

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

March 19, 2025

HYMN *“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” LSB #915*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM *Psalm 130*

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

People: **O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

People: **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

People: **And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, by the death and resurrection of Your only Son, You have shown the world that the way of self-sacrifice is the way of life. Give us such a strong faith in Your providence that we will not shrink from any sacrifice You ask of us but rejoice to offer our lives to Him who gave His life for us—that is, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit



HYMN INTRODUCTION

The image of the freely flowing and life-giving fountain appears in a number of favorite Bible passages and hymns. The psalmist speaks of the Lord as he poetically writes, “For with You is the fountain of life” (Psalm 36:9), and hymn writer Johann Heermann describes God as the “true fountain ever flowing” in his hymn text “O God, My Faithful God” (*LSB* 696:1). In the first stanza of the Lenten hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain,” author James Montgomery invites sinners to come to the “pure and healing fountain” (*LSB* 435:1) that flows from Jesus, our Savior. In the third stanza, Montgomery affirms that “Health this fountain will restore,” reminding us that Lent is a time for restoration and renewal in Christ.

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” first came into Christian Church usage in an English hymnbook called *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Use*. The stanzas were simply titled “A fountain opened for sin and uncleanness” when first printed in 1819. James Montgomery wrote over 400 hymns. While still in his teens, he supported himself by publishing poetry, and later in life he was granted a literary pension by the British government.

Though more than two hundred years old, his hymn stanzas compel us to come to the fountain of our Savior, with the promise “They that drink shall thirst no more” (*LSB 435:3*).

HYMN *“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LSB #435*

FIRST READING *Genesis 6:1–22*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor: Let us pray.

We praise You, O God, for hearing our cries for mercy and answering them in Your forgiving grace. While You could justly keep a record of our sins, You instead wash them away in the cleansing flood of Jesus’ blood. Kept safe in the ark of Your church, help us daily to find new hope in Your promises, for You have shown us Your unfailing love in the gift of Your Son, in whom there is full redemption; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 3:13–22*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *1 Peter 5:6–7*

Pastor: Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God

People: **so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:22–37*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN *"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB #596*

SERMON

Stand

HYMN *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB #422*

PASSION READING *John 18:15–27*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People: Let our cry come to You.

Pastor: Almighty God, grant us true repentance over our sins

People: and steadfast faith in Your forgiveness,

Pastor: knowing that while we justly deserve Your punishment,

People: You are a God who freely pardons.

Pastor: When we are weighed down by guilt or despair, lift us up in Your mercy

People: and grant us a new beginning, standing in Your grace.

Pastor: As You once gave the rainbow as a sign of Your mercy,

People: draw our eyes to the cross of Christ,

Pastor: that we may see in Him the assurance that Your mercies are new every
morning

People: and Your faithfulness to us is great.

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB #425*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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