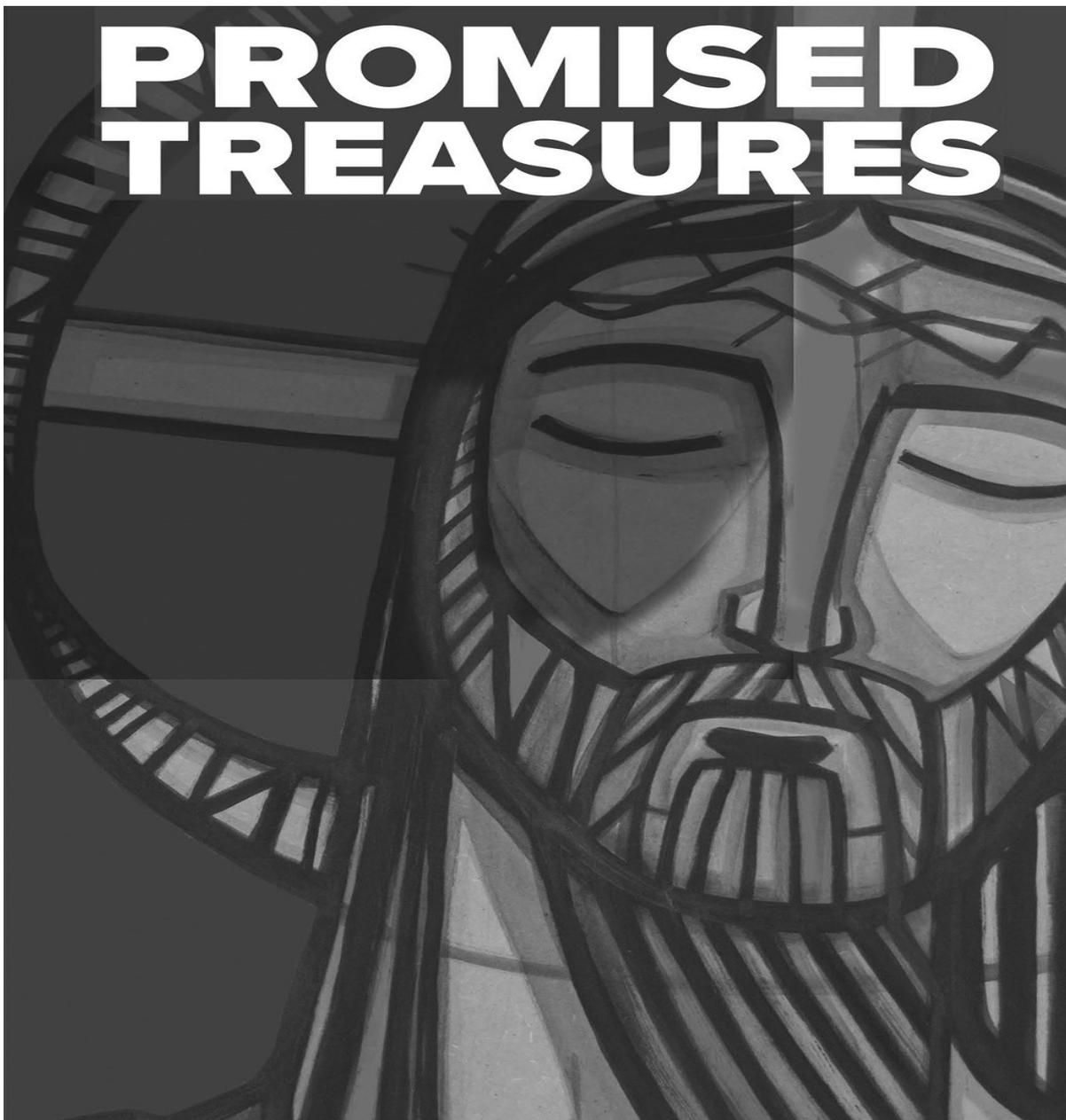


PROMISED TREASURES



Mid Week Lent

March 1, 2023

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1
OVERALL THEME: PROMISED TREASURES
SALT THAT SWEETENS AND PRESERVES
March 1, 2023

