

Midweek Lent 1

March 13, 2019

7:00p

Responsive Prayer 2 p. 285

Sermon Theme: “Return to the Lord, Who Has Redeemed You”

Text: Isaiah 44:21-28

The Hymnody

Opening Hymn.....	LSB 423
Sermon Hymn.....	LSB 783
Closing Hymn.....	LSB 803

Special Music: Zach Burns – Trombone

Psalm 1:1–6

- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- C** but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- C** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- C** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Please place your offering in an offering place as you depart.

Isaiah 44:21–28

²¹Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. ²²I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. ²³Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel. ²⁴Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ²⁵who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, ²⁶who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be inhabited,’ and of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins’; ²⁷who says to the deep, ‘Be dry; I will dry up your rivers’; ²⁸who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose’; saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”

John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.