



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.*

### VESPERS FOR MIDWEEK OF LENT 2

**March 19, 2025**

Welcome to our mid-week Lenten Worship Service. Our Lenten Journey continues each Wednesday evening with a meal starting at 5:30 pm and Vespers Service at 6:30 pm.

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Please Stand (in body or in spirit)

#### **OPENING HYMN**

**"COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN" (LBW #301)**

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows to you, to me, to all,  
In a full perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,

Here the troubled peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
Those who drink shall thirst no more.

Those who drink shall live forever;  
'tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break his covenant of blood,  
Signed when our redeemer died,  
Sealed when he was glorified.

P: Then spoke Jesus again unto them,  
saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,  
but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

P: Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my  
hands be an evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

P: Almighty and most merciful Father,

**C: We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from thy grace, there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

P: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*All stand.*

P: O Lord, open thou our lips;

**C: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

P: O God, make speed to save us;

**C: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: Praise ye the Lord.

**C: The Lord's Name be praised.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PSALM 105

P: <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C: <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

P: <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**C: <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

P: <sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments

he uttered,

**C: 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P: 7 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**C: 8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

P: 9 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

**C: 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

P: 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

**C: 12 When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it,**

P: 13 wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,

**C: 14 he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account,**

P: 15 saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"

**C: 16 When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread,**

P: 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

**C: 18 His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;**

P: 19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.

**C: 20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free;**

P: 21 he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,

**C: 22 to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.**

P: 23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

**C: 24 And the Lord made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes.**

P: 25 He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

**C: 26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.**

P: 27 They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham.

**C: 28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words.**

P: 29 He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die.

**C: 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.**

P: 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country.

**C: 32 He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land.**

P: 33 He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country.

**C: 34 He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number,**

P: 35 which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their

ground.

**C: <sup>36</sup> He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the first fruits of all their strength.**

P: <sup>37</sup> Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

**C: <sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.**

P: <sup>39</sup> He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

**C: <sup>40</sup> They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

P: <sup>41</sup> He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

**C: <sup>42</sup> For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## 2 CHRONICLES 20:1-22

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites,[a] came against Jehoshaphat for battle.<sup>2</sup> Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom,[b] from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi).<sup>3</sup> Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.<sup>4</sup> And Judah assembled to seek help from the Lord; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.<sup>5</sup> And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court,<sup>6</sup> and said, “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.<sup>7</sup> Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?<sup>8</sup> And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying,<sup>9</sup> ‘If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment,[c] or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you – for your name is in this house – and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.’<sup>10</sup> And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy –<sup>11</sup> behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit.<sup>12</sup> O our God, will you not execute

judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.<sup>14</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord came[d] upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.<sup>15</sup> And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s.’<sup>16</sup> Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel.<sup>17</sup> You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.”<sup>18</sup> Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping the Lord.<sup>19</sup> And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.<sup>20</sup> And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.”<sup>21</sup> And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>22</sup> And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

R: This is the Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Please Stand

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

LUKE 13:22-30

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.<sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them,<sup>24</sup> “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I

tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN: "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS" (LBW 482)**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Please be Seated

## MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Blaine Davis

LENT AS A SEASON OF REMEMBERING

Please Stand

## MAGNIFICAT: THE SONG OF MARY

P: My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

**C: For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

P: For behold, from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.

**C: For he that is mighty hath magnified me; \*  
and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.**

P: He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**C: He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

P: He hath filled the hungry with good things; \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**C: He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; \* as he promised to  
our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third  
day, He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**  
(The people kneel or stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit**

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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**

P: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**C: And grant us thy salvation.**

P: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

**C: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

P: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

**C: And make thy chosen people joyful.**

P: O Lord, save thy people;

**C: And bless thine inheritance.**

P: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**C: And evermore mightily defend us.**

P: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**C: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**C: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

**A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION**

P: O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**C:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful: and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### HYMN: "TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE" (LBW #406)

Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;

Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

### A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**P:** Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord. Go in Peace **C: Thanks be to God.**

