



Reflections on Repentance

Removing
Our Guilt



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Midweek Lent #6

*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
Organ: Robyn Stoller
Flute: Rachel Collins

Order of Worship



Pre-Service Music

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty

*Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross, Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Introduction & Welcome

Opening Hymn: Before the Ending of the Day

CW 790



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray. Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



and guard and keep your peo - ple now.
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er more. A - men.

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: Be Glad, You Righteous Ones; Rejoice

Psalm 32C

Refrain

Be glad, you right - eous ones; re - jice!

Trust in the LORD and sing for joy.

Tone

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose / sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect / me from trouble.
Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**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, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

M: Amen.

The Passion History of our Lord Jesus

Luke 23:26-56

²⁶As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then

" 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"
and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' "

³¹For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father,

forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

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: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW 422 sts. 1-3



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
 to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 who built the earth's foun - da - tion.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Sermon Theme: Removing Our Guilt

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

Offertory Music

Behold the Lamb

Keith Getty

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith,
Find forgiveness at the cross.*

Luther's Evening Prayer

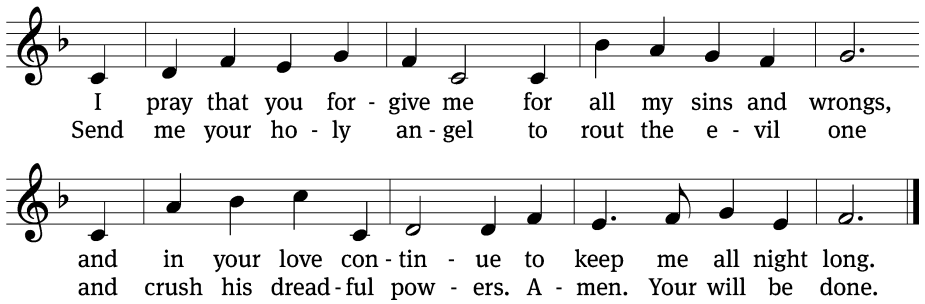
CW 782



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: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CW 811 sts. 1–2



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!

Holy Week Worship



Passion Sunday

APRIL 12/13
SATURDAY - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8/10:30 AM

APRIL 17

THURSDAY - 6:30 PM
WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION



Holy Thursday



Good Friday

APRIL 18
FRIDAY - 10:00 AM
TENEBRAE - 6:30 PM

Easter Schedule

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

7:00 AM - EASTER DAWN WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

A quieter reflection on the women's discovery of the empty tomb, with readings, hymns, and Holy Communion.

8:00 - 10:30 AM - EASTER BREAKFAST

9:00 & 10:45 AM - EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Filled with joyful praise, featuring choirs, trumpets, and handbells as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection.

The graphic features the text "EASTER FOR KIDS" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. The word "EASTER" is on the top line and "FOR KIDS" is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by several monarch butterflies in various sizes and orientations, some appearing to fly around the letters. The background is white with a faint, light-colored pattern of small butterflies in the upper right corner.

EASTER FOR KIDS

A Morning of Fun, Faith, and Family

Saturday, April 12
10 AM – Noon
Salem Lutheran Church

Christmas was just the beginning—now it's time for the grand finale! Easter brings us Jesus' victory over sin and death, and we're celebrating with a fun-filled family event designed for kids ages 3 through 6th grade—and their families. Parents, you're invited to stay and participate alongside your child! This is a special time for families to learn, play, and celebrate together.

For questions, contact the church office: 651-439-7831
or church@salemlutheran.org

Scan here to register
or visit salemlutheran.org



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.**

