

Music Today

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AS WE GATHER

How have your Lenten goals been going? Were you able to give up something? Take up something? Are you the type of person who has a plan for the day, the week, and the foreseeable future? Goals are made, tasks are determined, and time is set aside, all so things go “according to plan.” But what happens when things don’t go as we anticipate? What happens when a wrench is thrown in—when we realize the plans will not come to fruition? Whether our minor or major things go according to our plans, we take heart that God still has a plan for our lives. That plan begins, ends, and is found through Christ alone and in His cross to which we follow in this Lenten time as we now approach Holy Week.

Gathering Song My Faith Looks Up to Thee LSB 702

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Opening Song My Song Is Love Unknown LSB 430 vs1-3, 6



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior’s love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
gave. What may I say? Heav’n was His home



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.

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Confession and Forgiveness Based on Psalm 51

Pastor: We join in King David’s prayer of confession in Psalm 51:
Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unwavering love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my offenses.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my immoral behavior,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know the evil within me,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against You have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

People: may You be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Pastor: Purge me, and I shall be clean;

People: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Pastor: Let me hear joy and gladness;

People: let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,

People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my friends and family, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; and I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son 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.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation, that we may be able to stand strong in the face of evil, and against the schemes of the devil. Deliver us from our slavery to sin through the forgiveness You offer, so that we can serve You faithfully all our life, this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–12

(The compassion of the Lord)

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²"For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

(Reconciliation through Christ)

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1,27-30

(Jesus' Sermon on the Mount)

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons

va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,
 work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They
 arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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An Excerpt from C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*

Sermon

Silencing Screwtape: *Lust or Chastity*

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed - *NICENE CREED*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church Litany of Repentance

Pastor: O Lord, You call sinners to repentance,

People: call us still that we may yet answer.

Pastor: Lord, so many of us have hardened our hearts,

People: soften the hearts of all who are not sorry for their sin.

Pastor: You who met our doubts with mercy,

People: deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

Pastor: You who have been tempted by Satan himself,

People: give us courage in the face of temptation, strength in time of rest, and hope in despair.

Pastor: You who called out many demons,
People: set free today all who are victims of their lies and distractions.

Pastor: You who healed the sick,
People: grant us healing according to Your will, and patience to endure our afflictions.

Pastor: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,
People: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word and loosen our tongues to confess.

Pastor: You who prayed for those who crucified You,
People: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your Church.

Pastor: You who came to save Your people from their sins,
People: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

Pastor: You who raised the dead to life,
People: enliven our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:
Local concerns are added by congregational elder here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

Offering **Bless Thou Our Gifts**

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought
 Bless thou the work our hearts have planned
 Lord, ours the faith, the will, the thought
 The rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

People: Amen.

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord *[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]*

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[1 Cor. 11:26]*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. [Revelation 22:20]

Lord's Prayer *[Matthew 6:9–13]*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

Distribution

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain LSB 435

Go to Dark Gethsemane LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - raign'd; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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Announcements

Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sending Song **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

¹ Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
 Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

² Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God.
 Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

³ Jesus, Way of salvation. King of kings. Lord of lords.
 The way, the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

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