



# Lenten Midweek Service

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 PM



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**AS WE GATHER** Lent is one of many seasons of the Church Year that developed over a thousand years ago to help guide and nurture our faith. The season of Lent invites Christians into the disciplines of faith — prayer, Bible reading, worship, fasting, and sacrificial giving. We gather together in the middle of our busy week, surrounded by a faithful community, to hear God's holy Word and to meditate on Christ's journey to the cross on our behalf. In doing so, we grow in our faith and look forward to the Easter miracle of our Lord's resurrection to work powerfully in our lives.

**HYMN** *Lord, to You I Make Confession*      **LSB 608**

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING VERSES

*Psalm 80 (Selected)*

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**C** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

- P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
**C** **stir up your might and come to save us!**  
**P** Restore us, O God;  
**C** **Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**P** O LORD God of hosts,  
**C** **how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**  
**P** You have fed them with the bread of tears  
**C** **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**  
**P** Restore us, O God;  
**C** **Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**P** Turn again, O God of hosts!  
**C** **Look down from heaven, and see;**  
**P** have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted,  
**C** **and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**  
**P** Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
**C** **the son of man whom you have made strong  
for yourself!**  
**P** Then we shall not turn back from you;  
**C** **Give us life, and we will call upon your  
name!**

**ALL:** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
 Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.
- C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**P** Our Heavenly Father does not forget us and does not forsake us because of our sin. He seeks us out and restores us to Himself through His Son who bore our sins in His body on the tree, suffered and died for us that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. From Him we have received double for all our sins and our heritage has been restored. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, your Savior, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, remove from us all weakness of body, mind, and spirit; that, being restored to wholeness, we may with hearts freed from sin, become what you intend us to be and accomplish what you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

*John 18:12-19; 25-27*

*Matthew 26:75*

<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. <sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. <sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ... <sup>25</sup> Now

Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. ... <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING**

*John 21:15-17, 19*

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ... <sup>19</sup> And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Back Cover of the Hymnal*)

**HYMN** *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*                      **LSB 611**

**THE SERMON**                      *"Peter – "Jesus Restored Me"*

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**    *LSB, pgs. 192-193*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

**P** In Peace let us pray to the Lord

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
*(Spoken after Each Petition) ...*

**P** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord;

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Back Cover of the Hymnal)*

### CATECHISM REFLECTION

**P** In Lord's Prayer we pray: *And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.* What does this mean?

**C** **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

### BENEDICTION

**HYMN** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

**LSB 420**

**vs. 1-3, 6**

At this time, we leave our service in silent prayer contemplating and meditating on our Lord Jesus' passion in suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.

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Pastor: Wayne Schwanke

Organist: Carol Lippert

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT  
CHRIST AND EMMAUS  
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*All services are at 6:00 PM, alternating by week, between our two congregations. This year we will focus on Witnesses of Christ's Passion, seeing Jesus through their eyes as we follow Him from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Tomb.*

March 2 – Emmaus Ash **Wednesday** with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion ***“The Serpent – They Listened to My Lie!”***

March 9 – Christ Lutheran ***“Malchus – Jesus Healed Me”***

March 16 – Emmaus Lutheran ***“Peter – Jesus Restored Me!”***

March 23 – Christ Lutheran ***“Caiaphas—I Refused to Believe that Jesus is the Christ!”***

March 30 – Emmaus Lutheran ***“Pilate – I Knew that Jesus Was Innocent”***

April 6 – Christ Lutheran ***“Simon – Jesus Carried MY Cross”***

April 14 – Emmaus Lutheran **Maundy Thursday** with Holy Communion ***“Jesus – This is My Body; This is My Blood”***

April 15 – Christ Lutheran **Good Friday** ***“Joseph of Arimathea – Jesus was Laid in MY Tomb”***

*Christ Lutheran - Easter Sunrise 8:00 AM with Holy Communion*  
***“The Angel – He Has Risen!”***

*Emmaus Lutheran – Easter Day 10:00 AM with Holy Communion*

**Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class will meet after the Lenten Services from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at the congregation hosting the Service.**