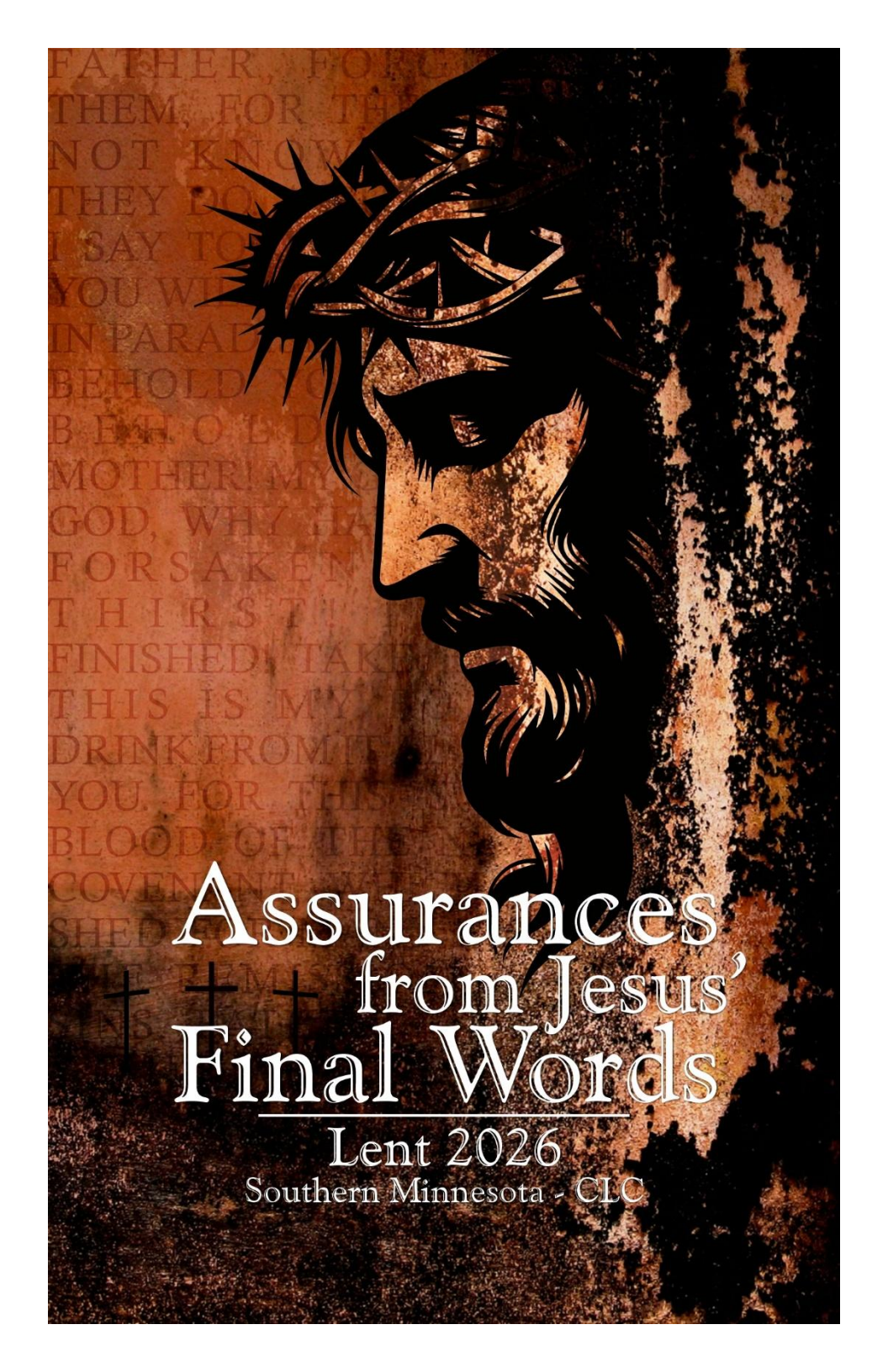




Assurances from Jesus' Final Words

Lent 2026
Southern Minnesota - CLC

Lenten Theme: Assurances from Jesus' Final Words

Ash Wed.	Feb. 18	Intercessor for Sinners	Rodebaugh
Lent #2	Feb. 25	Finalizer of God's Plan	Mayhew
Lent #3	Mar. 4	Confidence of Eternal Life	Rodebaugh
Lent #4	Mar. 11	Guardian in this Life	Sippert
Lent #5	Mar. 18	One Forsaken by God	Naumann
Lent #6	Mar. 25	Fulfillment of the O.T.	Dummann
Maun. Thurs.	Apr. 2	The New Covenant	Rodebaugh
Good Friday	Apr. 3	The One who Died	Rodebaugh

✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #141 *"Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains"*

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

Confession of Sins

- P** "This is the message which we have heard from Jesus and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."
C "If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."
P "But if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin."
C "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
P "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." *1 John 1:5-9*
C O LORD God, we rejoice that You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Yet, we must confess that we are constantly confronted with temptation and often find ourselves lost in the darkness of sin. With our thoughts, words, and actions we have violated Your commandments and dishonored Your name. We confess these sins to You, O LORD, and grieve over them. We pray that You would forgive us and cleanse us, even as You have promised. We plead for Your mercy and trust in Your promises.

G *Baptismal waters cover me
As I approach on bended knee;
My Father's mercy here I plead,
For grievous sins of thought and deed.*

*I look to Christ upon the tree,
His body broken there for me;
I lay before Him all my sin,
My darkest secrets from within.*

*Baptismal waters cover me;
Christ wounded hand has set me free.
Held in my Father's strong embrace,
With joy I praise Him for His grace.*

Absolution of Sins

P Dear children of God—Your heavenly Father has loved you together with the entire world. He sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for your sins and those of the whole world! Rejoice, therefore, in the mercy of your God. Be assured that you stand forgiven before the cross. And pray for the Spirit's power to enable you to walk in righteousness!

G Amen!

Harmony Reading of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Based on the *English Heritage Version* of the Bible

This week's harmony readings:

- Judas' Despair
- Jesus before Pilate
- What is Truth?
- Jesus before Herod



Confession of Faith

Smalcald Articles: Article 1