AS WE GATHER

We are blessed to be God’s children—cleansed of sin, renewed by the Spirit, and salted in Christ Jesus. The promised treasures in God’s Word remind us of the importance of salt, which both sweetens and preserves things for our enjoyment. When Paul reminds us to let our conversations be “seasoned with Salt” (Colossians 4:6), and when Jesus tells us that we are “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), the image is rich, for it is not only visual, but it also engages the sense of taste. We are reminded today that we are blessed to sweeten this world with the presence of Christ in us, even as Jesus Himself preserves our lives through His Word and Spirit.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

P: Peace be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB 418



1	O	Lord,	through	-	out	these	for	-	ty	days	You
2	You	strove	with	Sa	-	tan,	and	You	won;	Your	
3	Though	parched	and	hun	-	gry,	yet	You	prayed	And	
4	Be	with	us	through	this	sea	-	son,	Lord,	And	



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

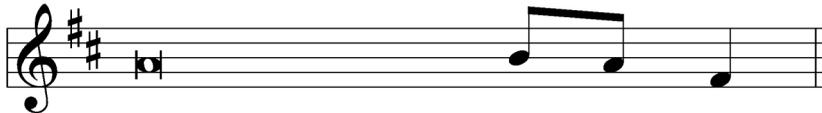
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OPENING SENTENCES

LSB, p. 229

P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY *Psalm 107:28–36*

P: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

C: **and He delivered them from their distress.**

P: He made the storm be still,

C: **and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

P: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,

C: **and He brought them to their desired haven.**

P: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

C: **for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

P: Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,

C: **and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**

P: He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

C: **a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.**

P: He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.

C: **And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in.**

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.**

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READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD PART 1

Matthew 26:1-35

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of

Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,⁴ and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.⁵ But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.

¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.²¹ And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?”²³ He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You

have said so.”

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

LSB, p. 231

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

SERIES HYMN (See insert) "One House Abides Unending"

Tune: LSB 337

SERMON "Salt: The Gift that Sweetens and Preserves"

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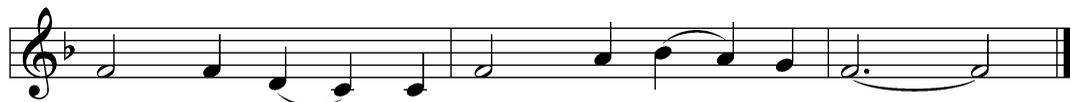
CANTICLE "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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LSB, p. 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You call Your people to be the salt of the earth, to sweeten and preserve this world even as You have sweetened our lives with Your forgiveness and have preserved us by Your Spirit. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

C: **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

P: Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

C: **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

P: Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the

treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

C: Enable us to see that we are the salt of the earth, preserved by Your grace and sweetened by Your forgiveness.

P: Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need.

Special Prayers

C: All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB p. 234

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB p. 234

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 A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN "Abide With Me" LSB 878 st. 1, 2 & 6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE(S)

MIDWEEK LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER SERVICES 2023
OVERALL THEME: "PROMISED TREASURES"

Fellowship Suppers at 6:00 P.M.

MIDWEEK LENT 1: Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 P.M. *
THEME: "Salt: The Gift that Sweetens and Preserves"

MIDWEEK LENT 2: Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 P.M. *
THEME: "Water Gives You Life"

MIDWEEK LENT 3: Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 P.M. *
THEME: "Light Shinning in the Darkness"

MIDWEEK LENT 4: Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 P.M. *
THEME: "Bread of Life"

MIDWEEK LENT 5: Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 P.M. *
THEME: "Palms and Victory"

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 P.M. **
THEME: "Water and Blood"

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 7 at 7:30 P.M.
THEME: "The Old, Rugged, Wooden Cross"

EASTER SATURDAY – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY – SUNRISE: Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 A.M. **
THEME: "The Oil of Joy and Gladness"

EASTER SUNDAY – FESTIVAL: Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 A.M. **
THEME: "Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey"

Note: Holy Communion is being offered **

Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

We request that visitors register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

A Mother's Room is available for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.

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Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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