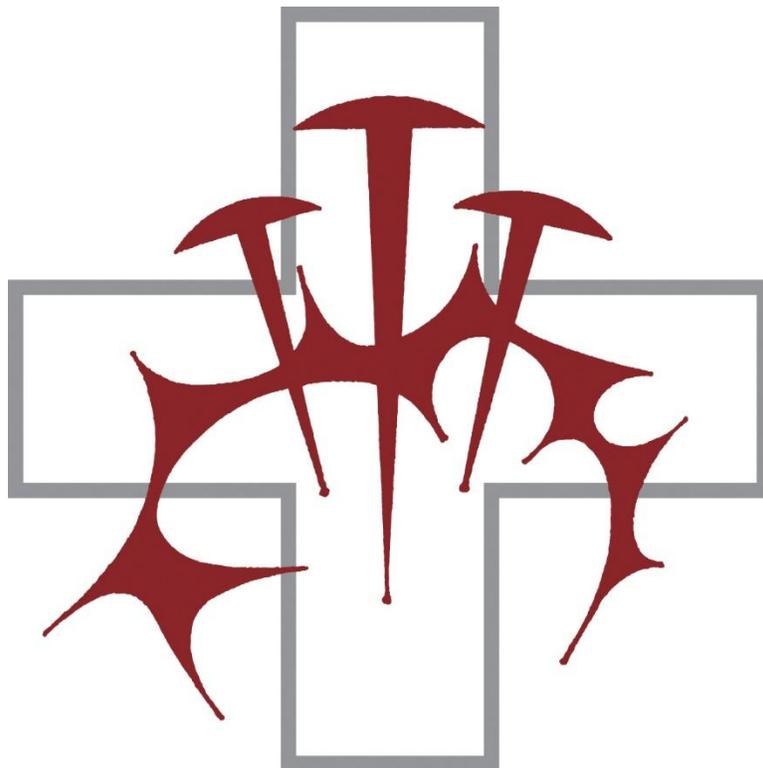


# Mid-Week Lent

March 25, 2026



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas

*The congregation assembles in silence.*

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN: Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our

**COMPLINE**



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

LSB 253

- P** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
- C** Amen.
- P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- P** to herald Your love in the morning,
- C** Your truth at the close of the day.



## CONFESSION

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## HYMN: Christ the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:14-23

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup>On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup>And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. <sup>18</sup>In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup>For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:28-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Silence for reflection*

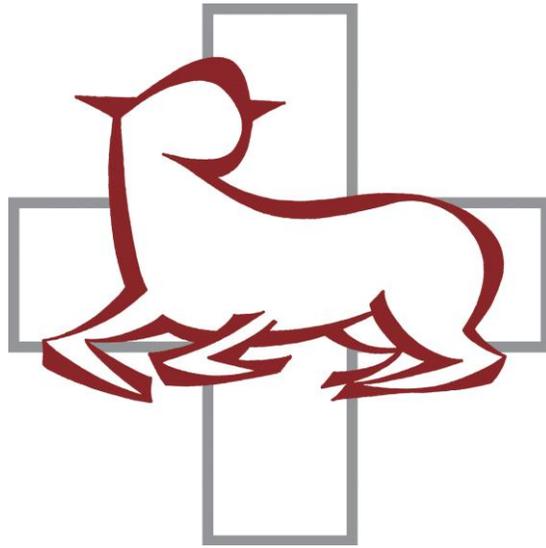
**RESPONSORY**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- P** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**

**CATECHISM INSTRUCTION**

The Ninth and Tenth Commandment

- P** What is the Ninth Commandment
- C** **You shall not covet your neighbor's house**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**
- P** What is the Tenth Commandment?
- C** **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, his hippopotamus or zebra, monkey or wildebeests, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals. Or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and their duty.**
- P** What is the central thought?
- C** **God created us to be content with the gifts by which He sustains our life.**
- P** As Christians, we seek to live a life of contentment by giving thanks for the daily blessings that God provides for us and our neighbor.



**HYMN:** How Deep the Father's Love for Us

OAR 203



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, How vast be-yond all mea -  
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His shoul -  
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis -



sure; That He should give His on - ly Son To  
 ders; A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call  
 dom; But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His



make a wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re -



loss; The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As  
 there Un - til it was ac - com - plished. His  
 ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One Bring  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life; I  
 this I know with all my heart: His



man - y un - to glo - ry.  
 know that it is fin - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

**SERMON:** Salvation in the Water

Rev. Mike Middaugh

**HYMN:** Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord!

*Sing thru twice*

OAR 202

O how good is Christ the Lord!  
On the cross He died for me.  
He has pardoned all my sin.  
Glory be to Jesus!  
Glory be to Jesus!  
Glory be to Jesus!  
In three days He rose again.  
Glory be to Jesus!

### PRAYER

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** **listen to my cry.**

**P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

**C** **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

**P** In righteousness I shall see You;

**C** **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**

**P** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 257*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

*LSB 284*

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would 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 evil foe may have no power over me. Amen**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 258

**P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**P** a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 259

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART: O Light Whose Splendor

LSB 891

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens  
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,  
3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,  
With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,  
And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,  
Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,  
Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,  
In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es  
O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,  
O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;  
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.  
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Mike Middaugh

Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

March 29 – 10:00am

Pastor Mike Middaugh

### Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

April 2 - 7:00pm

Pastor Craig Meissler

**Good Friday Tenebrae**

April 3 - 7:00pm

Pastor Mike Middaugh

**The Resurrection of Our Lord** – Pastor Mike Middaugh

April 5 - 7:00am (Outdoor Sunrise Service)

10:00am (Holy Communion)

8:00am-9:30am - Breakfast served in the gym (Free-will offering)

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