



# Reflections on Repentance

Revealing Our  
Sinful Nature



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### **Midweek Lent #3**

*Theme: Reflections on Repentance  
Revealing Our Sinful Nature*

**W**elcome! 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 chosen by the groups.

***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Wolfe  
Keyboard: Madison Boerner

# Order of Worship



## Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

CW 562

*Sung at 6:30 pm by the Men's Chorus.*



1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!  
2 Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone  
3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;  
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."  
can\_ change the lep - er's spots and\_ melt the heart of stone.  
I'll\_ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my\_ lips shall still re - peat.

*Refrain*



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

*Please remain seated.*

## 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.**

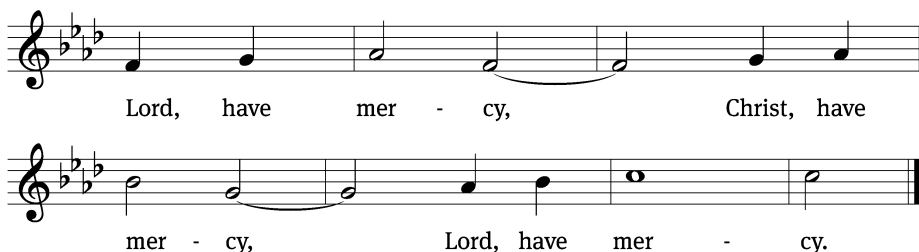
**Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

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: Have Mercy in Your Goodness, Lord**      Psalm 51B sts. Ref-5

*Refrain*




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

*Verses*



1 Have mer - cy in your good-ness, Lord,                      and in your  
2 All my trans-gres - sions, Lord, I know;                      I see my  
3 So when you speak, Lord, it is just;                      your judg-ments



grace for - give my sin;                      wash me from e - vil through and  
sin both day and night;                      a - gainst you on - ly have I  
all re - veal the truth;                      I have been wick - ed from my



through,                      cleanse me, O Lord, with - out, with - in.                      v. 2  
sinned,                      done what is e - vil in your sight.                      Refrain  
birth,                      a sin - ner e - ven from my youth.                      v. 4

- 4 For deep within you look for truth; in secret make me understand;  
purge out my sin and I shall be pure as your holy law demands. (Refrain)
- 5 Tell me of joy and gladness, Lord, and give my broken body ease;  
Lord, hide your face from all my sin; blot out all my iniquities. (Refrain)

## **Psalm Prayer**

**M:** Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **The Passion History of our Lord Jesus**

*Luke 22:39-54*

<sup>39</sup>Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

<sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup>"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

<sup>54</sup>Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

*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 of the Day: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CW 814



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y\_a doubt, fight-ings and fears with - in, with-  
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Sermon Reading

Psalm 51:5

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

## Sermon Theme: Revealing Our Sinful Nature

*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: By Grace I'm Saved

CW 575 sts. 1-3



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -  
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to  
3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of  
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own  
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this  
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was  
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.  
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.  
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

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