everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:22-23

I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe, That I receive,
 His very body and His blood.
 Oh, taste and see—the Lord is good.

+ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper +

Distribution Hymns:

TLH #309, TLH #163

Response to the Sacrament

Ps. 107:1; 1 Cor. 11:26

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

G For His mercy endures forever!

P Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

G we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet You have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit, help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb.

C Amen!

The Benediction

Num. 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #158

"Glory Be to Jesus"

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Lenten Theme: Sounds of the Passion

This year we will be reflecting on the sounds that were heard during the final hours before Jesus' death and the implications those events have for us more than 2,000 years later. Our Midweek Lenten schedule is as follows:

Ash Wed.	Mar. 5	The Crowing of the Rooster	Rodebaugh
Lent #2	Mar. 12	The Sound of Weeping	Naumann
Lent #3	Mar. 19	The Thud of the Hammer	Mayhew
Lent #4	Mar. 26	The Clatter of Coins	Dummann
Lent #5	Apr. 2	The Shout of the Crowd	Rodebaugh
Lent #6	Apr. 9	The Rattle of Dice	Sippert
Maun. Thurs.	Apr. 17	The Splash of Water	Rodebaugh
Good Friday	Apr. 18	The Cry of Victory	Rodebaugh

+ Opening Prayer +

Hymn: Projector

"An Awesome Mystery Is Here"

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

Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! We have come into the presence of God almighty who declares, "Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live." Isaiah 55:3

• "He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:9

P "Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not: 'Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence?'" Jeremiah 5:21-22

• "He who has ears, let him hear."

P We sinners must confess to You, O Lord, that we have failed to listen and obey Your holy Word. We have sinned in our actions, our words, and our thoughts. Like Israel of old, we have refused to heed, shrugged our shoulders, and stopped our ears so that they could not hear. cf. Zechariah 7:11

• "He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:9

P In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." Matthew 26:27-28; 1 Corinthians 11:25

P ↓ What is this wine?

■ The blood of Jesus shed for mine: The cup of grace brings His embrace Of life and love, and so, I sing: Oh taste and see—the Lord is King.

P "O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength." Psalm 88:1-4

P So who am I.

■ That I should live and He should die. Under the rod. My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? Oh taste and see—the Lord is free.

P "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

P ✓ Yet is God here?

G ♪ Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul. He makes us whole— Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see—the Lord is real.

P "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end,

Matthew 27:24

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was

beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Sounds of the Passion: The Splash of Water

Offertory: LSB #589:4 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

C As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root. May Your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit. May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise, Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

- + General Prayer & the Lord's Prayer +
 - + The Order of Holy Communion +
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

 Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
 Oh, taste and see—the Lord is peace.



Absolution of Sins

Then they brought to Jesus one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is,"

G "Be opened."

- Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly." Mark 7:32-35
- Greater than the miracle of restoring physical hearing is the gift of spiritual hearing.
- G "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17
- P Our God promises,
- C "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry."
 Psalm 34:15
- P Jesus invites us,
- Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
 Revelation 3:20
- God's plan of salvation has been fulfilled in Christ Jesus. We are redeemed. We are restored. We are forgiven. "As it is written, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'"
 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- **G** "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit."

Response to the Absolution

"Out of the Depths" v. 3

Harmony Reading of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Passion Harmony by Bo Giertz Based on the English Standard Version of the Bible

This week's harmony readings:

- The Plot to Betray Jesus
- Preparations for Celebrating the Passover
- The Celebration of the Passover
- The Institution of the Lord's Supper
- Jesus Teaches a Lesson in Greatness



Response: LSB #589:1-2 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near; Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to You forever!

Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice; Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice! Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word; But to all who feel sin's burden You give words of peace and pardon.

Confession of Faith

I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.



He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Choir

"Draw Near"

Hymn: TLH #164

"'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night"

Explanation of the 2nd Article