



REFLECTIONS
on
REPENTANCE

March 19, 2025

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

Second Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

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WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: We are called to repentance and renewal as we continue the disciplines of Lent.

OPENING HYMN: CW 104

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LENT

104

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.**

Trusting in him, I pray:

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

LITANY PRAYER

P: O God the Father, you are not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of the Truth.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Son, you carried the sin of the whole world and laid down your life to draw all people to yourself.

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, you make the hearts of the spiritually dead alive and transform rebellious people into your children.

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: Most holy and triune God, we offer our praise for your mercy and grace which you pour out through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **We praise you, O Lord.**

P: For revealing yourself in the Book of Truth, for gathering nations to faith by that Word, for bringing our souls to believe and rejoice,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: For martyrs, reformers, and steadfast Christians who scorned personal danger to proclaim the gospel,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: Stir up our hearts with the joy of our salvation and increase our love and loyalty to you.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Constantly cleanse, reform, and protect your Church in this day of spreading error and confusion.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Bring your kingdom to all blood-bought souls who remain lost.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us; he is our mighty fortress. Let us exalt his holy name.

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my hiding place;*
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*
but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

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.

Refrain

PASSION HISTORY RESPONSIVE READING

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST LESSON TWO

Pastor: While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Congregation: They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

Men: He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about 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.”¹

Pastor: After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

Women: The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

Congregation: One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

Men: So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

Pastor: Jesus replied, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish.”

Women: Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Men: So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.”

Pastor: None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the Festival,” or to give something to the poor.

Women: As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

Men: After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”³

Congregation: While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

¹ Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21

² Or *Now the Son of Man was glorified, and God was glorified in him.*

³ John 13:21-32

Pastor: He said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Women: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

Pastor: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament,⁴ which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."⁵

Men: "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."

Congregation: "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Women: Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Congregation: Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

Men: Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!"

Pastor: Jesus replied, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers."

Women: Peter answered him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

Pastor: Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

Men: Peter said to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you."

Women: And all the disciples said the same.⁶

Pastor: He said to them, "When I sent you out without money bag, traveler's bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?"

Congregation: "Nothing," they said.

Pastor: Then he told them, "But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler's bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'He was counted with transgressors.'⁷ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment."

Congregation: They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

⁴ As in *last will and testament*. See Galatians 3:15.

⁵ Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

⁶ Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38

⁷ Isaiah 53:12

Men : He said to them, “That is enough.”⁸

Pastor: Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’⁹ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”¹⁰

Women: After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it.

Men: Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.¹¹

Pastor: When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

Women: Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed.

Pastor: He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

Congregation: He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Men: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

Women: When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

Pastor: He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Men: He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Women: Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

Congregation: He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

Pastor: An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Men: As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently.

⁸ Luke 22:35-38

⁹ Zechariah 13:7

¹⁰ Matthew 26:31-32

¹¹ John 18:1-2; Matthew 26:30,36

Women: His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

Pastor: Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”¹²

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 303*

“With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A
2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor
4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can
5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, With



trem - bling sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your
deep and con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ
dare up - lift them to the skies, But
for a sin - gle sin a - tone. To
all the ran - somed souls I dwell, My



par - d'ning grace is rich and free— O
and his cross my on - ly plea— O
you can all my an - guish see— O
Cal - va - ry a - lone I flee— O
joy - ous song shall ev - er be: God



God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
has been mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791–1873, alt.
Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Psalm 51:5

Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

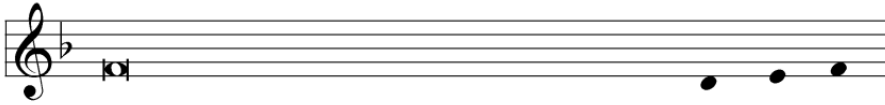
REVEALING OUR SINFUL NATURE

¹² Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

P: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**


PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

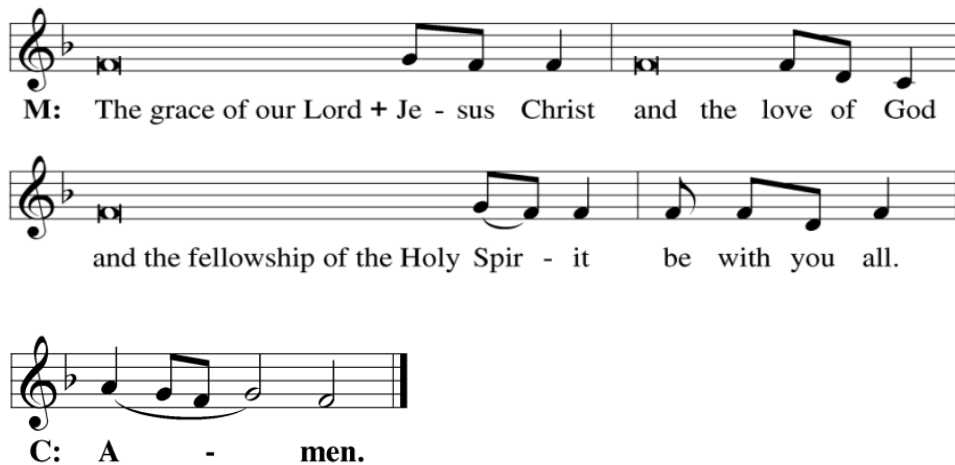
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

LENT

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When O’er My Sins I Sorrow



1 When o’er my sins I sor - row, Lord, I will
 2 Oh, what a mar - v’lous of - f’ring! Be - hold, the
 3 My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence - forth can
 4 There - fore I will for - ev - er Give thanks con



look to you And hence my com - fort bor - row
 Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their suf - f’ring
 harm me none Since Je - sus’ blood - y pas - sion
 tin - ual - ly, O Je - sus, lov - ing Sav - ior,



That you were slain for me. Your pre - cious
 And grief for them he bears. Our God comes
 For me God’s grace has won. His blood my
 For what you did for me. I’ll spend my



blood was of - fered For me, oh, most un -
 down from heav - en; For me, his guilt - y
 debt has can - celed; Of hell and all its
 breath in prais - es For your sad cry, your



wor - thy, To take a - way my guilt.
 crea - ture, He deigns as man to die.
 tor - ments I am no more a - fraid.
 suf - f’rings, Your wounds, your guilt - less death.

Text: Justus Gesenius, 1601–73, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN (76 76 776) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

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