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As We Gather

Second Midweek of Lent

What are the odds of getting a do-over in our lives? In the world of sports, as in many other arenas, a second opportunity to begin again in a race or other type of competition is generally not possible. A false start in a race can lead to disqualification. Repositioning a move after completing one in a chess match is simply not permitted. Rules are rules, and that's the way it is. There is no room for mercy. But it is different with our God, who offers forgiveness again and again to those who repent and turn to Him with contrite hearts. In his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther confidently writes, "In this Christian Church He [God] daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers" (*LSB*, p. 323). Thank God for His most gracious do-overs!

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all wh 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - en	no en er in
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Stand

Opening Versicles

- \mathbf{P} This is the day which the Lord has made;
- **C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- **C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- **P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- **C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- **C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- **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.

Old Testament Canticle



LSB 261



Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading

R A reading from Genesis, the sixth chapter.

¹When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

R The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Peter, chapter 3.

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—³⁰so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. ³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. ³⁴I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. ³⁵There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left." ³⁷And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

- **P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- **C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- **P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- **C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- **P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- **C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Ten Commandments

- **C** You shall have no other gods.
 - You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 - Honor your father and your mother.
 - You shall not murder.
 - You shall not commit adultery.
 - You shall not steal.
 - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' 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

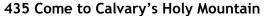
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

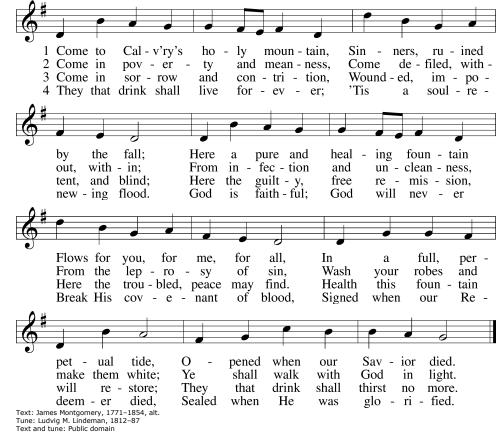
Lord's Prayer

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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.

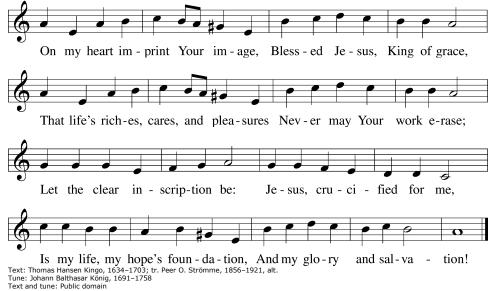
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Sermon

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Offering

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized sts. 1–2

Stand

Prayer

- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- **L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- P Heavenly Father, by the death and resurrection of Your only Son, You have shown the world that the way of self-sacrifice is the way of life. Give us such a strong faith in Your providence that we will not shrink from any sacrifice You ask of us but rejoice to offer our lives to Him who gave His life for us¬—that is, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Collect for the Word

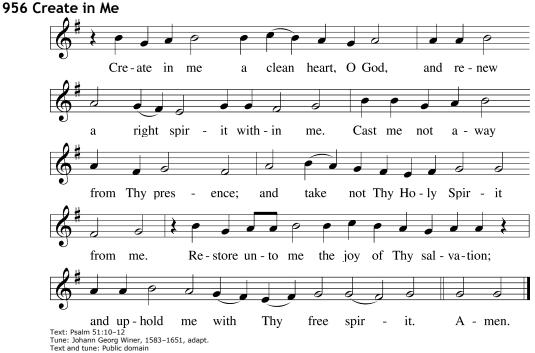
Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

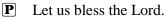
Evening Prayer

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.

Canticle

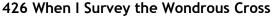


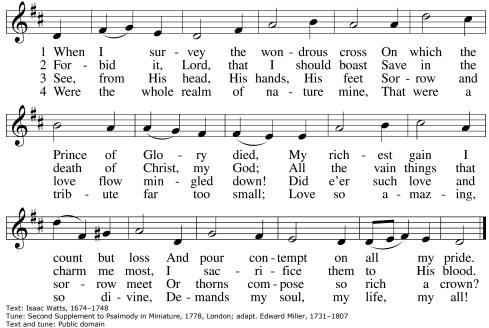
Blessing



C Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
Amen.





Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday mornings is studying Deuteronomy.

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of Esther.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is Apr 12 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council next meeting is Apr 13 at 8am.

Lenten Services are on Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2 & 9 with dinner at 6:30pm & service at 7pm.

March has a Fifth Sunday! Get your hymn ideas to Pastor Huston by Mar 23.

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