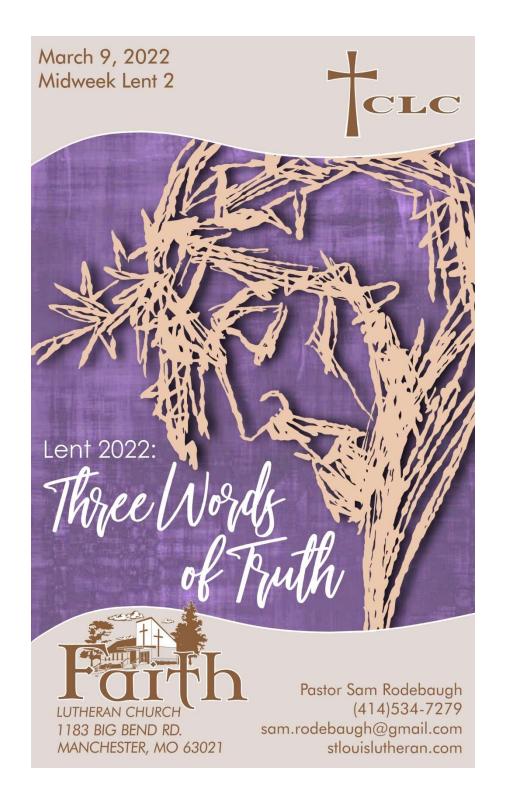


LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

4 The Benediction 4

CLOSING HYMN: WS #723 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



Hymn: TLH #323 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

- P O Lord, open my lips.
- And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- **P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
- ☑ A Make haste to help me, O Lord.

 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore, Amen. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 143

- P O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cries for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring Your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirits fail. Do not hide Your face from us, for we have put our trust in You. Show us the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim Your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.



Moment of silence for private confession.

- P Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of Your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C Yes, I believe.
- P Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

PENITENTIAL PSALM

Ps. 32:1-5

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Response: WS #724

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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+ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord +

Hymn: TLH #164 "'Twas on That Dark, That Doleful Night"

+ The Sermon +

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified

in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

