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MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

On Lent & Christian Freedom: *Easter celebrates the chief event in the life of Christ and was the major celebration among early Christians. However, Easter required a season of preparation. The 40-day preparation prescribed for Baptismal candidates into the Church became known as “Lent” from the Latin word for “Spring.” In AD 329, Bishop Athanasius asked his congregations to observe a 40-day fast, and in the 5th Century, Pope Leo the Great explained that “Lent was appointed to prepare souls for a fruitful commemoration of the mystery of Easter, as a time of purification and sanctification, of penance for sins past, of breaking off of sinful habits, the exercise of virtues, almsgiving, reconciliation, and the laying aside of enmity and hatred.” As a penitential and reverent season, the use of praise hymns and phrases are withheld from our worship, preferring instead to especially focus on our fall from God’s favor.*

As much as we focus on our fall from God, we should focus even more on the Freedom God has won for us in Christ.

During Lent, we will focus our attention on Martin Luther’s meditations on the Freedom of a Christian written during his lifetime. Dr. Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon’s writings collected in the book Christian Freedom: Faith Working Through Love (Saint Louis, Missouri, CPH, 2011) will serve as the basis for our Lenten series.

We worship using the order of Vespers in Lutheran Service Book (p. 229). (“Vespers” is from the Latin word “Evening” coincided with the Roman division of the four watches of the night.) St. Benedict of Nursia (AD 480-583) determined his monks should practice a daily routine of “ora et labora” (“pray and work”). Between the hours of 6PM and 9PM we celebrate the service of Vespers, then, with a nod to history. Vespers was faithfully attended by the laity of many communities as a part of their devotional piety and Spiritual nurture into Luther’s day and even down to today.¹

Stand

[L] O Lord, o - pen my lips,

[C] and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

[L] Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

[C] make haste to help me, O Lord.

¹ Maschke, Timothy H., Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church, 2nd Ed. (Saint Louis, CPH, 2009), p. 376-378.



G 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.

Psalms

2/21	<i>Psalms 44:1-8</i>
2/28	<i>Psalms 40:1-13</i>
3/6	<i>Psalms 100</i>
3/13	<i>Psalms 86</i>
3/20	<i>Psalms 73</i>

Sit

Office Hymns:

2/21	<i>Not All the Blood of Beasts</i>	<i>LSB# 431</i>
2/28	<i>Jesus, Refuge of the Weary</i>	<i>LSB# 423</i>
3/6	<i>Glory Be to Jesus</i>	<i>LSB# 433</i>
3/13	<i>Lamb of God, Pure and Holy</i>	<i>LSB# 434</i>
3/20	<i>Christ, the Life of All the Living</i>	<i>LSB #420 (sts. 1-4)</i>

Reading

2/21	<i>Romans 6:6-14</i>
2/28	<i>James 2:12-26</i>
3/6	<i>Phil. 2:1-8</i>
3/13	<i>1 Pet. 1:13-25</i>
3/20	<i>1 Pet. 2:13-25</i>

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading

2/21	<i>I. The Lord's Supper</i>
2/28	<i>II. Gethsemane</i>
3/6	<i>III. The Palace of the High Priest</i>
3/13	<i>IV. The Praetorium</i>
3/20	<i>V. Calvary</i>

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

To Refrain



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



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

Sermon

2/21

Inner Man Set Free by the Gospel

2/28

Outer Man Subject to the Holy Spirit

3/6

Instincts of a Christian

3/13

The Gospel Restores

3/20

Submission in Freedom

Offering

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



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

Lord's Prayer

- 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



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Peace

L 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 A - men.

Benedicamus

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn:

2/21	<i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>	LSB# 422
2/28	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i>	LSB# 437
3/6	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	LSB# 427
3/13	<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i>	LSB# 743
3/20	<i>Christ, the Life of All the Living</i>	LSB #420 (sts. 5-7)

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Sermon Notes	
Name:	Date:
Text:	
Law:	
Gospel:	
What this Text means to me:	

BIBLE CLASS NOTES:

2024 LENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21st

10:00 AM Lenten Worship

6:00 PM Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28th

10:00 AM Lenten Worship

6:00 PM Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th

10:00 AM Lenten Worship

6:00 PM Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13th

10:00 AM Lenten Worship

6:00 PM Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20th

10:00 AM Lenten Worship

6:00 PM Lenten Worship

SUNDAY MARCH 24th

8:30 AM Palm Sunday

11:00 AM Palm Sunday

THURSDAY MARCH 28th

10:00 AM Maundy Thursday Worship with Lord's Supper

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship with Lord's Supper

FRIDAY MARCH 29th

10:00 AM Good Friday Worship

6:00 PM Good Friday Worship

SUNDAY MARCH 31st

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship with Lord's Supper

9:30 AM Easter Worship with Lord's Supper