



REFLECTIONS on REPENTANCE

March 11, 2025

Second Midweek in Lent

RECOGNIZING AGAINST WHOM WE SIN

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**ORDER OF SERVICE: THE OFFICE OF COMPLAIN – CLOSE OF THE DAY,
PG. 128 (ELH)**

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace as it ends.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

Who made heaven and earth.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

And put away your anger towards me.

Come quickly and save me O God, to deliver me.

Come quickly to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, now and forevermore. Amen.

Silence for Meditation

OPENING HYMN:

#115

HE STOOD BEFORE THE COURT



1 He stood be - fore the court On trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, The un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; He met its pow'r to hurt, Con - demned to
guilt; Our sins, our death, our hell— On these the
killed; The price is paid at last, The law of
done; We live, for he has died, Our con - dem -



face the cross— Our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; Our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours; no an - swers come.
day Th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, A - live and free— his name be praised!

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CONFESSION OF SINS

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Amen. I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me. For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness. Have mercy on me, O God according to your unfailing love.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid the for all your sins and for the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM FOR THE EVENING

****Spoken Responsively****

PSALM 25

Refrain:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*

in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*

for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*

according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*

for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*

and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*

for I take refuge in you.

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

PSALM PRAYER

Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION READING:

LESSON TWO

SERMON HYMN:

#117

OH, DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAVE YOU BROKEN

Vs. 1 - 4



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants
 We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe him, Who would not know him.
 quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

*For I admit my rebellious acts.
 My sin is always in front of me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned,
 and I have done this evil in your eyes.
 So you are justified when you sentence me.
 You are blameless when you judge.*

SERMON:

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RESPONSE HYMN:

#117

OH DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAVE YOU BROKEN

Vs. 5 – 7

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
 The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
 We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted—
 God is committed.

6. I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do your will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

7. And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,
 I too shall praise you.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-4, 6-7, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.
 Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU (11 11 11 5) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

OFFERING – *IN 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 7, PAUL TELLS US: "EACH ONE SHOULD GIVE AS HE HAS DETERMINED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER PRESSURE, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER." THIS SERVICE IS OUR GIFT TO OUR GUESTS; SHOULD YOU FEEL OBLIGED TO GIVE, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.*

****Please Stand****

RESPONSORY PRAYER

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†) the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you into this night and forever into eternity.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#306

O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let your pre-cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter – Please consider bringing a Lilly to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. We will need the flowers on Saturday of Easter weekend after 4 pm when the church is being set up.

Holy Week – We will celebrate with Jesus’ triumphant entry on March 24, Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, Pastor Emmons will be available for private confession at church; please make an appointment. That evening service will be at 5:30 pm as we leave with the stripping of the altar, followed by a service of darkness on Good Friday. As a reminder, we will leave out in silence on both days.

March 18:	Midweek 3	Revealing our Sinful Nature	Psalm 51: 5
March 25:	Midweek 4	Remembering God’s Perfect Demands	Psalm 51: 6
April 1:	Midweek 5	Relying on God’s Grace	Psalm 51: 7
April 8:	Midweek 6	Removing Our Guilt	Psalm 51: 8 – 9
April 13:	Palm Sunday	Restoring our Hope	Philippians 2: 5 – 11
April 17:	Maundy Thursday	Renewed Through the Gospel	Psalm 51: 10 – 13
April 18:	Good Friday	Restored by His Sacrifice	Psalm 51: 14 - 17
April 20:	Easter Sunday	Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope	Psalm 51: 18 – 19

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