



April 9, 2025 - Sixth Midweek Lenten Service

Life Together: A Series of Services for Lent

As We Gather: Using texts from 1 Peter this series addresses popular assumptions of postmodernism which we encounter in our daily lives and which question and challenge traditional ideas and values. Through the sermons, we will see that the words which Peter wrote to the first century believers still give us guidance as we deal with the challenges we face today. Tonight's theme is: "This Is It".

Welcome

Call To Worship

Pastor: Come, let us give honor and praise to our Lord.

People: **We come with gladness and declare for all to hear that we believe Jesus in the Christ.**

All: **God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.**

Pastor: Praise be to God who did not spare His Son, but delivered Him up for us all.

People: **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.**

All: **Heavenly Father, you have spoken to us about our Life Together through the words of Peter's letter to the early Christians. Speak to us again tonight through his words. And grant that each of us will be encouraged in our daily walk as followers of Christ, our Savior. This we ask in His name. Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Passion History: Luke 23:6-25

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently

accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. ¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him.” ¹⁸ But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: LSB 570 “Just As I Am”

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:3-5 “This Is It” Pastor Jake

Hymn: LSB 423 “Jesus Refuge of the Weary”

Prayer

Pastor: Praise be to you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **You have given us new birth into a living hope, an inheritance that can never perish!**

Pastor: O God, in this hope, we remember that life alone is nothing without life together,

People; **and that life together is nothing without life in you.**

Pastor: O Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

People: **O Christ, thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: O Lord, remember this fractured, fragmented world.

People: **O Christ, thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: O Lord, remember the church, your broken people everywhere, and this congregation.

People: **O Christ, thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: O Lord, remember the sick and suffering and those who are grieving. Remember all these lives in your gracious mercy.

People: **O Christ, thy kingdom come.**

Pastor: O Father, all these burdens and cares, and all that weighs upon our hearts, we leave in your care,

People: **shielded by your power until your kingdom comes,**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever and who taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Benediction

Pastor: Go in confidence for God the Father watches over you. Go in peace for God, the Son, walks beside you. Go in joy for God, the Holy Spirit, lives in you.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"