



"Cast all your  
anxiety on him,  
because he  
cares for you."

1 Peter 5:6-7

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## **Lent Midweek 6** **March 25, 2026**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

*Before Service Prayer:* Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### **THEME FOR THE SERVICE**

## **Simon to Peter: Denier to Defender - Lessons from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter** ***"Cast All Your Anxiety on Him" – 1 Peter 5:6-11***

*In our devotions this Lenten season we are going to consider a number of readings from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of the Apostle Peter. We of course remember in Lent that Peter, first named Simon, denied knowing Jesus three times during Jesus' trial. He repented of his sin, and Jesus restored him as one of his disciples. Peter went on to mature and grow strong as a faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. We see his faithfulness and maturity in his 1<sup>st</sup> Letter that the Holy Spirit inspired him to write. The theme for our Lenten devotions is "Simon to Peter: Denier to Defender - Lessons from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter."*

**HYMN CW 426 "Were You There" (CW93 119)**

## GREETING IN THE LORD'S NAME

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

**C: the light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C: and the day is almost over.**

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**C: and hear our evening praise.**

## PRAYER THAT GOD BLESS OUR EVENING DEVOTION

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## PSALM 143

P: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

**C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

P: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

**C: for no one living is righteous before you.**

P: My spirit grows faint within me;

**C: my heart within me is dismayed.**

P: Answer me quickly, O LORD;

**C: do not hide your face from me.**

P: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

**C: for I have put my trust in you.**

P: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

**C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## PSALM PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(no musical introduction)*  
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*(All)*

**Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying friend.**

*(Men & Boys)*

**Here we rest in wonder, viewing  
All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing  
From the sacrifice he made.**

*(Women & Girls)*

**Here we find the dawn of heaven  
While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven,  
And our songs of triumph raise.**

## **PRAYER THAT GOD ACCEPT OUR WORSHIP**

**Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **PASSION HISTORY FROM MATTHEW**    *Matthew 27:27-66*

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then wove a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*We stand in humble reverence and respect at the crucifixion of Jesus.*

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" – which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. But the rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

*In respect we observe a brief time of silence.*

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there across from the tomb.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

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**HYMN CW 437:1, 2** “Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor” (CWS 718)

**DEVOTION: 1 Peter 5:6-11** “*Cast All Your Anxiety on Him*”

**HYMN CW 437:3, 4** “Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor” (CWS 718)

## **OFFERINGS**

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord’s Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life’s website.



## **MARTIN LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER**

**In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*(no musical introduction)*

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*(All)*

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!**

*(All)*

**Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
Earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me!**

*(Men & Boys)*

**I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!**

*(Women & Girls)*

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**

*(All)*

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN CW 796 "Lord, Support Us All Day Long" (CWS 782)**

