

2021 MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATIONS
IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION
March 3, 2021

*I will
remember
their sins and
their lawless
deeds*

**NO
MORE.**

HEBREWS 10:17, ESV

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 156: Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine
While like a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree
And knows her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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

Congr.: **Amen.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

Congr.: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Congr.: **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
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.

The Responsive Reading Psalm 103:1-14

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD executes righteousness

And justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known His ways to Moses,

His acts to the children of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

⁹ He will not always strive *with us*,

Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

¹² As far as the east is from the west,

So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father pities *his* children,

So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He knows our frame;

He remembers that we *are* dust.

Pastor: The Collect Congr.: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY: Judas Betrays Jesus (p. 185-186)

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's Explanation to

The Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord:

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

HYMN 342 Chief of Sinners though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous tho't!--
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Jesus only can impart
Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n;
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;

Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!

Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin!

Text: 1 John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 157 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

1 There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lispings, stammering tongue Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save.

THE BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

Congr.: **Amen**

HYMN 653 Now the Light Has Gone Away

1 Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.

2 Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today.
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

3 Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
Oh, bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.

4 Now my evening praise I give;
Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee;
Oh, how good Thou art to me!

5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more
Always better than before.

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February 17: Text: Romans 5:12, 18

Theme: He has Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Passion Lesson: The Passover (p. 170-172)

Hymns: 140:1,4,5; 369:1,4,5; 163:1-4; 313:1

February 24: Text: Titus 2:13,14

Theme: He Purchased and Won Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 130

Passion Lesson: Lord's Supper Instituted (p. 174-175, 183)

Hymns 351; 153; 158; 558:1-4

March 3: Text: 1 John 1:7-9

Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin

Responsive Reading: Psalm, 103:1-14

Passion Lesson: Judas Betrays Jesus (p.185-186)

Hymns: 156; 342; 157; 653

March 10: Text: Romans 6:23

Theme: He Saved Me from the Death

Responsive Reading: Psalm 73:21-26

Passion Lesson: Peter's Denial (p.189-190)

March 17: Text: Genesis 3:15

Theme: He Saved Me from the Devil's Power

Responsive Reading: Psalm 2

Passion Lesson: Trial Before Herod, Barabbas (p.192-194)

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1

Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.196-197)

April 1: Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Passion Lesson: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

April 2: Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a

Theme: He Redeemed Me Through His Innocent Sufferings and Death!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1-19

Passion Lesson: Jesus' Death and Burial (p.199-201)