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### Sixth Midweek Lenten Service

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March 24, 2021

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 303 *My Song Is Love Unknown***

1. *My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

2. *He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men grew strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, O my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!*

3. *In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home;  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.*

4. *Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.*

**~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 71**

*(ELH p. 121)*

P: In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;

**C: Let me never be put to shame.**

P: Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness;

**C: Turn Your ear to me and save me.**

P: Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;

**C: For You are my rock and my fortress.**

**All: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

P: Since my youth, O God, You have taught me,

**C: And to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds.**

P: Even when I am old and gray,

**C: Do not forsake me, O God,**

P: till I declare Your power to the next generation,

**C: Your might to all who are to come.**

**All: 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.**

**~Psalm Prayer**

P: Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow Your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to Your love and faithfulness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**~The Passion History #5**

**~Responsory**

*(ELH p. 122)*

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

## **~Hymn 450 *Lord, to Thee I Make Confession***

*1. Lord, to Thee I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray,  
I have multiplied transgression,  
Chosen for myself my way.  
Led by Thee to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at Thy terrors.*

*2. Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,  
Father, I will seek Thy face.  
Though Thy child I dare not call me,  
Yet receive me to Thy grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me;  
Do not let Thy wrath o'ertake me.*

*3. For Thy Son did suffer for me,  
Gave Himself to rescue me,  
Died to heal me and restore me,  
Reconciled me unto Thee.  
'Tis alone His cross can vanquish  
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.*

*4. Then on Him I cast my burden,  
Sink it in the depths below.  
Let me know Thy gracious pardon;  
Wash me, make me white as snow.  
Let Thy Spirit leave me never;  
Make me only Thine forever.*

## **~Sermon Text**

**Deuteronomy 17:18-20** When he sits on his royal throne, he is to have a copy of this law written for him on a scroll in the presence of the priests, who are from the tribe of Levi. It is to remain with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he learns to fear the Lord his God by being careful to carry out all the words of this law and these statutes, so that his heart does not grow haughty toward his brothers and turn away from this set of commands, either to the right or the left, so that the days of his royal reign in Israel, as well as that of his sons, may be many.

**John 18:37** "You are a king then?" Pilate asked. Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice."

## **~Sermon Theme**

***"The Road to Redemption: From King to King"***

## **~Hymn 292 vv. 1-4 *O Dearest Jesus***

*1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession—  
What dark transgression?*

*2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.*

3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
 This I do merit.

4. What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
 The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
 The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,  
 Who would not know Him.

~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 205 vv. 1-4** *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen*  
*Organist: John Baumann*  
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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES  
2021  
***“Road to Redemption”***

**March 28: Palm Sunday —**  
Pastor John Petersen

**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

