



Reflections on Repentance

Recognizing
Against Whom
We Sin



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Midweek Lent #2

*Theme: Reflections on Repentance
Recognizing Against Whom We Sin*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES: Our midweek theme is *Reflections on Repentance*.

Luther noted in his time that Scripture's call to repentance is intended as a way of life. Though King David is described as a "man after the Lord's own heart" he knew what it was to sin, and to suffer in guilt from the sin. But he also knew repentance and forgiveness from God. The great penitential Psalm 51 serves as the source for our Midweek Lenten services, exploring the depths of our sin, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness. Like David, our sins too are great, but our Savior Jesus is greater.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP THEMES:

- March 5 Realizing our Need for Repentance
- ***March 12 *Recognizing Against Whom We Sin******
- March 19 Revealing Our Sinful Nature
- March 26 Remembering God's perfect Demands
- April 2 Relying on God's Grace
- April 9 Removing *our Guilt*

FELLOWSHIP INVITATION: Each week of Lent, a group from Salem serves a fellowship supper between services from 5-6:30 pm. All are invited to enjoy the meal. Free-will offerings for the meal will support various ministries chose by the groups.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Organ: Luke Dorn

Order of Worship



Introduction & Welcome

Hymn: He Stood before the Court

CW 408



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

Please stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: The maker of heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

Psalm: I Lift My Soul to You

Psalm 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days



Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.



Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;
When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,



for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.
to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Passion History of our Lord Jesus

Luke 22:1-38

¹Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

⁹"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

³⁵Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered. ³⁶He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” ³⁸The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.”

“That’s enough!” he replied.

After the reading, the congregation joins in the seasonal response...

C: All we, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.

Hymn: Before You, God, the Judge of All

CW 655



1 Be - fore you, God, the judge of all, with grief and shame I
 2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: O cast me not in
 3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
 wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



my sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
 but let him draw to you my heart that tru - ly
 but grant that jus - ti - fied I may go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

Sermon Theme: Recognizing Whom We Sin Against

Please remain seated after the sermon.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Luther's Evening Prayer

CW 782



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,
2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.



that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.



I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one



and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CW 812

A soloist will sing the first verse. The congregation will sing verses 2-4.



1 Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the
2 Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the
3 Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the
4 Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow
tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the
floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,
bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his
we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -
Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er

sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the
 just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the
 love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the
 hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the
faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the

4th stanza repeat italics

an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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LENTEN WORSHIP AT SALEM



Midweek Lenten Services

4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Meal between 5:00 to 6:30 pm

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend (April 12/13) Regular Worship schedule

Maundy Thursday (April 17) 6:30 pm Worship with Communion

Good Friday (April 18)

10:00 am Good Friday Worship

6:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae

Easter Sunday (April 20)

NO SATURDAY SERVICE on April 19th.

7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship with Communion

8:00 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Easter Festival Worship

10:45 am Easter Festival Worship

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

