFERING

Stand

THE 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 From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil
death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedi-
tion and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water;
and from everlasting death:
C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

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 We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all
pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and

understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our [president] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; 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.

P O Lord,
C have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

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. Amen.

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

C Amen.

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

LSB 436

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;

Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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WELCOME! A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us this evening. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Binz or Rev. Jonathan Priest and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

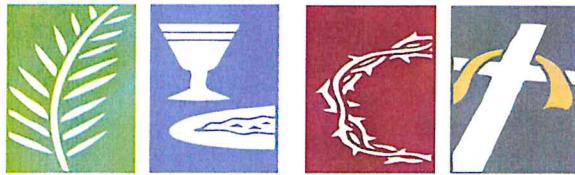
LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOLDERS are available on the Narthex table. Please feel free to take one. This year's offerings will be used for the ministries of Christ's Kingdom here at West Portal.

HELP YOURSELF TO Lenten Devotional Booklets that are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Midweek Services continue on Wednesdays

This year's Lenten emphasis is to look at our lives in view of God's amazing grace toward us through the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. Our six Midweek Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

We invite you to join us at each of the following Wednesday services at 7PM as we begin our consideration of the Lenten theme: "Return to the Lord".



Lenten Midweek 3, March 6

7PM

"Return from False Witness"
Matthew 26:57-68

Lenten Midweek 4, March 13

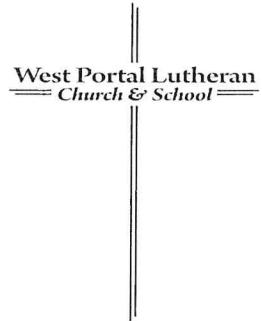
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"Return from Denial"
Luke 22:54-62

Lenten Midweek 5, March 20

7PM

"Return to the Kingdom of God!"
John 18:28-38



Worship Services

Saturday, 5:00PM
Sunday, 10:00AM

Bible Classes

Wednesday, 11:00AM
Sunday, 9:00AM

Sunday School

Sunday, 9:00AM

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