



# LENTEN MIDWEEK

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## Midweek of Lent 4

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly.

We have these forty days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we take a look at the chief priests and scribes, who saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by violence. Yet, during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb. How, then, should we view those who oppose the Gospel in our day? And how might these insights guide our prayers?

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## T VESPERS T

**HYMN**

*"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

(LSB 437)

**OPENING**

P O Lord, open my lips,  
 C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.** *Psalm 51:15*  
 P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
 C **make haste to help me, O Lord.** *Psalm 70:1*  
 C **Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE FOR LENT**

P Praise to You, O Christ,  
 C **Lamb of our salvation.**

**T WORD T**

*(Please be seated)*

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 10*

**OFFICE HYMN** *"Upon the Cross Extended"* (LSB 453)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** *After the reading...*  
*Job 24:13–17* L O Lord, have mercy on us.  
*1 John 3:11–15* C **Thanks be to God.**  
*Matthew 23:29–36*

**ANTHEM** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* (Balouche, arr. Wallace)  
*Helen Kiepke, soloist (11:00 am)*  
*Will Hanson, guest vocalist (7:00 pm)*

*(Please stand)*

**PASSION READING** *After the reading...*  
*Mark 14:1, 53–65* P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
 C **Thanks be to God**

**LENTEN RESPONSARY**

- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**APOSTLES' CREED** (Please see the inside back cover of your hymnal)

(Please be seated)

**HYMN**

"Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face"

(Lisa M. Clark)



1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And  
 2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The  
 3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -  
 4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As  
 5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That



yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive  
 One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the  
 neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and  
 Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and  
 ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our



held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.  
 dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.  
 set for loss; He sees us as His prize.  
 all our fears And tear in two our pall.  
 tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

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**SERMON**

*"Murderous Eyes"*  
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Mark 14:1, 53-65)

**MAGNIFICAT** (spoken) C = **Congregation**, ! = **Women**, @ = **Men**

- C **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
- ! *for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.*
- @ For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- ! *For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;*
- @ and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- ! *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*
- @ He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- ! *He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.*
- @ He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- 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.**

**OFFERING** We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.

*(Please stand)*

**KYRIE**



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P Lord Jesus Christ, we often have gazed with murderous hatred upon our fellow man. Look upon us with favor, forgive all our sins, and replace all hatred in our hearts with love for You

and our neighbor; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR LENT**

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**COLLECT**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You released many from their bondage to sin, death, and the devil as the healer of the nations. But when it came time to release You, the crowd chose a murderer instead. Through our co-crucifixion with You in the waters of our Baptism, may we continually be released from our sins as we confess You to be our everlasting King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"*

*(LSB 877)*

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## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

The Board of Missions and Evangelism will be serving soup suppers on Wednesday nights of Lent from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Christian Family Life Center.

Our first night will be February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday. We will have 2-3 different kinds of soup each night.

There will be a free-will offering with the proceeds going to the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX where approximately 10 adults and youth from our church will be going for a week-long mission trip. The plan is to build a home for a family in Juarez and to share the Gospel by handing our Bibles and participating in other various mission activities. The approximate cost of the mission trip will be \$13,000.

Please join us for a bowl of nourishing soup, fellowship, and supporting a great evangelism opportunity to further God's kingdom.



## Midweek Lenten Schedule

**April 1, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Worldly Eyes"—Mark 15:1–20

**April 9, 2020**

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"More Than Meets the Eye"—Mark 14:22–25

**April 10, 2020**

Good Friday

7:00 pm

"God's Eyes"—Mark 15:21–39

