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LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning

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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, 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

What are the odds of getting a do-over in our lives? In the world of sports, as in many other arenas, a second opportunity to begin again in a race or other type of competition is generally not possible. A false start in a race can lead to disqualification. Repositioning a move after completing one in a chess match is simply not permitted. Rules are rules, and that's the way it is. There is no room for mercy. But it is different with our God, who offers forgiveness again and again to those who repent and turn to Him with contrite hearts. In his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther confidently writes, "In this Christian Church He [God] daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers" (*LSB*, p. 323). Thank God for His most gracious do-overs!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Jesus sinners doth receive;

Oh, may all this saying ponder

Who in sin's delusions live

And from God and heaven wander!

Here is hope for all who grieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive. *LSB 609:1*

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION✠

915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Stand

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

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 130

- P** Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
- C** **O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- P** If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;
- C** **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**
- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- C** **And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, by the death and resurrection of Your only Son, You have shown the world that the way of self-sacrifice is the way of life. Give us such a strong faith in Your providence that we will not shrink from any sacrifice You ask of us but rejoice to offer our lives to Him who gave His life for us—that is, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

✠WORD✠

PASSION READING

John 18:15–27

(Peter's denial of Jesus.)

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, *"I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret."* ²¹*Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said."* ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered him, *"If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"* ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN INTRODUCTION

- P** The image of the freely flowing and life-giving fountain appears in a number of favorite Bible passages and hymns. The psalmist speaks of the Lord as he poetically writes, “For with You is the fountain of life” (Psalm 36:9), and hymn writer Johann Heermann describes God as the “true fountain ever flowing” in his hymn text “O God, My Faithful God” (*LSB* 696:1). In the first stanza of the Lenten hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain,” author James Montgomery invites sinners to come to the “pure and healing fountain” (*LSB* 435:1) that flows from Jesus, our Savior. In the third stanza, Montgomery affirms that “Health this fountain will restore,” reminding us that Lent is a time for restoration and renewal in Christ.
- P** “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” first came into Christian Church usage in an English hymnbook called *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Use*. The stanzas were simply titled “A fountain opened for sin and uncleanness” when first printed in 1819. James Montgomery wrote over 400 hymns. While still in his teens, he supported himself by publishing poetry, and later in life he was granted a literary pension by the British government. Though more than two hundred years old, his hymn stanzas compel us to come to the fountain of our Savior, with the promise “They that drink shall thirst no more” (*LSB* 435:3).

435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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FIRST READING

Genesis 6:1-22

(God commands Noah to build an ark.)

¹When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth." ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive.

²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYER RESPONSE

P Let us pray.

We praise You, O God, for hearing our cries for mercy and answering them in Your forgiving grace. While You could justly keep a record of our sins, You instead wash them away in the cleansing flood of Jesus’ blood. Kept safe in the ark of Your church, help us daily to find new hope in Your promises, for You have shown us Your unfailing love in the gift of Your Son, in whom there is full redemption; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13–22

(Baptism now saves you.)

L Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

C For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

L Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

1 Peter 5:6-7

P Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,

C **casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:22-37

(Jesus tells of the days to come.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²And he said to the disciples, *"The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.* ²³*And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them.* ²⁴*For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.* ²⁵*But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.* ²⁶*Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.* ²⁷*They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.* ²⁸*Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,* ²⁹*but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—* ³⁰*so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.* ³¹*On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.* ³²*Remember Lot's wife.* ³³*Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.* ³⁴*I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left.* ³⁵*There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."* ³⁷And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, *"Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your
 soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes
 you whole
 And then in death completes
 you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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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.

