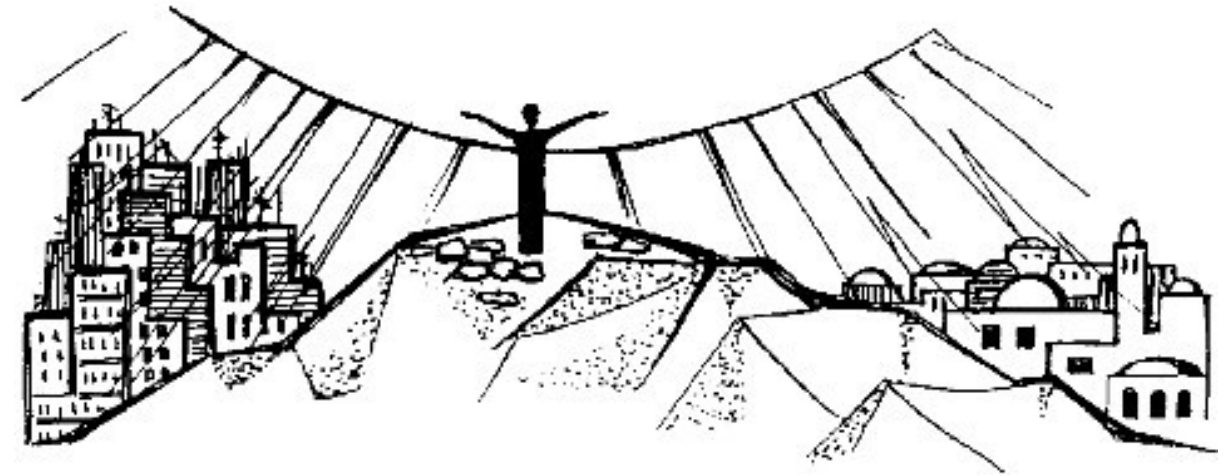




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Welcome to the House of the Lord

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP  
March 4 – April 1, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP – TO SEEK AND SAVE – WEEK ONE  
March 4, 2020 – 7:00 PM

**THAT ONE MAN SHOULD DIE**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**      *Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world*      page 2

**EVENING HYMN**      *Joyous light of Heav'nly glory*      page 3-4

**THEME VERSE**  
It is better for you that one man should die for the people.      John 11:50

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING**      Psalm 2:1-6  
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?  
**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,**

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”  
**He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
**“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**



“**To Seek and to Save**” follows Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the cross. Walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of the raising of Lazarus to Jesus’ own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come – to seek and save the lost.





MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP – TO SEEK AND SAVE – WEEK TWO  
March 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM

**THE DAY OF MY BURIAL**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**      *Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world*      page 2

**EVENING HYMN**      *Joyous light of Heav'nly glory*      page 3-4

**THEME VERSE**

Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial."  
John 12:7

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING**      Psalm 23  
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

*A brief silence is observed for meditation on our need for confession*

**Almighty God, you have called us to follow you, yet we turn away from your will to follow our own sinful desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us instead of listening to our Shepherd's voice. We sin against you each day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.**

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior, the Good Shepherd who came to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus died and rose from death and in Baptism we were buried with him and raised to new life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PSALMODY**      *Let my prayer rise up like incense before you*      pages 4-7

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, when we were baptized into your Triune name, we were anointed with the Holy Spirit. We were buried with Jesus and raised to walk in newness of life, a life of faith in his name. Help us each day to live as your anointed, holy people, eager and willing to glorify you through lives of love and service to others. We pray that through the witness of our words as we share the Gospel, and through our loving actions people will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. Hear our prayer in his name.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:7-9

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

## SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## GOSPEL SONG

*The Magnificat*

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## GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

## SERMON

**The Day of My Burial**

## LITANY AND PRAYERS

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## LORD'S PRAYER

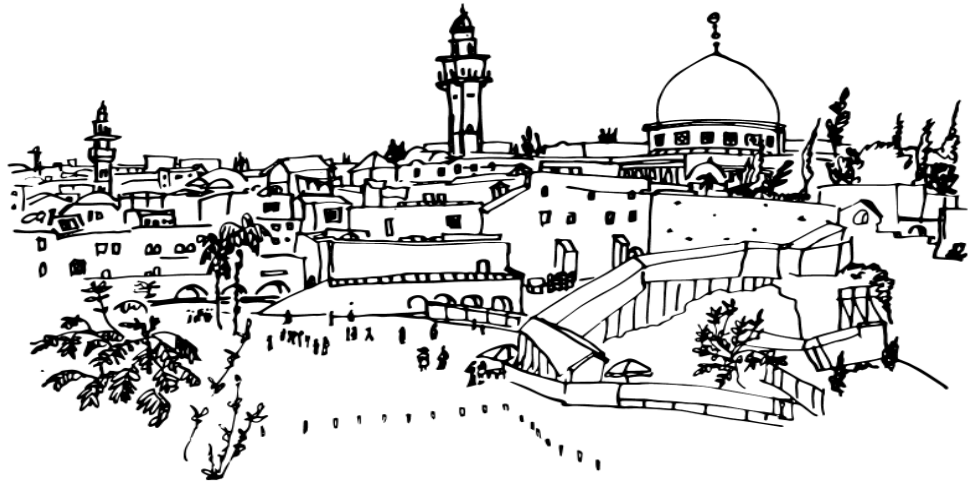
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...*