¶ The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification. And He alone is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit freely, and without their own works or merits by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood.

Since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law, that God might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Christ.

Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. And with His stripes we are healed. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #371

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"**Luke 23:39-43**

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus – The Confidence of Eternal Life

Offertory: TLH #144

"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"

☐ *♪ Every wound that pains or grieves me,
By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet
Every bitter cup I meet;
For Thy all-atoning Passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: CW #429 & 436

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

☐ *♪ O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Your only crown,
O sacred Head, no glory
Now from Your face does shine;
Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call You mine.*

*"YOU WILL
BE WITH
ME IN
PARADISE."*

*On You, my King, depending
I'm ride of all my sins!
My final day here ending,
My first in heav'n begins.
As You have truly spoken,
In paradise I'll be,
With You in bliss unbroken—
You will remember me.*

*What language shall I borrow
To thank You, dearest Friend,
For this Your dying sorrow,
Your pity without end?
O make me Yours forever,
And keep me strong and true,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for You.*

✠ The General Prayer ✠

P "Let my prayer rise before you as incense,"

Psalm 141:2

C "The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

(A Lenten prayer is offered here.)

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today. And I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hand I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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 #157

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"



Finger Food Potluck – As is our custom, a finger food potluck will be held after the service this evening. All are invited to stay for snacks and fellowship!

Our Pulpit Exchange will continue next Wednesday as Pastor Sippert visits from Sleepy Eye, preaching on Jesus' Final Words: "Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother!"

Alice DeWall's memorial service will be held this coming Saturday, March 7th. A visitation will begin at 9:30 am, the worship service will begin at 11 am. The Choir will be singing for the service. A meal will follow the service.

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