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**Sixth Mid-Week Lenten Service
Here I Stand—Standing Unafraid**

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*“Even though death consume us, we yet shall not feel its sharp fangs, for Christ’s Word is our armor that supplies us with a confident life and a quiet, peaceful death and eternal life.”
(Martin Luther, from a sermon for the fifth Sunday in Lent, 1533)*

Before Service 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.

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Pastor’s Welcome

Stand

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

C: Amen.

P: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,

C: Jesus Himself likewise partook of the same things,

P: That through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

C: And deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
 Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

P: Lord God, we thank You for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with Your forgiving love in Christ. May Your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of Your presence though the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

P: Heavenly Father, of all of our many fears, we may fear death above all. We fear being separated from our loved ones and the life we know, and we may even be afraid that our sins will separate us from Your love. Comfort us with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, knowing that in Christ Jesus we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life in Your presence. Help us by Your Spirit to share the good news of salvation with a hopeless world. Strengthen us in confident hope through Jesus our Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our praise this day in His name. Amen.

C: Amen.

Lent with Luther Video Clip—Luther burns the Papal Bull. The Bull was meant to strike fear into the hearts of Luther and his followers.

The Passion History: Lesson Five (read responsively, Wartburg Project Translation)

LEADER: Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.”

CONGREGATION: They offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when He tasted it, He would not drink it.

MEN: They crucified Him there with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left.

LEADER: Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

WOMEN: Now it was the third hour when they crucified Him.

CONGREGATION: Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

MEN: Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

LEADER: So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’””

MEN: Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

WOMEN: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took His tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

LEADER: So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided My garments among them
and cast lots for My clothing.

MEN: So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over Him there.

WOMEN: People who passed by kept insulting Him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

LEADER: Those who were crucified with Him also insulted Him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking Him.

CONGREGATION: They said, “He saved others, but He cannot save Himself. If He’s the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now, if He wants Him, because He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

MEN: One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming Him, saying, “Aren’t You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

WOMEN: But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

MEN: Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom.”

LEADER: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with Me in paradise.”

WOMEN: Jesus’ mother, His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

LEADER: When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

CONGREGATION: It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened.

LEADER: At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

MEN: When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, He’s calling Elijah!”

LEADER: After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

WOMEN: A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave Him a drink.

LEADER: When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!”

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” When He had said this, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

CONGREGATION: Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people.

LEADER: When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how He cried out with a loud voice and breathed His last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This Man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

MEN: When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests.

CONGREGATION: All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served Him, were there, watching from a distance.

WOMEN: Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

LEADER: Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day).

CONGREGATION: They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away.

MEN: So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

WOMEN: But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

CONGREGATION: Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out.

MEN: The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that He is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

WOMEN: Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones will be broken." Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the One they pierced."

LEADER: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

CONGREGATION: Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph.

MEN: Joseph bought a linen cloth, came, and took Jesus' body away.

WOMEN: Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

CONGREGATION: They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

LEADER: There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

MEN: So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

WOMEN: Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left.

CONGREGATION: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid there.

WOMEN: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where the body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

LEADER: On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while He was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise His disciples might steal His body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.”

MEN: Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.”

CONGREGATION: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

The Hymn: **CW 405 “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”**

(Special emphasis on verse 3... “that, when in danger, knows no fear,...”)

The Sermon Text: **Luke 18:31-33**

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him, insult Him and spit on Him; ³³ they will flog Him and kill Him. On the third day He will rise again.” (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: **Here I Stand—Standing Unafraid**

Post Sermon Hymn: The Magnificat (Mary's Song of Praise)

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y

leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -

gard, And I am blest for time to come.
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

The Offering

Stand

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, You hung alone on the cross and faced the world's darkness, the darkness of evil, sin and death, for us. You were sealed in the darkness of the tomb. Yet on the third day after Your death, in the light of early dawn, the tomb was revealed as empty! You rose up in victory, a victory that by faith is ours. Jesus, Light of the world,

C: Be our light in life and death.

P: Lord Jesus, we pray for friends and family who are facing illness and death, and for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Help us to speak words of care and comfort, and fill them with the light of hope and the sure and certain knowledge of Your victory over death. Jesus, light of the world,

C: Be our light in life and death.

P: Lord Jesus, arm us with the sword of Your Word and with the shield of faith as we struggle against the fear and darkness that so often surround us. We know that we will have trouble in this world, but You have died and risen, and You have overcome the world. Your victory is our victory. Jesus, Light of the world,

C: Be our light in life and death. Amen.

P: We now ask that for Your sake our Father in heaven would hear us, as we pray together the words You taught us to pray....

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.

Prayer for Peace

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Simeon



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The Benediction

P: For the love of Christ compels us, because we have concluded this:

C: That One has died for all, therefore all have died;

P: And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves

C: But for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 590 "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

Announcements

Thank you to the Berg and McBean families for serving the German supper prior to the service this evening.

Thank you to Pastor Kevin Raddatz from St. John Lutheran Church in Libertyville for serving as our guest preacher this evening.

The Church Council will meet after the service tonight.

Help is needed, after the service tonight, to work on assembling items for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Themes

Palm Sunday—April 9th, 9:30 AM Standing in Humility

Maundy Thursday—April 13th, 7:00 PM Standing in Faith

Good Friday—April 14th, 7:00 PM Standing in Forgiveness

Easter Sunday—April 16th, 9:30 AM Standing in Victory