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## FINAL BLESSING

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Next Week: Jesus told his disciples what lay ahead for him in Jerusalem and, obedient to his heavenly Father, he took up his final steps to the cross. We follow our Savior through life, into death and into eternal life in his presence.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP – TO SEEK AND SAVE – WEEK THREE  
March 18, 2020 – 7:00 PM

### UP TO JERUSALEM

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**      *Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world*      page 2

**EVENING HYMN**      *Joyous light of Heav'nly glory*      page 3-4

### THEME VERSE

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them.  
Mark 10:32

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING**      Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep ...**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

*A brief silence is observed for meditation on our need for confession*

**Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions.**

**We do not love you or share your love with others as we should. We put our needs ahead of the needs of others. We listen to your Word but then turn away to follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

God, in mercy, sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus carried our sins in his own body to the cross. He rose from the dead, and through faith in his name we have the hope and promise of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PSALMODY**      *Let my prayer rise up like incense before you*      pages 4-7

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, for our sake and in obedience to your Father's will, you set your face to go to Jerusalem, knowing that there you would be arrested, condemned and crucified. Yet you also knew that you would rise to life in triumph over sin, death and the devil. As you faithfully followed your Father's will, help us to follow faithfully in your steps, during this Lenten season and always.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**      Isaiah 2:1-3

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

## GOSPEL SONG

*The Magnificat*

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## GOSPEL

Mark 10:32-34

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

## SERMON

**Up to Jerusalem**

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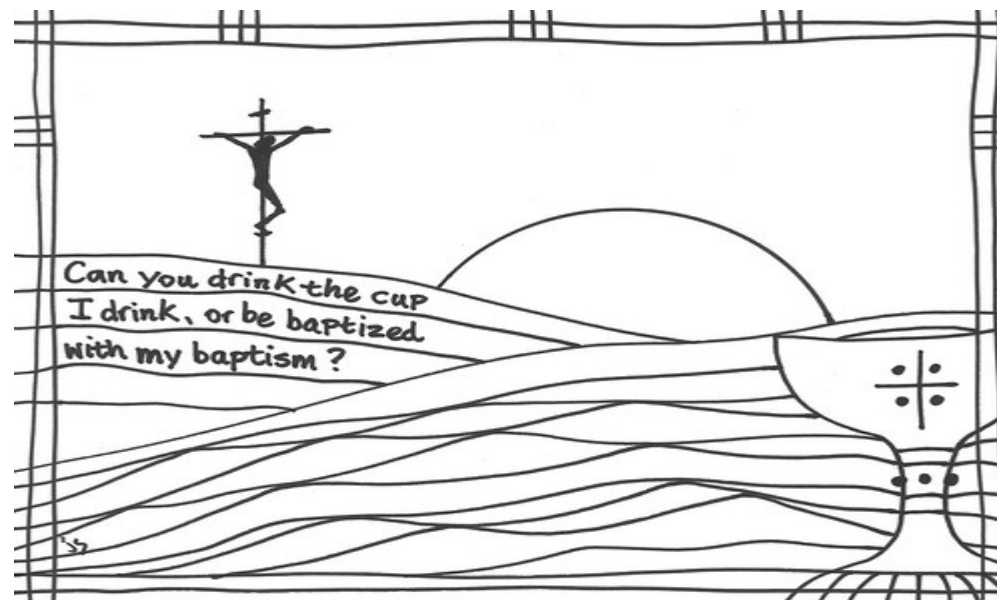
**LORD'S PRAYER** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...*

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## FINAL BLESSING

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Next Week: We often think of ourselves first, before we think of the needs of others. Two of Jesus' disciples do the same, as they make a special request of the Savior. Jesus reminds them that his kingdom is a place of humble service. Before glory comes the cross.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP – TO SEEK AND SAVE – WEEK FOUR

March 25, 2020 – 7:00 PM

## THE CUP THAT I DRINK

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world*

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### EVENING HYMN

*Joyous light of Heav'nly glory*

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### THEME VERSE

Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink."

