
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Order of Worship – Lenten Midweek
March 16, 2022
7:00 PM

AS WE GATHER – *“And lead us not into temptation.” We pray this petition every time we pray the prayer our Lord taught us. Temptation around us is real, constant, and a continual danger to our lives on earth and our lives of faith. Joseph, already treated unfairly and residing in a distant land among the Egyptians, was not exempt to facing temptation. His reward for standing faithful and firm? More unfair treatment. Yet even amid imprisonment, he would remain faithful to the Lord, as his hope was kept in Him. As we face temptation each day, we also pray for the same steadfastness, knowing through it all that Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of faithfulness taking on, and perfectly resisting, every temptation for us.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

[♩]Means please stand; [♫]Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606 v. 1-2



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 141:1-7

♩ *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

♩ **Amen.**

- P** *In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis*
C **and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.**
P *Joseph's journey, with temptations and unfair accusations even amid faithfulness, calls us to seek the Lord for strength and steadfastness. We respond with the psalmist: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You!*
C **Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**
P *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!*
C **Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!**
P *Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it. Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.*
C **When their judges are thrown over the cliff, then they shall hear my words, for they are pleasant.**
P *As when one plows and breaks up the earth, so shall our bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 5:8-11

- P** *As the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour," we confess we have not resisted the temptations we so often face.*
C **We have sinned against You and against others in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.**
P *We have not loved You with our whole heart.*
C **We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
P *In our failings and because of our failings,*
C **we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P *Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to take upon Himself the sins of the world, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To Him be the dominion forever and ever.*
C **Amen.**

RESPONSE

Psalms 141:8-10

- P** *But my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my Lord; in You I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!*
C **Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers!**
P *Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.*
C **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.**

HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606 v.3

3. I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

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PRAYER

- P** *Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we journey with Joseph together in this Lenten season, help us to recognize the temptations around us, the snares of the evil one, and the strength You have come to bring. Point us in repentant faith to Your carrying of our sins upon Yourself to the cross, that we may rejoice in Your forgiveness and by faith remain steadfast all our days, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C** Amen.

READING

Genesis 39:1–21

- P** *The Reading serving as the focus for today's message, from Genesis, the thirty-ninth chapter.*

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home,

and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

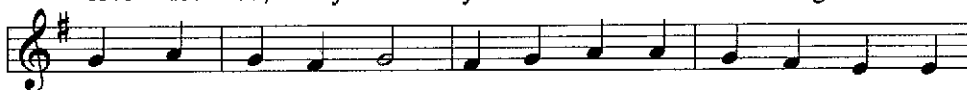
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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

4. **Through Your Word are faithful servants Used as instruments by You,
 Pointing to Christ's wondrous mission: Perfect Savior, hope renewed.
 As we journey now with Joseph, Through his life and lessons bless,
 Seeing Jesus as fulfillment, One in whom we find our rest.**

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SERMON

A MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

✠ APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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 there 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.

✠ OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, protector and defender against all we need fear, sustain and equip us to stand firm against our evil foe in trials and temptations. As You strengthened Joseph to stand firm in doing what was right, so also enliven our faith and strengthen us to withstand the assaults of the devil. Lead us not into temptation,*

C **but deliver us from evil.**

P *God of all peace and presence, there are times when we, sinful as we are, stand innocent among others yet face unfair consequences. In Your Son alone, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we see Him in perfection, doing nothing wrong, and being given into the hands of sinful men. In this Lenten season, continue to draw us closer to Him, Your love for this world through Him, and the perfect life and sacrificial death given for us and the sins of this world. Lead us not into temptation,*

C **but deliver us from evil.**

P *God of all comfort and hope, temptations surround us and are also within us. When our bodies and minds struggle and fail, we are tempted to doubt Your love, presence, and care. Be with all those who suffer in any capacity, and grant them sustained faith to hold to Your promises and victory for them even amid trial. Lead us not into temptation,*

C **but deliver us from evil.**

P *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C **Amen.**

CATECHISM

P *In the Lord's Prayer, we pray in the Sixth Petition:*

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

P *We also pray in the Seventh Petition:*

C **But deliver us from evil.**

P *What does this mean?*

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

P *We pray these, and all petitions together, in the prayer our Lord has taught us:*

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Luther's Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Isaiah 53:12b, adapt.

P *In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis*

C and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

P *Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

C Christ bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

C Amen.

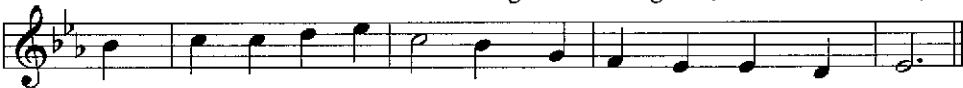
CLOSING HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

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5. Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6. Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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POSTLUDE

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this evening:

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Elder on Duty David Kurth
Greeter Marlene Sjostrand
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
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Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
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