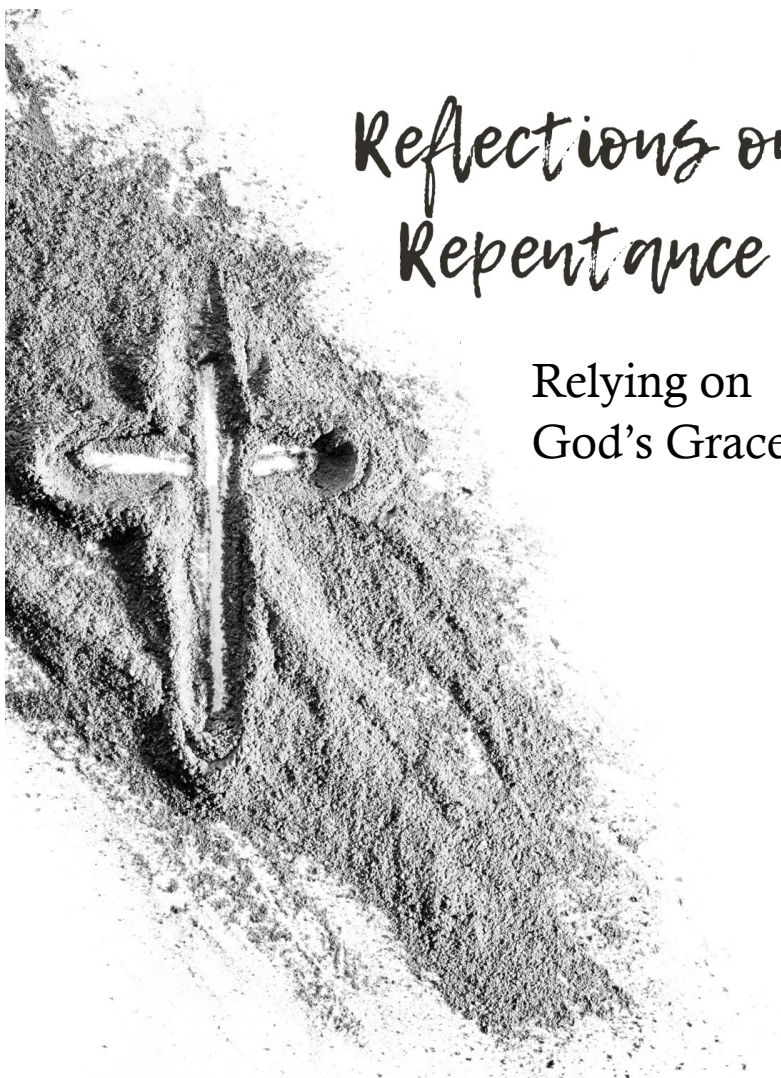


April 2, 2025

Midweek Lent #5



Reflections on Repentance

Relying on
God's Grace



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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:

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| 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 | <i>Relying on God's Grace</i> |
| 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: Madison Boerner

Order of Worship



Introduction & Welcome

Hymn: Lamb of God

CW 550

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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.

Silence for meditation.

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: I Will Praise You, LORD

Psalm 30B

Refrain



Tone



I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out / of the depths;
you spared me from going down / to the pit.
Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful / people;
praise his / holy name.

For his anger lasts only a / moment,
but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
weeping may stay / for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the / morning. *Refrain*

To you, / LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for / mercy:
“Hear, LORD, and be merci- / ful to me;
LORD, / be my help.”

You turned my wailing into / dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed / me with joy,
that my heart may sing your praises and not be / silent.
LORD my God, I will praise you for- / ever.

**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

M: When I was in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted me out. Though your anger blazed down on me because of my sin, you sent your Son to take the brunt of your anger so that I might be spared. Now I rejoice in the splendor of your grace and proclaim your savings deeds to those who will yet praise you as their only Savior. Amen.

C: Amen.

The Passion History of our Lord Jesus

Luke 23:1-25

¹Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

³So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. ⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for

your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

¹⁸But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” ¹⁹(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

²²For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

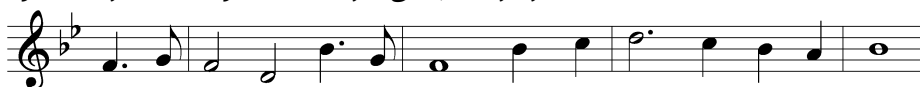
²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

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: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Sermon Theme: Relying on God's Grace

Please remain seated after the sermon.

Offering



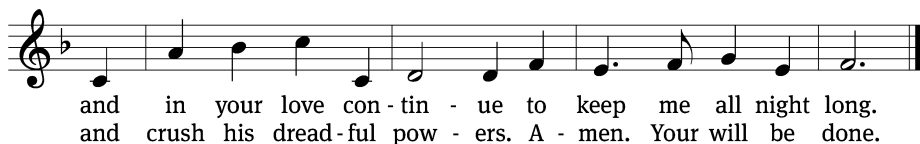
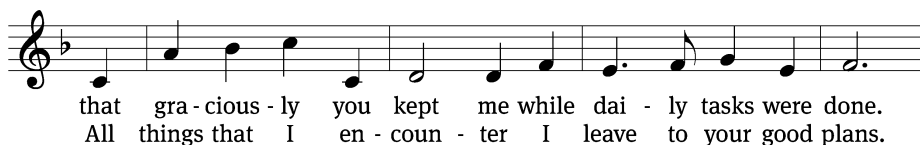
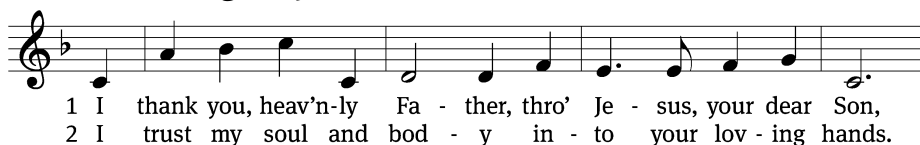
Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

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.



Luther's Evening Prayer

CW 782



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: Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow CW 794 st. 4

4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this
night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.
Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -
tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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