



Assurances
from Jesus'
Final Words

Lent 2026
Southern Minnesota - CLC

Lenten Theme: Assurances from Jesus' Final Words

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| 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 #143:1-5

"O Dearest Jesus"

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.

C *♩* **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!

C **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:

- On the road of sorrows
- The King of the Jews crucified
- The Scriptures fulfilled
- The Savior's words



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 #174

"Throned Upon the Awe-Full Tree"**Matthew 27:45-47**

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

Assurances from Jesus' Final Words:

Jesus – the One Who Was Forsaken by God

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.*

*“MY GOD,
MY GOD,
WHY HAVE
YOU
FORSAKEN
ME?”*

*Condemned, cut off, forsaken,
Outside the Father's care,
By terror overtaken,
No ear would hear Your prayer.
On You God's wrath was vented,
On You His fury fell,
When, on the cross tormented,
You took my place in hell.*

*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 #151:3-4

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”



Finger Food Potluck – As is our custom, a finger food potluck will be held after the service this evening.

Thank you to Pastor Naumann for sharing the Word with us this evening! Our pulpit exchange will continue next Wednesday as Pastor Dummann shares some of Jesus' Final Words: “I thirst!”

Tour Choir – Reminder that ILC Tour Choir will be here on Saturday for a 6:30 pm concert. **Before** the service, we will be providing supper for the choir only; there is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for foods to bring for the Tour Choir supper. There will also be a finger food potluck **after** the service.

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