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**Lenten Worship Service**

March 1, 2023 7 pm

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Lent

March 1, 2023

Music for Meditation

“Prayer”

(Sherman)

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Call to Worship *(From selected verses in Psalm 80)*

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**C** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers? You have fed us with the bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full measure.

**C** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**All:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hymn

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

*LSB 435 (1-2)*

### Confession and Absolution – *(Based upon Amos 1:3–2:3)*

**P** Forgiving Father, when we hear the prophet Amos convict others of their sin, it is easy to remain aloof as he accuses them for their wrongdoing. But we are just as guilty, and so we pray,

**C** O Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**P** Creator God, you have made all that there is, and all are accountable to you. No one will escape your judgment. You know everything that happens; the sins we commit when nobody is looking do not escape your sight, and so we pray,

**C** O Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**P** You have taken every measure to help us know your ways. Despite having written your general revelation upon our hearts and your saving revelation in your Word, we continually defy your will. You sent fire against the nations, fire which reminds us of the threat of eternal punishment, and so we pray,

**C** O Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**P** Righteous God, we have sinned against others both actively and passively, taken advantage of people when given the opportunity, and have done nothing when we see others being taken advantage of, and so we pray,

**C** O Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

+ **A time for confession and meditation** +

**P** By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn                      “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”                      *LSB 435 (3-4)*

**First Reading:** Amos 3:1-8

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-22

### **The 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.

Hymn                      “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”                      *LSB 425*

### **Sermon**

**Prayers** – (*Based upon 1 Peter 2:9*)

**P** Father, you know the ways we have hurt and been hurt; how we have rejected and been rejected; how we have blamed and been blamed. Yet we still come before your throne of grace for we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to you.

**C** That we may proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**P** Father we retreat and rebel, we isolate and insulate, we become cynical and sarcastic. Yet because of the love of Jesus we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to you.

**C** That we may proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**P** Father may your gospel empower us to stand by those who sorrow, stand with those who are rejected, and stand for those who have no voice, for we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to you.

**C** **That we may proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

**P** Father, as we meditate on the cross of Jesus, sing the songs of Lent, and claim the blood-bought redemption of our Savior, we are eternally thankful to be your chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, a people who belong to you.

**C** **That we may proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

**P** Father, lead us more and more into the way of the cross, the way of self-giving love, forgiveness, humility, and servanthood, for we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to you.

**C** **That we may proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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**

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

*LSB 594*

*Offering may be placed in the boxes located by the sanctuary exits.*

#### ***For Next Week: Read Amos 5:18–20***

What sort of day did Israel expect the “day of Yahweh” to be, especially in light of the fact that they were “longing” for this day? How does Amos confirm or deny their expectations?

Why does Amos announce that this day will be “darkness and not light?”

Amos warns in verse 19 that Israel’s punishment would come just at the moment when they felt most secure. What do you think about that?