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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

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**LENTEN MIDWEEK 3**

**The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliverer  
(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today we see the similarities and the contrasts between Moses and Jesus. Both are God's servants, but only Jesus is willing and able to save us. We will hear of Moses' unwillingness to serve and save many people, even with the signs God provided. But Jesus, our Lord, is willing to do all that is necessary for all of us to be embraced by God's love. Jesus Christ came, delivered us, and set us free.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.  
*Exodus 2:23–24*

## **WELCOME**

## **✠PREPARATION✠**

## 437 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I - had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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**Stand**

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## PSALM

*Psalm 25:1-5*

**P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C** **O my God, in You I trust;**

**P** let me not be put to shame;

**C** **let not my enemies exult over me.**

**P** Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

**C** **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

**C** **Lead me in Your truth and teach me,**

**P** for You are the God of my salvation;

**C** **for You I wait all the day long.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who called Moses in his weakness and sent Your Son in perfect willingness, look with compassion on us in our fear and inadequacy. As every human savior fails and every earthly strength collapses, fix our hearts on Jesus Christ, the greater Deliverer who sets His people free. By Your Spirit, quiet our excuses, strengthen our faith, and lead us to trust not in ourselves but in the One who came to do Your will and has borne the burden we could not carry. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ✠WORD✠

### FIRST READING

*Exodus 4:1–20*

**L** A reading from the fourth chapter of Exodus.

Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’”

**P** [The LORD said to him,] “What is that in your hand?”

**L** [He said,] “A staff.”

**P** [And He said,] “Throw it on the ground.”

**L** So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it.

**P** [But the LORD said to Moses,] “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail” —

**L** so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—

**P** “that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”  
[Again, the LORD said to him,] “Put your hand inside your cloak.”

**L** And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.

**P** [Then God said,] “Put your hand back inside your cloak.”

**L** So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.

- P** “If they will not believe you,” [God said,] “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”
- L** [But Moses said to the LORD,] “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since You have spoken to Your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”
- P** [Then the LORD said to him,] “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”
- L** [But he said,] “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses
- P** [and He said,] “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”
- L** Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”
- P** And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead.”
- L** So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 25:6–11*

- P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.
- C** **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to Your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**
- P** Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
- C** **He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble His way.**
- P** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- C** **For Your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 3:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 25:12–15

- P** Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
**C** Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.
- P** His soul shall abide in well-being,  
**C** and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- P** The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,  
**C** and He makes known to them His covenant.
- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

*Stand*

## THIRD READING

John 8:31-38

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, *“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”*

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

# WHAT PROMPTED CHRIST

sts. 1-2



1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come  
2 Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, will - ing -



down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my  
ly You came here, De - liv - 'ring us that we might be



soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That  
free. You spoke Your Word in truth, The



sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less  
truth in which we live, And will - ing - ly You



love He would pay for all sin To  
went to the cross, to the cross. Help



pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.  
us to live for You thank - ful - ly.

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**P** The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

And they laid hands on Him and seized Him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them,

**P** *“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”*

**L** And they all left Him and fled. And a young man followed Him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked. And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against Him, saying, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?” But He remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said,

**P** *“I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”*

**L** And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard His blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned Him as deserving death. And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received Him with blows.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 547 THE LAMB

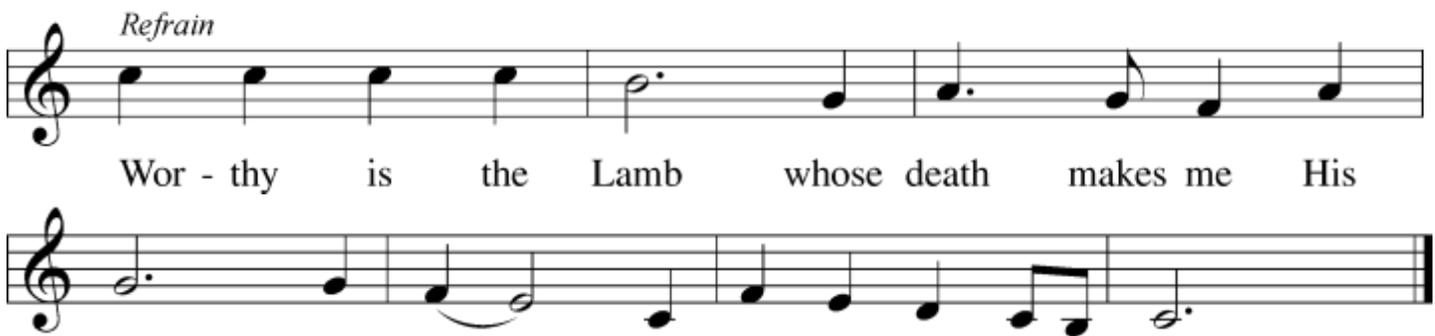


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## SERMON

### VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

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There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

*Stand*

### PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

- P** Let us pray for all who fear God’s punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**
- P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
- C** **By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**
- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son; the Son, who is our Deliverer; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

# 420 CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING

sts. 1, 5, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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