Mark 10:39

### INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 6:1-5, 9

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;**

Heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

**My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?**

Turn, O Lord, deliver my life;

**Save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?...

**The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

*A brief silence is observed for meditation on our need for confession*

**Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions.**

**Instead of serving others in love, as Jesus did, we seek to put our own good above the good of others. We do not truly love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Forgive us for Jesus' sake and help us to live as your humble servants.**

God sent his Son to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place. Through his suffering, death and resurrection we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**PSALMODY**      *Let my prayer rise up like incense before you*      pages 4-7

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, Jesus our Lord came not to be served but to serve. He came to give his life as a ransom for us, to bring us into a right relationship with you. Obedient to your holy will, he drank the cup of suffering. To save us he drank the cup of your wrath against sin. If we are mocked or ridiculed for our faith, help us to bear that cross in confident faith. We ask you to be with your saints around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Help them to bear that suffering with patience, knowing that through Christ Jesus, the victory already belongs to them. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus, who offered up his life for us. Amen.

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 51:21-23

Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted, who are drunk, but not with wine: Thus says your Lord, the Lord, your God who pleads the cause of his people: "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more; and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have said to you, 'Bow down, that we may pass over'; and you have made your back like the ground and like the street for them to pass over."

### **SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

### **GOSPEL SONG**

*The Magnificat*

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### **GOSPEL**

Mark 10:35-45

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

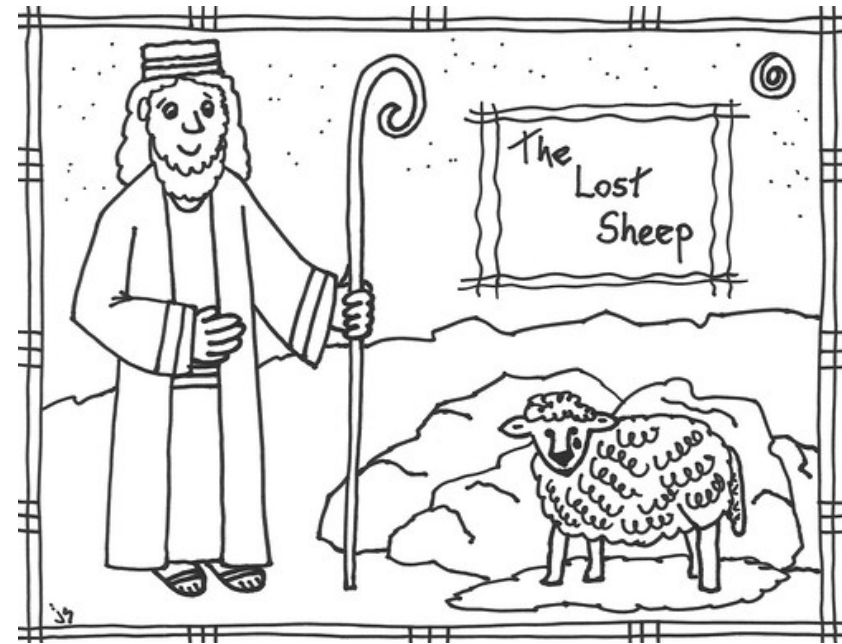
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**LORD'S PRAYER**    *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...*              page 11

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Next week: Tonight we will join Zacchaeus, a lost sinner found by Jesus, and rejoice in the salvation won for Zacchaeus and for all of us on the cross. That is the reason Jesus came, to seek and to save the lost.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP – TO SEEK AND SAVE – WEEK FIVE  
April 1, 2020 – 7:00 PM

**TO SAVE THE LOST**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**              *Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world*              page 2

**EVENING HYMN**                      *Joyous light of Heav'nly glory*                      page 3-4

**THEME VERSE**  
For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.                      Luke 19:10

**INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING**                      Psalm 119:173-176  
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



Let your hand be ready to help me,

**For I have chosen your precepts.**

I long for your salvation, O Lord,

**And your law is my delight.**

Let my soul live and praise you,

**And let your rules help me.**

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,

**For I do not forget your commandments.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus.

*A brief silence is observed for meditation on our need for confession*

**Almighty God, we have gone astray like lost sheep. We have turned away from your Word and to listen to the tempting voices the world around us. We have followed our own desires instead of following your will. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.**

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to seek and to save the lost, to seek and to save us. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead to bring us forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PSALMODY**            *Let my prayer rise up like incense before you*            pages 4-7

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you promised through the prophet Isaiah that you would come to search for your lost sheep. You would rescue them all. In the person of Jesus your Son, you kept your promise to seek and to save the lost. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we have been rescued from sin, death and the devil and brought safely into your kingdom. Fill us with your Spirit so that we will be bold witnesses for our Savior, seeking those still lost in the darkness of sin and sharing with them the good news of the Shepherd who came to give his life to save them. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

### **SECOND READING**

Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### **GOSPEL SONG**

*The Magnificat*

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**GOSPEL**

Luke 19:1-10

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



**Maundy Thursday/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Service – April 9 – 7:00 p.m.**



**Good Friday Worship Friday, April 10 - 7:00 p.m.**

**SERMON**

**To Save the Lost**

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**LORD'S PRAYER** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...*

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**Saturday Worship**

**April 11 - 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Chapel**

**Easter Sunday Worship Sunday, April 12**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship

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