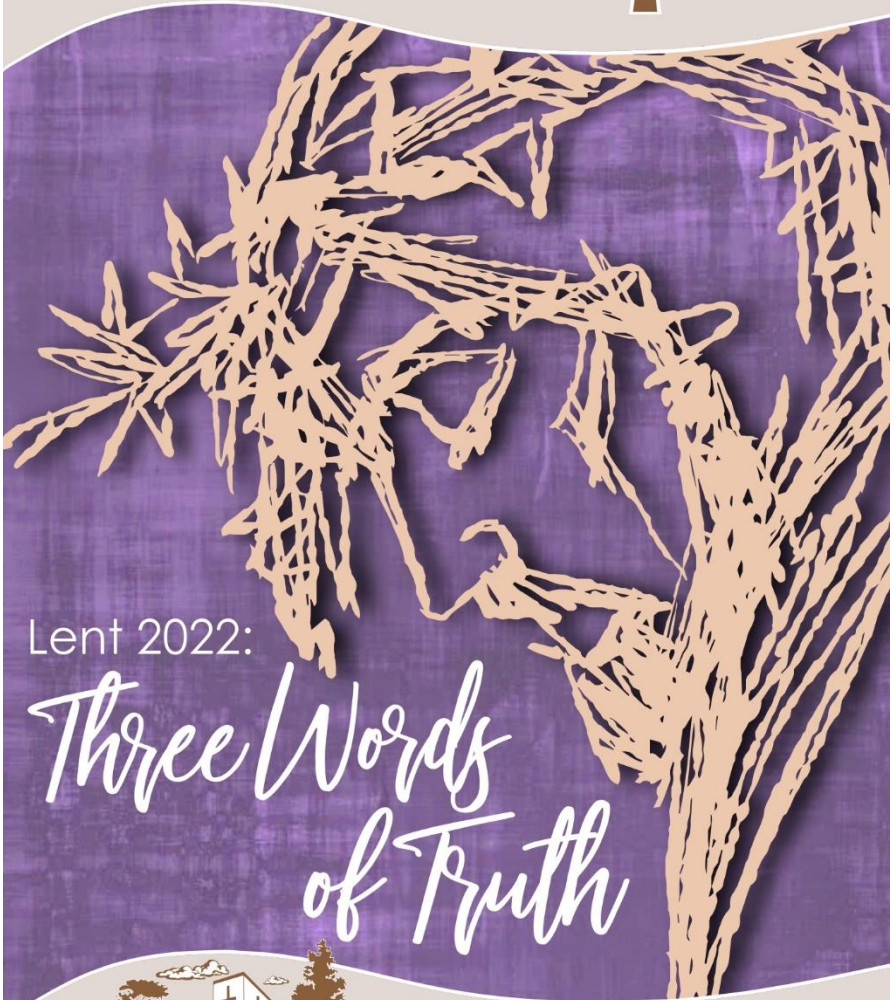


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Three Words of Truth



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #721

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

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:

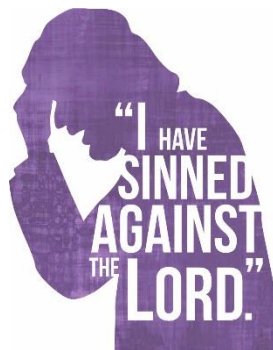
forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

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. 51:1ff

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C** **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

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 #175

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

✠ The Sermon ✠

John 18:3-9

So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one!"

Three Words of Truth: “I Am He”

I. Almighty God II. Humble Servant III. Faithful Shepherd

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 ✠

HYMN: TLH #179

"On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"