

## The First Sunday in Lent

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## The Crucial Hours of Lent

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**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 157 *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

- P** O Lord, open my lips.  
**C** And my mouth shall declare Your praise.  
**P** Hasten to save me, O God.  
**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**SONG OF A REPENTANT HEART** ( see back)

### ABSOLUTION

**P** Jesus is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. According to His authority, and by His command, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## RESPONSORY

On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples; **Jesus is our Passover Lamb.**

The Passover Table was set with special food, such as roasted lamb, bitter herbs, wine, and unleavened bread: **Tonight, we receive the very body and blood of our Lord, in, with, and under the bread and wine.**

On Passover night, the Old Testament people were to remember how God delivered them from Egypt: **Tonight, we remember how God has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

In the Upper Room, the Passover was celebrated for the final time: **Jesus instituted a new Supper that would be celebrated for all time.**

The blood of the Lamb was originally painted on the doorposts of their homes in Egypt: **The blood of Jesus was painted upon Calvary's cross and cleanses us from all sin.**

The blood of the Passover Lamb caused the angel of death to pass over them: **The blood of Jesus was shed so the angel of death would pass over us.**

The Passover was a picture of how God would redeem His people: **The body and blood we receive in the Sacrament tonight bring us God's forgiveness and pardon.**

### The Passion History

Hymn 159 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

The Sermon Matthew 26:18 *"I will keep the Passover."*

### The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *Draw Near*

### The Communion Liturgy

**Distribution Hymns** 163, 164, *The Lamb*, 751

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" (1 Cor. 1:10) Holy Communion is both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

**LENT** Due to the blizzard, the intention was to stream a shortened form of the first midweek service. Unfortunately, things did not go as planned. Our service this week is at 7 p.m. A finger-food potluck to follow.

**THE CHOSEN** The next episode will be shown on Friday evening at 7:00. All are invited to an informal potluck at 6:30.

**SNOW REMOVAL** We appreciate all of the plowing that Duane Voit did on Friday after the blizzard was past. Needless to say, there was plenty of snow to remove.

**CLC NEWS** . Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has the call to serve Lynnwood (Seattle) and Tacoma, WA.

**Traveling Vacation Bible School** If your congregation is looking for help in hosting Vacation Bible School in your congregation, please contact us as soon as possible with a proposed date. The deadline is March 15.  
**[www.clctvbs.org](http://www.clctvbs.org)**

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**USHERS** 02/26 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
03/05 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.  
03/12 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 3) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumej  
The Albrechts

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, my Life, my Light, My  
 2. My heart sinks at the journey's length, My  
 3. Lord, in Your nail - prints let me see That

Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm just a  
 fee - le flesh has lit - tle strength; My soul a - lone cries  
 You have saved and set me free And grant that in Your

pass - ing guest And sore - ly with my sins oppressed.  
 out to You: "Lord, take me home, take me to You!"  
 wound - ed side My troub - led soul may ev - er hide.

And when the last Great Day shall come And

You, O Lord, shall take me home, A - mong the ran - somed

of Your grace, For - ev - er I'll be - hold Your face!

Re - new this fee - ble flesh of mine That  
 A - mong the an - gels pure and bright, Yes,

like the sun it there may shine -  
 like Your - self in glo - rious light.

**CLC Youth Camp 2023** Camp will be held at the Pillager location this year from June 11-17th! Registration opens March 18th at 3pm CST for campers entering 6th-12th grade. More at <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp> Email [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com) with any questions! -Sam Rademacher & Amber Casto