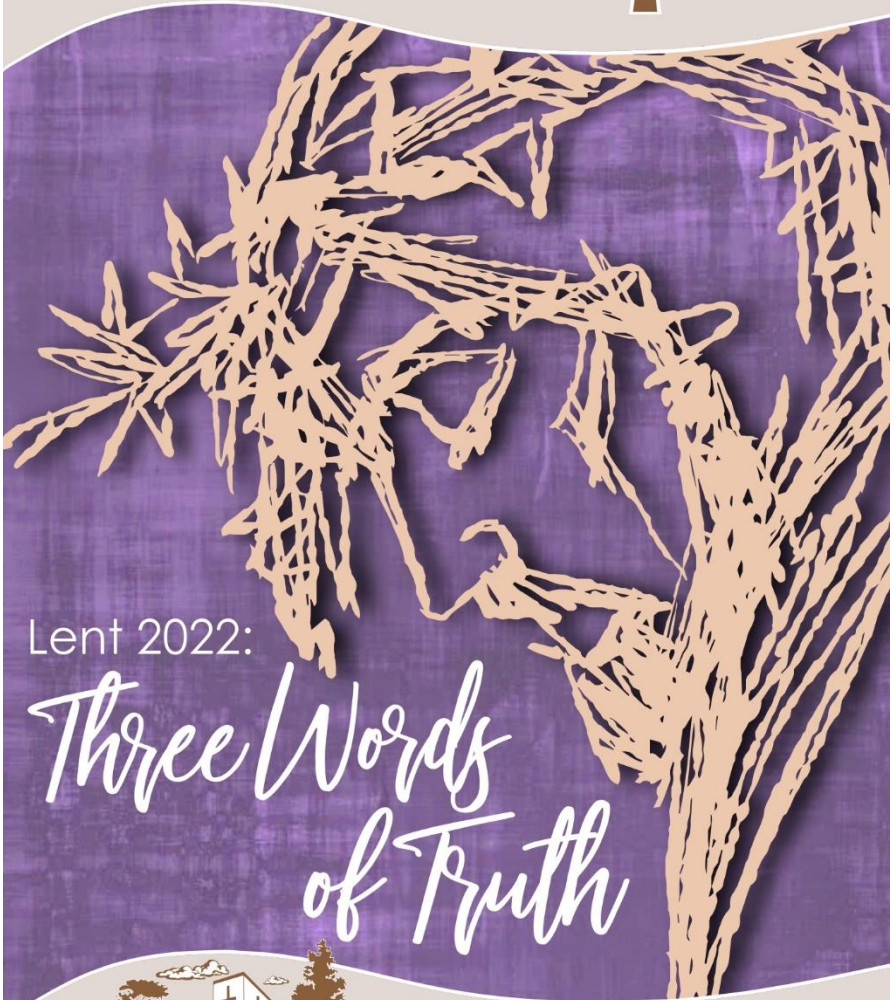
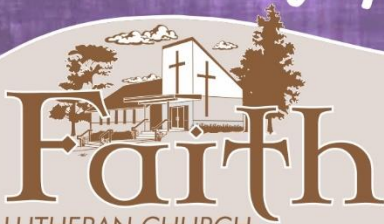


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Three Words of Truth



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #446:1-2,5-6 *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

P O Lord, open my lips.

C ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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

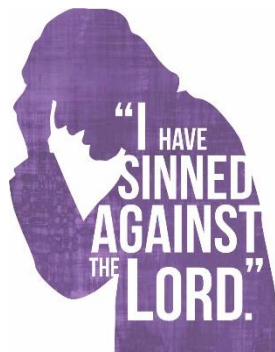
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!**

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.

C **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. 38:1ff

P O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath!

C For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.

P There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.


C For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

P I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

C Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Response: WS #724

"Jesus, Remember Me"

C  **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

Hymn: TLH #159

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

✠ The Sermon ✠

Matthew 26:35-41

Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Three Words of Truth: "Watch and Pray"

Hymn: Below

"My Song is Love Unknown"



- 1. My song is love un -
- 2. He came from His blest
- 3. Here might I stay and



known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love
 throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow; But
 sing, No story so di - vi - ne! Nev -



to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 I all my days Could gla - dly spend.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C 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.

✠ The Benediction ✠

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #398

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"