

Lent Theme: 2024-Honest Repentance: February 18-March 17th

HONEST REPENTANCE (Midweek Lent Series)

Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. But being honest about faith means recognizing that faith is contested on many sides not only by society, but by our own experiences, and sometimes even by the actions of God himself.

Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. Because our thoughts, desires, and actions are so linked with sin, it is easy to view repentance as fighting against our humanity as if holiness meant trying to stifle as many of our natural human impulses as possible. But honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them.

Midweek Lent Worship: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

February 14th: Ash Wednesday “Sin” Genesis 1
February 21st: “Chaos” Genesis 7 and 8
February 28th: “Faith” Genesis 22
March 6th: “Repentance” Jonah 3
March 13th: “Purification” Daniel 3
March 20th: “Salvation” Exodus 14

Holy Week

March 28th: Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.
March 29th: Good Friday 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
March 31st: Easter Worship: 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.

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“Cared for by Christ, we care for all others”

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Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Worship 6:30 p.m. Thanks and Praise Service Third and Fifth Sunday
Advent/Lenten Worship Wednesday 6:30 p.m.



**First Midweek in Lent
February 21, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

As We Gather

From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. Today, we see how John puts our attention on two events happening at the same time—the interrogation of Jesus before the high priest and the interrogation of Peter in the courtyard—and we see how these interrogations confront and comfort us.

Hymn “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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.



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Thank you to all who helped with the service today,
your help is always appreciated!

Collect for the Word

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.
Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by
the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the
blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Luther’s Evening Prayer

- C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I
commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Blessing

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and
preserve you.
- C Amen.

Hymn “Abide with Me” LSB 878

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Old Testament Canticle LSB 261

Congregation:

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

- Cantor: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”
- Congregation: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my
salvation.
- Cantor: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- Congregation: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my
salvation.
- Cantor: 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.

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salvation.

First Reading

Genesis 7:6–12, 17–21; 8:1

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.

¹But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

John 18:12–27

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but 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.

¹⁷The 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.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”

²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now 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.” ²⁶One 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?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1

- P We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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Hymn “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” LSB 750 vv. 1, 3-4, 6-7

Sermon “Chaos” Genesis 7 and 8

Creedal Hymn “We All Believe in One True God” LSB 953

Offering

Prayer

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord’s Prayer on screens or in the back of the hymnal

Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given to all who believe exceedingly great and precious promises. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may without all doubt trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that our faith in Your sight may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**