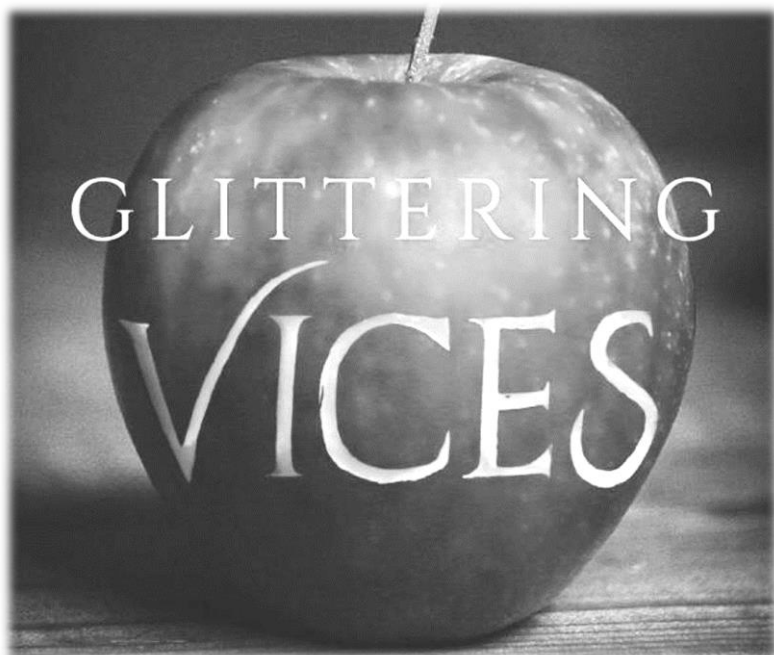


Midweek Lent 3

Pride and Humility

(Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75)



A Lenten Series on
Vice and Virtue in the Passion Story

*“Though they all fall away because of you,
I will never fall away!”
(Matthew 26:8)*

Glittering Vices

A Series of Services
For the Season of Lent

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As We Gather: Today we continue our sermon series “Glittering Vices,” reflecting on the vice of pride, as we witness Peter boldly declare that he will never fall away only to deny his Lord not once, but three times before the night is past. We too overestimate what we are capable of doing as sinners dependent upon our Lord. But when we learn humility, we teach ourselves to know and believe that there is only one who gives us the strength to live and believe as He has taught us, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

+ Invocation and Call to Worship +

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Lord, as we begin this Lenten journey together,

C Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith.

P Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross

C and scorning its shame, is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

P As we reflect on your life, passion, and death

C Let your virtuous example be cultivated within us.

P Send the power of your spirit into our hearts

C That we might joyfully live out your commands in every aspect of our lives.

Hymn: Jesus, I will Ponder Now (LSB 440)

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

+ Confession and Forgiveness +

P Let us confess our sin to God our Father in heaven, pleading for His mercy for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ:

C Father, forgive me for evil thoughts that come from within me, out of my unclean heart. (*Mark 7:21-22*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my gluttonous heart, which attempts to live by bread alone and not by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (*Matt. 4:4*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my greedy heart, which seeks security in the abundance of possessions at the expense of my neighbor in need. (*Luke 12:15*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my prideful heart, which displaces You as rightful Lord instead of being Your humble servant. (*Matt. 20:26, Phil. 2:3-7, James 6:4-10*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my slothful heart, which is indifferent to Your Word and disregards the good works You have prepared for me to walk in. (*Eph. 2:10, Matt. 25:31-46*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my envious heart, which begrudges Your generosity to others and finds joy in their sorrow. (*Matt. 20:15*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Father, forgive my angry heart, which does not produce the righteousness You desire but avenges injustice through hatred of my enemies. (*Matt. 5:22, Rom. 12:19, James 1:20*)

P Lord have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for your trespasses and raised for your justification. He gives you a new heart and puts a new Spirit within you. He removes your heart of stone and gives you a heart of flesh. Your sins are forgiven, go in peace. Amen. (*Rom. 4:25, Ezek. 36:26*)

+ Prayer of the Day +

P Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, mortify and kill all vices in us and so strengthen us by your grace that by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ Scripture Readings +

Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 11:2; 16:18; 29:23

²When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.

¹⁸Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

²³One's pride will bring him low,
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 2:3–11

³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading:

Matthew 26:30–35, 69–75

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the

sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way (LSB 857)

1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor

ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side, You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the

get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.

+ Sermon +
 + Prayers +
 + Lord's Prayer +

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. 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 +

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and preserve you.

C Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Jesus Christ, with Us Abide (LSB 585)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
5 Re - strain, O Lord, the hu - man pride That seeks to
6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Pre - serve our



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
thrust Your truth a - side Or with some man -
faith our whole life through— Your Word a - lone



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spir - it sings.
our heart's de - fense, The Church's glo - rious con - fi - dence.



LENT & EASTER SERVICES
“GLITTERING VICES”



Lent Meals begin at 5:30pm

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LENT SERVICES

March 15th

Meal: Tacos

Serving: Education Board

Service: *“Sloth & Diligence”*

March 22nd

Meal: Lasagna

Serving: Altar Guild

Service: *“Envy & Kindness”*

March 29th

Meal: Potato Bar

Serving: Care Team

Service: *“Anger & Forgiveness”*

April 6th

Maundy Thursday

Service

April 7th

Good Friday

Service

EASTER MORNING

April 9th at 6:30am

Easter Sunrise
 Communion Service

April 9th at 7:30am

Breakfast:
 Served by Elders

April 9th at 9:00am

Easter Communion
 Service

