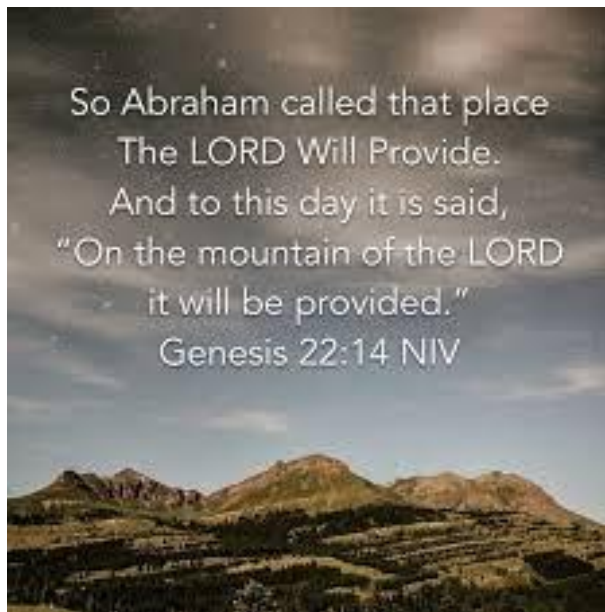


Midweek Lenten Worship
The Suffering Savior In Scripture
The Road to Easter Begins in Eden
“A Substitute On The Mountain”
Genesis 22:1-14
March 4, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
6:30 p.m.



1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin and Absolution:

Pastor Dearly Beloved, we have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. Hymn #69 "The God Of Abraham Praise" (verses 1,2,3,4,8,9)

1 The God of Abr'am praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I Am!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.

2 The God of Abr'am praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tow'r.

3 The God of Abr'am praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.

4 He by Himself has sworn;
I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face,
I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.

8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing;
And, "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be;
Jehovah, Father, Great I Am!
We worship Thee!"

9 The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'am's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise!

4. The Versicles and Gloria Patri

Pastor O Lord, Open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore, Amen.

5. Psalm 116 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶ The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

⁹ I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";

¹¹ I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

¹² What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

6. Scripture Lesson: *Passion Reading*

The Sufferings and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To The Four Evangelists

By John C. Lawrenz

[Following the New International Version translation and patterned after the *Passion History* as printed in the *Lutheran Lectionary* of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.]

2. Jesus' Agony of Soul in Gethsemane

After Jesus had said this, He was deeply troubled and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me - one who is eating with Me. The hand of him who is going to betray Me is with Mine on the table."

His disciples were very sad. They stared at one another, At a loss to know which of them He meant, and began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. One after the other they began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "It is one of the Twelve. The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with Me will betray Me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

The disciple whom Jesus loved was reclining next to Him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask Him which one He means."

Leaning back against Jesus, he asked Him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.

Then Judas, the one who would betray Him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you." As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

"What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling

him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, then God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread on the night He was betrayed, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." They all drank from it.

"My little children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."

Simon Peter asked Him, "Lord, where are You going?"

Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You."

Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for Me? Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you all as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brothers."

But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with You to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me."

Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered.

He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in Me. Yes, what is written about Him is reaching its fulfillment."

The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," He replied.

When Jesus had finished praying, and they had sung a hymn, He went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him.

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today yes, tonight -before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown Me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." And all the others said the same.

Then Jesus went with His disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, a place called Gethsemane. Jesus and His disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples.

On reaching the place, Jesus said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray so that you will not fall into temptation." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, along with Him and began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me." He withdrew about a stone's throw, knelt down, and fell on the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will. Not My will, but Yours be done."

When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Simon," He said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done."

When He came back, He again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to Him. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Returning to the disciples the third time, He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes My betrayer!"

7. **A Responsory** *page 122*

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

8. **Hymn #184 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"**

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;

Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my Guide.

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;

Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

9. **Sermon "A Substitute On A Mountain" Genesis 22:1-14**

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

10. **The Offering**

11. **The Versicle & Canticle**

Pastor Let my prayers rise before you as incense:

♪ **Congregation** And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

12. The Nunc Dimittis

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your Word
For my eyes have seen Your Salvation which you have prepared before the face of all people.
A Light to lighten the Gentiles; and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without
end, Amen.

13. The Prayers, beginning with The Kyrie

♪ **Congregation** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon
us.

14. The Lord's Prayer

♪ **Congregation** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy
will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver
us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

15. Luther's Evening Prayer

Congregation In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously
kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously
keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, 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.

16. The Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

17. Closing Hymn #444 "Take My Life And Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for Thee.

Announcements

Midweek Lenten Services- We have a midweek Lenten service each week at 6:30 p.m. We also have supper each week before the service at 5:15 pm.

Lenten Theme – The Suffering Savior In Scripture - *The road to Easter begins in Eden*

Wednesdays 6:30pm with Supper starting at 5:15 pm.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 “From the Heart”

Wednesday Feb 25 - “The First Promise of a Wounded Savior” –Genesis 3:4-15

Wednesday Mar 4 – “A Substitute on the Mountain” – Genesis 22:1-14

Wednesday Mar 11 - “The Blood That Saves” Exodus 12:1-13

Wednesday March 18 – “Psalms of the Suffering Righteous One” – Psalm 22

Wed March 25 - “The Servant Who Suffers For Us” - Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Time & Talent Survey – If you haven’t taken the Time & Talent Survey yet, we will have an electronic version (tablet) circulating during fellowship time for the next few Sundays. Please plan to take a few minutes to fill it out. Thanks!

Women’s Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth for more information.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, but this will switch to 7:30 during Lent. New members are always welcome!

Cleaning Schedule – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Budget Update – We will have an updated member-giving scorecard in March. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

Fiesta Night – Fiesta Night is coming up on Sunday, March 22nd starting at 5 pm. Plan to come and enjoy food, fellowship and fun while supporting the youth group. This fundraiser helps support the youth that plan to attend the LYA convention in July.



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