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Fifth Midweek Lenten Service

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6:00 pm



*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 333, vv. 1, 6, 7 Christ the Life of All the Living

1. *Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe—
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*

6. *Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
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.*

~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 p. 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 85*

(ELH p. 121)

P: You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C: You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

P: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

C: Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

P: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

C: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

P: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

P: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

C: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

C: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

P: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

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 #4

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 330 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.*

*2. O faithful cross, thy Burden
Brings comfort to the world.
The branches of no other tree,
No banner e'er unfurled,
Proclaim the wondrous love of God
So clear for all to see;
The tree of life, the holy cross,
Declares God's love for me.*

*3. O holy cross of Jesus,
O wondrous mystery,
That God, the Lord of heav'n and earth,
Should die upon the tree.
God's pain brings glory, Death brings life,
The hosts of hell must flee!
In weakness God shows forth His strength
And wins the victory!*

~Sermon Text

Numbers 21:4-8 They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!" The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. The Lord said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live."

~Sermon Theme

"The Road to Redemption: From Pole to Pole"

~Hymn *Behold Redemption's Road*

(Tune: Old 120th Hymn #405 TLH)

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. A serpent bronze was raised
So those with faith who gazed
Upon it would not die.
But now the Crucified
Eternal life displays
For all who fear the grave.

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

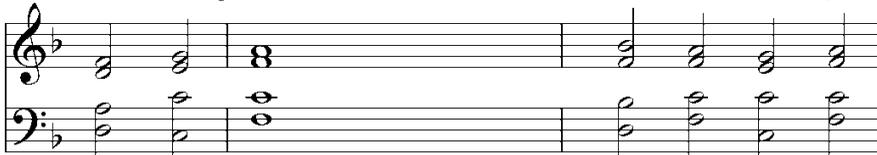
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

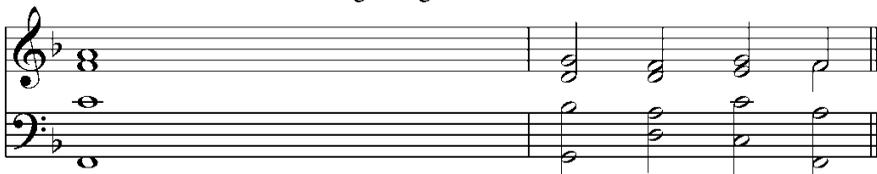
C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~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. fore- 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; Mt 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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~**Collect** — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 126-127, #2)

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; 2 Cor 13:14)

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 565 All Praise to Thee, My God This Night**

1. All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself and Thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

2. Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full Day.
O may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig’rous make
To serve my God when I awake!

(Hymn continues on next page)

*3. When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thought supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Preacher: Pastor Matt Moldstad (Peace Lutheran Church)
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
2021
“Road to Redemption”

March 24: Midweek Lent 6 —

Pastor John Petersen

“King to King” Deuteronomy 17:18-20

March 28: Palm Sunday —

Pastor John Petersen

“Ride to Ride” 1 Kings:38-40

April 1: Maundy Thursday —

with Holy Communion & Stripping of the
Altar/Tenebrae Service at Mt Olive 6pm

April 2: Good Friday —

~Area ELS/WELS community—*“Tre Ore Service”* (*“Three Hour Service”*—*you may come
and go as you are able to attend*) at St. Paul’s Lutheran, North Mankato 12pm – 3pm

~Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at Mt. Olive 6pm

April 4: Easter —

Easter Sunrise Service at Mt Olive 6:30am

Easter Festival with Holy Communion 8am & 10am

