



Reflections on Repentance

Remembering
God's Perfect
Demands



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Midweek Lent #4

*Theme: Reflections on Repentance
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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 Piano: Abigail Ibsich

Order of Worship



Introduction & Welcome

(4:00 pm) Pre-K—3 Anthem

Up Calvary's Hill

Joanne Burns Hambleton

1. Up, up, up, up Calv'ry's hill.
There goes Jesus to do His Father's will. x2
2. "Why? Why? Why?" here the people say.
"Why does our Messiah have to die this way." x2
3. Love, love, love, I love ev'ryone,
So I'm dying in your place for all the wrong you've done. x2
4. Live, live, live in My love evermore.
I'm the way, the truth, the life! I'm heaven's open door. x2

(6:30 pm) Hymn: *If Your Beloved Son, O God* CW 559 sts. 1-2, 5



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns
5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

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: Teach Me, O LORD Psalm 119C

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Tone

Do good to your / servant
according to your / word, LORD.

Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,
for I trust / your commands.

Before I was afflicted I / went astray,
but now I o- / bey your word. *Refrain*

You are good, and what you / do is good;
teach me / your decrees.

It was good for me to be af- / flicted
so that I might learn / your decrees.
The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Psalm Prayer

C: Lord, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

D: Amen.

The Passion History of our Lord Jesus

Luke 22:54-71

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

⁶³The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other insulting things to him.

⁶⁶At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. ⁶⁷"If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me,⁶⁸ and if I asked you, you would not answer.⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

⁷⁰They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

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: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

CW 593 sts. 1-3, 5



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon Reading

Psalm 51:6

⁶Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Sermon Theme: Remembering God's Perfect Demands

Please remain seated after the sermon.



Offering



Connect Card

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.



Give Online

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.



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
 2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.
 3 Let my near and dear ones be safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
 4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; you once died that I might live.
 5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.
 Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.
 O bring me and all I love to your hap - py home a - bove.
 All your pre - cious gifts are free— oh, how good you are to me!
 Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Palm Sunday (April 12/13)
 Regular Worship schedule

Holy 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

JOIN US FOR
Holy Week
Easter Sunday