

WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
March 23, 2022

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

Simon Peter witnessed much of Christ's ministry on earth. He is featured in many highlights of the four Gospels, but today we see Peter at his lowest point, as he denies Jesus three times. The result of Peter's denial is a massive amount of guilt. Each of us can relate to that unwanted flood of self-disgust that comes when we remember past sin. But guilt is not the final word for Peter, and it is not the final word for us. After His resurrection, Jesus restores and forgives Peter. Jesus offered Peter grace. Jesus also gives us grace, forgiveness, and restoration at the cross.

† **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** †

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB, p. 229

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

PSALM *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 118:19-29

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank You that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

**This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

You are my God; I will extol You.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

for His steadfast love endures forever!

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.

(Silence for reflection)

PSALM PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Your own Son has triumphed over sin and the grave and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Purify our hearts in Him that we may be granted a share in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 (v. 1, 3, 5, 7)

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7); tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6); tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis. Text: Public domain.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 12:10-14

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL READING

John 18:12-27

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

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. ²¹Why 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

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P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

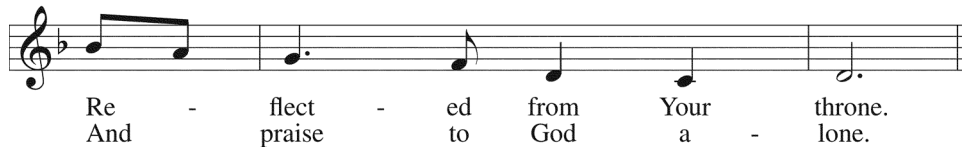
C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

OFFICE HYMN

By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517 (v. 1, 10, 3)

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 Δ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And
 all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the
 Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till
 You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the
 crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



10 Praise for Your great apostle
So eager and so bold,
Thrice falling, yet repentant,
Thrice charged to feed Your fold.
Lord, make Your pastors faithful
To guard Your flock from harm,
And hold them when they waver
With Your almighty arm.

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SERMON

Witness to Christ: Peter

CANTICLE

LSB, p. 231

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

MAGNIFICAT *(I: Left side of congregation – II: Right side of congregation – as projected)*

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C **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**

I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

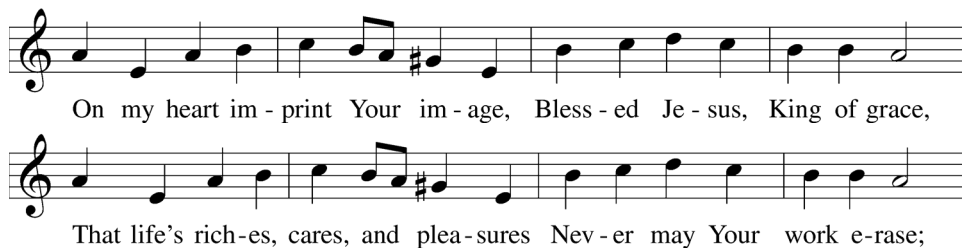
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



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!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758. Text and tune: Public domain.

KYRIE

LSB, p. 233

- P Lord, have mercy;
C **Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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- 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.**

COLLECTS

- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C **And let my cry come to You.**
- P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
- P Lord, Your forgiveness rescues us from ever-failed intention and foolish weakness. Grant to us grace that we may be restored through forgiveness and ever stand before You in the clothing of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
- P Merciful God, graciously take into Your fatherly care the sick and needy, the widow and orphan, homeless and homebound, lonely and forgotten, and all who seek Your grace in time of adversity, affliction, or death. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, [*especially* _____], that they may patiently endure their afflictions and support them with Your everlasting arms until You grant them a peaceful departure and a joyful entrance into Your eternal kingdom in the resurrection of all flesh; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**
- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let
moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -
fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -
wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and
all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where
trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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