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### Second Midweek Lenten Service

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February 24, 2021  
6:00pm

 Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Synod



*This year's Lenten Theme is "**The Road to Redemption.**" Throughout the ages God has proven that he has a well-mapped out plan for the Redemption of His people! During this year's Midweek Lenten Services we will look at how God has always had a plan—we see this throughout the Old Testament. He was preparing His people and leading them down the Road to Redemption—leading them to Jesus. As we consider various events, figures, and prophetic types from Old Testament history, we gain a better understanding and appreciation of God's mapped out plan. He reveals to us the Road that He has already led His people down—leading them to Christ. This gives us comfort and encouragement to put our trust in Him as He continues to lead US now down "**The Road to OUR Redemption.**" May God bless and strengthen our faith through His Word and Sacraments during this Lenten Season!*

*Order of Service: Vespers (p. 120)*

**~Hymn 293 vv. 1, 4, 6 O What Precious Balm and Healing**

*1. O what precious balm and healing,  
Jesus, in Thy wounds I find!  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of Mind:  
Should some evil thought rush in,  
And provoke my soul to sin,  
Thoughts of Thy deep wounds from sinning  
Keep me in its first beginning.*

*4. Lord, whate'er may pain or grieve me,  
Thy dear wounds can make me whole;  
When my heart sinks, they revive me,  
Life pours in upon my soul;  
May Thy comfort render sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
Thou who by Thy death and Passion  
Hast procured my soul's salvation.*

*6. Well of life, if Thou art nigh me,  
Springing deep within my heart,  
When the last dread hour shall try me,  
I can feel no inward smart:  
If I hide myself in Thee,  
Not a foe can injure me;  
He shall overcome who hideth  
In Thy wounds, and there abideth*

**~Confession of Sin—** *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 120)*

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening prayers*

(*ELH pp. 120-121*)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.**

~**Psalmody** *Psalm 31:1-8*

(*ELH p. 121*)

P: In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.

**C: Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.**

P: For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

**C: Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.**

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

**C: I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the LORD.**

P: I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,

**C: And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

~**The Passion History #1**

~**Responsory**

(*ELH p. 122*)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

**~Chief Hymn 331, vv. 1-3, 6 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

1. *A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of all men bearing;  
And laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing!  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer;  
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery, and saith,  
"Willing all this I suffer."*

2. *This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Him God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father saith,  
"And free men from the fear of death,  
From guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Thy Passion men shall share  
The fruit of Thy salvation."*

3. *"Yea, Father, yea, most willingly  
I'll bear what Thou commandest;  
My will conforms to Thy decree,  
I do what Thou demandest."  
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!  
The Father offers up His Son;  
The Son, content, descendeth!  
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!  
Thou layest Him within the grave  
Whose might the boulders rendeth.*

6. *From morn till eve my theme shall be  
Thy mercy's wondrous measure;  
To sacrifice myself for Thee  
Shall be my aim and pleasure.  
My stream of life shall ever be  
A current flowing ceaselessly,  
Thy constant praise outpouring.  
I'll treasure in my memory,  
O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,  
Thy gracious love adoring.*

**~Sermon Text**

**Isaiah 42:1-4** Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
I am placing my Spirit on him.  
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.  
He will not cry out.  
He will not raise his voice.  
He will not make his voice heard in the street.  
A bent reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.  
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.  
He will not burn out, and he will not be broken  
until he establishes justice on the earth.  
The coastlands will wait for his law.

**~Sermon Theme**

***“Road to Redemption: From Silence to Silence”***

**~Hymn *Behold Redemption’s Road***

*(Tune: Old 120<sup>th</sup> Hymn #454 CW)*

*1. Behold, redemption’s road  
On which our Savior strode  
To death and grave He goes  
To pay the debt we owe.  
The price our souls to gain  
Was cross, and lash and shame.*

*2. No angry shouts He hurled,  
Nor waved a flag unfurled.  
He ‘fore the jury stands  
To bring salvation planned.  
His Father He obeys  
And silent He does stay.*

*3. How wondrous are the ways  
That God his people saves  
And what does God us owe?  
And who His mind has known?  
With humble praise now shout  
these paths he has traced out!*

**~Lenten Prayer**

**~Versicle**

*(ELH p. 122)*

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

**C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Nunc Dimittis — “Now I Depart”

(ELH p. 124; Lk. 2:29-32)

1. Lord, now You let Your servant de- part in peace:
2. For my eyes have seen Your Sal- va- tion:
- >3. A Light to light- en the Gen- tles:
4. Glo- ry be to the Father and to the Son
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be:

1. accord- ing to Your Word;
2. which You have prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
- >3. and the glory of Your peo- ple Isra- el.
4. and to the Ho- ly Ghost.
5. forev- er- more. A- men.

~Kyrie — “Lord, Have Mercy”

(ELH p. 124)

C: ♩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 125)

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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Collect** — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 126-127, II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 127)

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.**

~**Hymn 587** *Jesus, Still Lead On*

1. *Jesus, still lead on  
Till our rest be won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless;  
Guide us by Your hand  
To our promised land.*

2. *If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
Safely past the foe  
To our home we go.*

3. *When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.*

4. *Jesus, still lead on  
Till our rest be won;  
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our promised land.*

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*Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich  
Preacher: Pastor Micah Plocher  
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel*

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**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2021**  
*"The Road to Redemption"*

**March 3: Midweek Lent 3 —**

Pastor Ken Mellon

*"Garden to Garden"* Genesis 3:15

**March 10: Midweek Lent 4 —**

Pastor Andrew Schmidt (St. Paul's)

*"Seal to Seal"* Daniel 6:16-23

**March 17: Midweek Lent 5 —**

Pastor Matthew Moldstad (Peace)

*"Pole to Pole"* Numbers 21:4-8

**March 24: Midweek Lent 6 —**

Pastor John Petersen

*"King to King"* Deuteronomy 17:18-20

