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Fourth Midweek Lenten Service

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6:00pm



*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!*

~Hymn 308 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1. *When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

3. *See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

~**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 33*

(ELH p. 121)

P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

C: Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

P: Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

C: For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth.

P: He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

P: He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

C: Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

P: For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

C: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

P: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

C: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

P: The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

C: From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth;

P: He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

C: No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

P: A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

C: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy,

P: To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

C: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.

C: Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

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, forever more. Amen.

~The Passion History #3

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 206 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

*1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee,
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.*

*2. I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.*

*3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood,
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.*

*4. I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.*

*5. I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.*

*6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.*

~Sermon Text

Daniel 6:16-23 Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"

Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because He found me innocent in His presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

~Sermon Theme

"The Road to Redemption: Seal to Seal"

~Hymn *Behold Redemption's Road*

(Tune: Old 120th 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. The King does signet place
To seal the faithful's fate,
But vain it is to rage
Against those God has saved.
The grave has lost its power
Wait the appointed hour!

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!

~Versicle

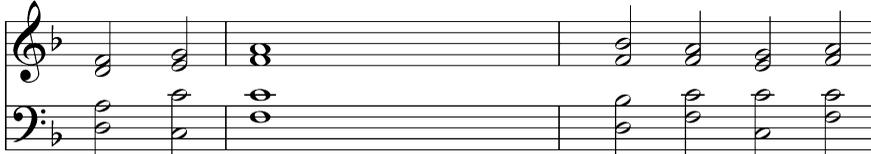
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

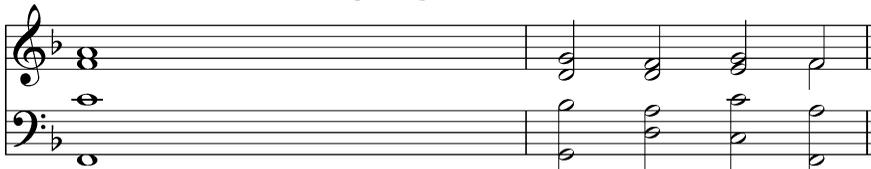
C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~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- tiles:
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 396** *If God Had Not Been On Our Side*

*1. If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
The foes with all their pow’r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, His flock, would have to fear
The threat of men both far and near
Who rise in might against us.*

*2. Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us.
Like men o’er whom dark waters roll
Their wrath would have engulfed our soul
And, like a flood, o’erwhelmed us.*

(Hymn continues on next page)

*3. Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat
That they could not devour us;
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
They could not overpower us.
The snare is broken, we are free!
Our help is ever, Lord, in Thee,
Who madest earth and heaven.*

*Preacher: Pastor Andrew Schmidt (St. Paul's)
Organist: John Baumann*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2021
"The Road to Redemption"

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

April 1: Maundy Thursday —
Tenebrae with Holy Communion 6pm

April 2: Good Friday —
Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's Lutheran, North
Mankato 12pm - 3pm
Good Friday with Holy Communion 6pm

April 4: Easter —
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am
Easter Festival with Holy Communion 8am
Easter Festival with Holy Communion 10am