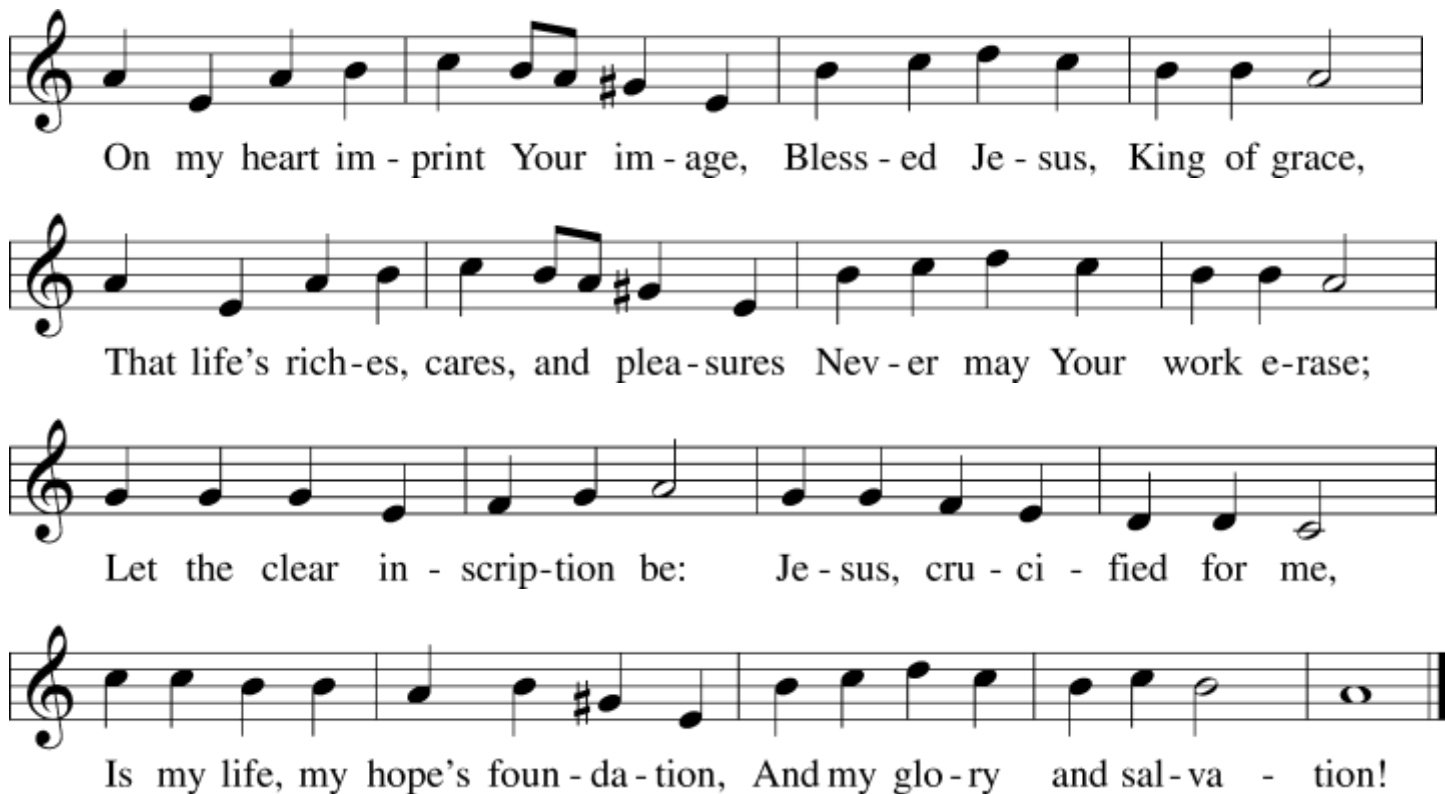
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Sign up through the church office.

Stand

422 ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

P Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Let our cry come to You.

P Almighty God, grant us true repentance over our sins

C and steadfast faith in Your forgiveness,

P knowing that while we justly deserve Your punishment,

C You are a God who freely pardons.

P When we are weighed down by guilt or despair, lift us up in Your mercy

C and grant us a new beginning, standing in Your grace.

P As You once gave the rainbow as a sign of Your mercy,

C draw our eyes to the cross of Christ,

P that we may see in Him the assurance that Your mercies are new every morning

C and Your faithfulness to us is great.

P Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
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".*

425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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